

ScotAsh win Gold Medal

ScotAsh was presented with its second Gold Medal at the RoSPA Occupational Health & Safety Awards Ceremony, held at the Glasgow Hilton Hotel at the end of September.

The Gold Medal is presented to organisations, which meet RoSPA's Gold Award standard for five consecutive years or more – this is the sixth year ScotAsh has been honoured by RoSPA.

Ash Business Manager Allan Everett received the award on the company's behalf from Lord Jordan of Bournville CBE (right) who is President of RoSPA.



IT'S FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR RAIL ASH DELIVERIES

ScotAsh is gearing up to supply the Borders Railway Project with tens of thousands of tonnes of ash and cement over the next 12 months, writes Sales & Quality Manager Chris Bennett.

The first phase of construction, which is being undertaken by BAM Nuttall on behalf of Network Rail, will involve remediation of abandoned mine shafts in Midlothian.

Ground investigations had revealed areas of the route that would need support before new

tracks could be built, to reduce the risk of subsidence.

The railway project will re-establish passenger railway services between Edinburgh and Tweedbank in the Scottish Borders.

It will involve the construction of 56 kilometres of new line, as well as bridges, tunnels and seven new stations.

The £295million infrastructure project has provided a welcome boost for ScotAsh and others in the Scottish construction industry, with completion

scheduled for sometime in 2014.

Chris says: "We have previously supplied materials for work to build new railway lines between Bathgate and Airdrie and Alloa to Kincardine so have a good track record on similar major infrastructure projects."

ScotAsh is also supplying cement to Scottish and Southern Energy's Calliachar Windfarm near Aberfeldy in Perthshire.

The 14-turbine project will have an installed capacity of 32.2MW and should be completed next spring.

Second year shortlisted in MX Awards



ScotAsh is delighted to have been shortlisted for the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMEchE) Manufacturing Excellence Awards for the second consecutive year.

Last year we achieved an overall score of 86% for Sustainable Manufacturing, putting us among the UK's best companies.

This year we were shortlisted in the People Effectiveness category and will now go before the MX Awards judging panel in early November.

Philippa Oldham, Head of Manufacturing at IMechE said: "ScotAsh is a great business which is helping to keep manufacturing at the heart of the Scottish economy."



Doing the spade work: Stuart Jackson (left) and Stevie Clegg at the site of the Biogarden

Improving wellbeing of ScotAsh workers

ScotAsh kicked off two new projects this autumn that aim to boost the health and wellbeing of all staff.

A Wellbeing Programme, led by Karen Seivwright, started in September with a session on healthy eating, exploring ways that staff could make small changes to their diets to improve long-term health.

Karen said: “We’ve given everyone lots of practical tips about healthy eating. We’re also launching a pilot project to offer free fresh fruit in the workplace.”

The Wellbeing Programme will cover a range of health education issues and be expanded to incorporate physical activities, such as group walks, outside working hours.

Another major development aimed at boosting health and wellbeing is ScotAsh’s Biogarden, which will be developed over the next 12 months with support from Community Growers. The ambitious project will transform a piece of waste ground into a green space with trees, shrubs, wildflowers and an edible produce area.



Well done: Walter Cairns with his certificate of completion

Walter Cairns completes his apprenticeship

Congratulations to Walter Cairns who has completed his modern apprenticeship.

Walter started his apprenticeship in 2008, attending Forth Valley College for a year, to complete his basic training as part of the SEMTA programme and achieved the distinction of being runner-up Apprentice of the Year.

He returned to continue his training at ScotAsh in 2009 with day release to college for a further three years and completed an HNC in Measurement and Control.

Walter is now a qualified Process Control/Electrical Engineering Craftsman in our Production Team.

Fife shortlisted

ScotAsh has been shortlisted in the Fife Business Awards, run by Fife Chamber of Commerce.

We were shortlisted for the Success through Sustainability Award, which is sponsored by Green Business Fife.

Hughes on site

ScotAsh provided work experience for a French student during the summer.

Hughes Wapler, a second year student at the E.I.CESI engineering school spent several weeks at ScotAsh, as part of a placement with Lafarge Group in Paris.

FIFE-BASED SKENE GROUP REUSE SCOTASH FURNACE BOTTOM ASH



Block order: Building bricks at the Skene Group operation in Fife (pic: Skene Group Ltd)

FBA provides the building blocks

Fly ash is the most abundant fraction of the coal ash by-product, which we use to make added value cements, grouts, environmental binders and specialist products for markets such as the oil industry.

But we also sell significant quantities of Furnace Bottom Ash (FBA) – a lightweight aggregate with a grittier texture – that is used to manufacture building blocks.

Our principal customer is Skene Group Ltd, based locally in

Crossgates, Fife. Skene uses our FBA to make a range of building blocks, including the GlenEcoLite, range which is made from 100% recycled ash.

GlenEcoLite blocks combine the benefits of sustainability, with low density and thermal efficiency.

Blocks from the GlenEcoLite range have been used recently in a multi-million pound refurbishment at Glasgow Royal Infirmary and in a housing development at Pollokshaws.

Meanwhile, Skene building blocks from the Glentherm paint grade range have been used in construction projects at Diageo’s Leven plant, a new Asda distribution centre at Grangemouth, a swimming pool in Dundee, various school projects and leisure centres in Glenrothes and Kirkcaldy.

Other Glentherm blocks have been used by most major housebuilders in projects across Scotland and in the construction of the control building for the replacement Forth Crossing.

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