

We're funding safety lessons for children

ScotAsh is sponsoring a safety education programme through the Children's Safety Education Foundation (CSEF).

More than 700 children die each year in the UK as a result of unintentional injury and 40,000 children and young people are taken to A & E.

CSEF educate thousands of children each year about issues such as road, fire and water safety, drugs, alcohol/solvent misuse, bullying, internet and mobile phone safety.

ScotAsh is funding an education programme for 70 children at our local school, Tulliallan Primary. The company is also sponsoring an award in the Local Heroes of Kincardine – a competition to raise funds for Kincardine Children's Gala.



Perfect 10 for ScotAsh's Ray

Deputy Production Manager Ray Bellamy has just celebrated 10 years' service with ScotAsh.

Last year Ray marked his 40th anniversary of service with the Lafarge group and its predecessor, Blue Circle. He has worked in various roles throughout the wider group, including a four-year period in Nigeria with Wapco plc.

Ray joined ScotAsh as Team Leader on his return to the UK in 2001.

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Safety record wins ScotAsh fifth RoSPA Gold Medal

ScotAsh Director Allan Everett is pictured receiving a Gold Medal Award from RoSPA Vice President Lord Brougham & Vaux, CBE, at a ceremony in the Glasgow Hilton Hotel.

The Gold Medal marks five consecutive Gold Awards for the company. David Rawlins, RoSPA's awards manager, said: "ScotAsh Ltd has shown it is striving for continuous improvement in accident and ill health prevention and we are delighted to honour it through the presentation of an award."

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ScotAsh is finalist in manufacturing award

ScotAsh has been shortlisted for an award as the most sustainable manufacturer in the UK, as part of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers' Manufacturing Excellence Awards 2011.

The company hosted a visit by four Manufacturing Excellence Assessors and a moderator on 10th October and were successful in getting through to the next stage of the programme.

Colin Brown, the Institution's Director of Engineering, said: "ScotAsh is a fantastic business that is helping to ensure manufacturing remains at the heart of Fife's economy.

"We hope the company can inspire more local manufacturers to take part and benefit from the Manufacturing Excellence programme."

Manufacturing Excellence, run by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, is the most



successful and long-established manufacturing support programme in the UK, and the only one that provides a detailed benchmarking and assessment process to help improve manufacturing businesses.

The winning companies in each category will receive an award at the Manufacturing Excellence Award Ceremony at the Dorchester in London on 23rd November.

Manufacturing Excellence is supported by PwC, Autodesk, PP Business Improvement, The ERA Foundation, Lombard, WMG, Arup, and Barclays Corporate.



Now we're motoring: Chris Bennett takes the driver's seat as the new wind-powered van is launched

Driving down emissions

ScotAsh's Chris Bennett was in the driving seat at the launch of the UK's first wind powered van in October.

Chris, who Chairs the sustainability group Green Business Fife, went to Methil's Hydrogen Office for the official launch of the van, which will be used by Fife Shopping and Support Services to deliver pensions and groceries to elderly and disabled people.

The van is powered by a wind turbine at the Hydrogen Office, which stores excess wind power via a system of electrolysis and hydrogen fuel cells, to provide energy when the wind doesn't blow.

The electric van will save Fife Shopping and Support Service £1,500 a year and more than 1,800 tonnes of CO₂ emissions.

Energy Minister Fergus Ewing said: "The Hydrogen Office and FS&SS are playing a vital role in demonstrating the link between

Scotland's renewable energy resources and the role fuel cells and energy storage can play in a low-carbon Scotland.

"We are committed to achieving almost complete decarbonisation of road transportation by 2050, along with a mature market for low-carbon cars.

"We welcome initiatives like this and are pressing ahead with similar schemes to help us to achieve our world-leading targets."

Chris Bennett said: "This electric van and charging point is the first of many we hope will be deployed by businesses in Fife in the near future, benefiting the environment by cutting emissions and helping companies through reduced running costs.

"Green Business Fife will play an active role in encouraging others to adopt this green transport solution. We are delighted that the vehicle will be visiting local schools to educate the next generation about the

ScotAsh strike Gold again in RoSPA awards

ScotAsh has won a Gold Medal in the RoSPA Occupational Health and Safety Awards 2011, marking its fifth consecutive gold award for consistently high standards of health and safety performance.

The award scheme looks not only at accident records but also entrants' health and safety management systems, including important practices such as strong leadership and workforce involvement.

ScotAsh Director Allan Everett said: "We are delighted to receive a Gold Medal from RoSPA.

"We work extremely hard to give health and safety issues a strong focus on a daily basis, conducting risk assessments and encouraging staff to look out for one another and to report and correct any potential hazards."

He added: "Remaining clean, green and injury-free is one of our most important objectives. We keep health and safety at the front of everyone's mind through continuous training and holding talks, quizzes and Safety Days when we virtually halt production to focus on safety as a team. This has built a robust health and safety culture over many years."

The RoSPA Occupational Health and Safety Awards 2011 were sponsored by NEBOSH (National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health), the leading health and safety professional examining body.

Safety Day looks at driving advice

The focus of ScotAsh's most recent Safety Day was road safety, when employees were given some helpful reminders about staying safe on the road and practical advice on car maintenance and the checks we should all make to ensure our safety.

There was also a talk on the role reversing cameras can play in ensuring safe reversing for lorries and other heavy plant.

Our photograph shows Production Manager Jim Donnelly, Karen Seivwright, Internal Sales, and ScotAsh Director Allan Everett.



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