



Hambleside Danelaw
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Top Scottish environmental award for Hambleside Danelaw

Roofing products manufacturer, Hambleside Danelaw Ltd, has won one of Scotland's leading environmental awards in the same year that its Inverness factory has been independently assessed as carbon neutral.

The VIBES Highlands and Islands region award recognises all areas of the Group's commitment to the environment such as implementing best practice, raising environmental awareness among its employees and working with suppliers on minimising the impact of its manufacturing and transportation activities.

Examples of Hambleside's good practice include using recycled glass instead of sand to reduce the input of virgin raw materials into the manufacturing process and reducing heating in the factory by 13%. Lower costs for waste disposal have also been achieved despite increased transport costs.

All of Hambleside Danelaw's staff have received environmental training and have been involved in the management system from the initial review to reaching the agreed environmental targets.

The Inverness facility has achieved carbon neutrality, offsetting emissions by paying for the reforestation of an area of Uganda, creating employment opportunities in the process. Back in the Scottish Highlands, the facility's environmental manager shares his expertise with several organisations and committees in the local area and increasingly on a UK-wide basis.

In congratulating the Group's staff on winning the VIBES award, Hambleside Danelaw's vice chairman, Robin Jeffery, said: "Businesses increasingly understand that investing in good environmental practice is not an unwanted cost burden but can instead lead to commercial growth. In the past 12 months, growth of the business

and the introduction of new environmentally-friendly manufacturing processes have seen Hambleside's staff in Inverness increase by 25%."

Plenty more to achieve for the environment

Earlier this year, Hambleside Danelaw won a Queen's Award for Enterprise: Innovation and the Group's innovative prowess is now being applied to the environment.

The Group has noted that the recycling of fibreglass is not being carried out on a commercial scale anywhere in the UK. Therefore by developing new materials, it is encouraging the recycling of this material and it hopes to expand the system to allow it to take waste fibreglass from other companies in Scotland. The new materials developed will also encourage the use of glass plastics and thereby reduce the amount of new aggregates being extracted.

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Notes to editors

1. About VIBES

This is Hambleside Danelaw's third Vision in Business for the Environment of Scotland (VIBES) award in five years in the medium sized companies' category. The awards seek to encourage Scottish businesses to reduce their impact on the environment while supporting business efficiency and sustainability.

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 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. In 1992, the company began producing in Daventry non-GRP products primarily for roof and cavity wall ventilation.

Hambleside Danelaw's greenhouse gas emissions are monitored by the Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Management and offset. Offsetting is achieved through the Trees for Global Benefit scheme in the Bushenyi District, Uganda. This project uses the Plan Vivo system which offers a tried and tested system for generating carbon offsets.

This year, the Group has 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 month, the Group won its third UK national Green Apple award for Environmental Best Practice. Hambleside Danelaw made two written submissions to Sir Nicholas Stern's review of the economics of climate change, setting out how tax incentives could encourage the building industry to construct more energy efficient buildings. Copies of these submissions can be downloaded from: www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/Independent_Reviews/stern_review_economics_climate_change/