



Hambleside Danelaw Ltd
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Hambleside Danelaw adopts BeAware approach to reducing waste

British rooflights manufacturer Hambleside Danelaw has strengthened its environmental credentials still further by participating in the BeAware project which aims to improve resource efficiency in construction product manufacture and to reduce the industry's waste.

The company with factories in Daventry and Inverness has undergone audits for the BRE-managed programme to review the use of resources and waste generation associated with its GRP Insulator rooflight range across the supply chain.

The resulting report has identified potential improvements to reduce the environmental impact of Hambleside's rooflights in areas such as recycling at end of life, take-back options for packaging and the sourcing of material used for pallets.

For example, the company will review its product labelling to assist its identification and segregation at end of life. This means that demolition contractors will know how and where it can recycle the rooflights so that Hambleside Danelaw can build up a supply of waste material that can be re-used in manufacture.

On packaging, the company will liaise with distributors and hauliers on taking back packaging materials from site, while it will establish a policy which supports the continual reuse of pallets.

The BeAware report stated: "Hambleside Danelaw is a forward thinking company which has already found a number of solutions to reduce its waste arisings, with a low wastage of 1.71%. The team is committed to sustainability through the careful design and selection of raw materials for their products to ensure an extended service life, together with the recycling of production waste."

The report also noted Hambleside's participation in trials to grind GRP waste to be used in other applications. It added that the National Federation of Demolition Contractors has found that fibre reinforced products, such as GRP, are becoming a higher volume of waste stream arising during demolition and that the material is easy to identify and segregate.

Commenting on this, Hambleside Danelaw's environmental manager Ray Khan said: "We believe that we have found an end-use application for recycled GRP which has the basis for a commercial proposition. However, we would like interested partners who wish to recycle

their own GRP waste to contact us because we need a minimum volume of waste to make the project viable.”

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Notes to editors

1. About BeAware

BeAware is a Technology Strategy Board (TSB) and industry funded project helping construction product manufacturers to make efficient use of materials and processes. Use of resources and waste generation associated with the product across its supply chain are the two key areas of focus. The construction industry accounts for over 150 million tonnes of UK waste, of which 40% is from product manufacture. More waste arises further down the supply chain from packaging and end of life waste. More information is available at: www.beaware.org.uk .

2. About Hambleside Danelaw Ltd

Hambleside Danelaw Ltd (www.hambleside-danelaw.co.uk) manufactures Glass Reinforced Polyester (GRP) rooflights and other roofing and ventilation products in Daventry and Inverness. As part of the Hambleside Danelaw Group with headquarters in Waterlooville in Hampshire, its turnover is currently around £9 million a year and it employs approximately 70 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 Group began producing in Daventry non-GRP products primarily for roof and cavity wall ventilation and in September 2007 it opened a new state-of-the-art facility in the East Midlands town. Hambleside Danelaw has recently achieved the BS EN ISO 18001:2007 standard.

In 2006, the Group won a Business Commitment to the Environment award, presented by David Cameron MP, as well as the Queen's Award for Enterprise: Innovation for its Insulator GRP thermally efficient rooflight. The Group has regularly won UK national Green Apple awards for Environmental Best Practice and it was recognised again in 2008 by The Green Organisation as 'Green Heroes'. Hambleside Danelaw has been awarded three Vision in Business for the Environment of Scotland (VIBES) awards in five years in the medium sized companies' category. In 2007, the Group was accredited with the Planet Positive mark by leading carbon solutions company dcarbon8 (<http://dcarbon8.com/>) and it collected the Scottish Natural Heritage Award for Excellence in Environmental Sustainability. An independent audit by dcarbon8 found that Hambleside Danelaw reduced its carbon footprint at its two factories in 2007 by over 20%.