



**Hambleside Danelaw**  
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**Scottish Natural Heritage award for Hambleside Danelaw's environmental practices**

Roofing products manufacturer Hambleside Danelaw has been recognised at a Highland and Islands' business awards ceremony for its exemplary environmental practices.

The Group, with factories in Inverness and Daventry, collected the Scottish Natural Heritage Award for Excellence in Environmental Sustainability at a Scottish Council for Development and Industry (SCDI) Highlands and Islands awards ceremony.

In 2001 Hambleside Danelaw sent over 900 tonnes of waste per annum to landfill but the company is on target to reduce this to just 3 tonnes by next year, equivalent to that from an average domestic household. Energy usage has decreased by over 25 per cent in the last 2 years.

The Group has won numerous environmental awards and earlier this year it was certified as 'Planet Positive' by leading carbon solutions company dcarbon8 which itself has just won an HSBC business award. The Planet Positive mark informs contractors that Hambleside's footprint is more than offset by activities that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

SCDI Chairman Shonaig Macpherson said: "Hambleside Danelaw has shown an outstanding commitment to sustainability through a huge reduction in landfill, increased use of recycled materials and energy saving initiatives. This is not just good for the environment. With increasing landfill and energy prices, it will also make a big contribution to the long-term sustainability of its business."

SNH Chairman, Andrew Thin, added: "In sponsoring this award we aim to recognise companies that take environmental sustainability seriously and go that extra mile to

do their bit. Hambleside Danelaw is a company that is not in the environment business, but one that has made it their business to minimise their own environmental impact. They have done this successfully through dramatic reductions in their landfill waste and in their energy use. I am delighted to see them collect the SNH sponsored business award this year."

The award was collected by Jack Milson, Hambleside Danelaw's production manager. He said: "We are absolutely delighted to receive this award from the SCDI which is further recognition that Hambleside Danelaw is developing one of the most all embracing environmental strategies of any SME company. Our belief is that it pays to go green because customers are increasingly looking for suppliers with a responsible approach to sustainability while at the same time our turnover and profit continue to grow."

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#### **Notes to editors**

##### **1. About Hambleside Danelaw**

Hambleside Danelaw Ltd ([www.hambleside-danelaw.co.uk](http://www.hambleside-danelaw.co.uk)) manufactures Glass Reinforced Polyester (GRP) rooflights and other roofing and ventilation products in Inverness and Daventry. As part of the Hambleside Danelaw Group with headquarters in Waterlooville in Hampshire, its turnover is currently in excess of £10 million a year and it employs almost 90 people. The Group was established in 1975 with its first factory at Inverness for manufacturing GRP products becoming operational in 1978. In addition to winning numerous environmental awards, the factory has attained BS 14001:2004 in recognition of its environmental management systems and has now been independently assessed as carbon neutral. In 1992, the company began producing in Daventry non-GRP products primarily for roof and cavity wall ventilation and it has recently moved into a new state-of-the-art facility in the East Midlands town.

In 2006, the Group won a Business Commitment to the Environment award, presented by David Cameron MP, as well as a Queen's Award for Enterprise: Innovation for its Insulator GRP thermally efficient rooflight. Last November, the Group won its third UK national Green Apple award for Environmental Best Practice before being recognised by The Green Organisation as 'Green Heroes'. This was followed by Hambleside Danelaw's third Vision in Business for the Environment of Scotland (VIBES) award in five years in the medium sized companies' category. The Group has been recently accredited with the Planet Positive mark by leading carbon solutions company dcarbon8.

##### **2. About SCDI**

SCDI is an independent membership network which strengthens Scotland's competitiveness by influencing Government policies to encourage sustainable economic prosperity. It has offices in Inverness, Aberdeen, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

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