



**Hambleside Danelaw Ltd**  
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## **Young British roofers win world championship with Hambleside's roofing products**

Britain has stormed to victory at the IFD World Championship for Young Roofers' 2010 in Belfast by installing Hambleside Danelaw's roofing and ventilation products on the competition rig.

Unlike Rooney and co, the British team beat off the Germans to win the pitched roof gold medal in a fierce contest which attracted 24 two-man teams from 12 countries.

Gold medallists, Martin McAllister and Matthew Timby, used Hambleside Danelaw's lightweight polyethylene dry soaker for plain clay and concrete tiles and rigid underlay support trays – all manufactured by the British company.

Hambleside Danelaw dry soakers are quick and simple to install. Made from lightweight high density polyethylene they are available for both tile and slate roofs in right and left handed versions. They offer thermal stability and resistance to UV light, acid rain and cracking under temperature change.

The rigid underlay support trays are ideally suited for eaves refurbishment, but can also be used on new build. The rigid PVC unit provides an immediate and cost effective solution to situations where damage to the roof underlay or felt has occurred.

The ease of installation of both products helped to facilitate the accurate build quality that the judges were looking for at the world championships.

These Hambleside Danelaw products form part of a complete dry fix solution of roofing products from the sustainability award-winning manufacturer. The range includes Dry Fix Valley Troughs and Bonding Gutters which are BBA approved.

Specifiers will note that many of the company's roofing and ventilation products are included in the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) Procurement Guide for construction materials. This means:

- using less raw material
- avoiding and reducing waste
- re-using materials
- recovering wastes by recycling into new applications.

Using WRAP approved products therefore has a beneficial impact on the environment.

Chris Avery, Hambleside Danelaw's Vice Chairman, said: "As a British manufacturer, Hambleside Danelaw is delighted that a young generation of skilled construction workers are being trained in this country to match the highest standards in the world.

"The Young Roofers' World Championships and Roofing Industry Showcase is the ideal forum to show the innovation and sustainability of our roofing products and it is great that they have helped to win a gold medal for Britain."

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#### **Notes to editors**

##### **1. About the IFD World Championship for Young Roofers'**

Leading roofing industry specialists from around the world met in Belfast for the prestigious 58th Congress of the International Federation for the Roofing Trade (IFD). It was hosted by NFRC, of which Hambleside Danelaw is an associate member. Taking place alongside the Congress was the 23rd World Championship for Young Roofers. This is a unique competition focussing on the skills and training of young roofers and their expertise in working with the spectrum of traditional and new roofing materials and techniques. Winners at the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Championship for Young Roofers of the competition were as follows:

##### **METAL**

First Place - France  
Second Place - UK  
Third Place - Belgium

##### **WATERPROOFING**

First Place - Switzerland  
Second Place - UK  
Third Place - Ireland

##### **PITCHED**

First Place – UK  
comprising Martyn McAllister from Co Antrim and Matthew Timby from Leeds  
Second Place - Germany  
Third Place – Austria.

##### **2. About Hambleside Danelaw**

British based multiple sustainability award winner Hambleside Danelaw Ltd manufactures a range of products for the building industry in Daventry and Inverness. The company's product range includes Dryseal roofing products for flat and low pitched roofs; the award winning low carbon Glass Reinforced Polyester (GRP) Insulator rooflight range and Contour rooflights and wall lights; Danelaw GRP flashings, roof and wall ventilation products; the Dry Fix or mortarless solution to roofing and ventilation is increasingly being seen as the future of the roofing industry and Hambleside can now offer a complete 'dry roof'. An improved Dryseal GRP flat roofing range was launched in 2010, and the company is currently working on the development of a new Insulator Rooflight Lighting Control System, which will substantially reduce the need for artificial lighting inside a building. Hambleside Danelaw has been investing for over ten years in all areas of sustainability and many of its roofing and ventilation products feature recycled materials in their construction. This work has been recognised with a number of Green Apple and Green Hero Awards and the process has been recognised by the Green Organisation and the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP). A Planet Positive accredited organisation, Hambleside Danelaw has pro-actively taken steps to reduce

its carbon footprint at its two UK factories, succeeding by over 20%. Find out more at:  
[www.hambleside-danelaw.co.uk](http://www.hambleside-danelaw.co.uk).