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### **Shetland Recycler Named Most Innovative in Scotland**

A Shetland-based recycling project has been named most innovative in Scotland this week, after scooping the Community Recycling Network for Scotland (CRNS) Innovation Award this week.

Enviroglass, a social enterprise which manufacture paving stones from 80% recycled glass cullet, was awarded the top accolade at the CRNS More Than Recycling Awards and Conference, held March 11 in Perth.

Recognising excellence in the categories of Innovation, Local Authority Partnership and Member of the Year, the CRNS awards are the most prestigious for the sector and this year saw 42 organisations across the whole of Scotland compete across the three categories.

The Innovation Award showcases the ability of community recycling projects to provide alternative and inventive recycling solutions, reflecting the sector's aim to provide social and economic aid to communities, as well as obvious environmental benefits.

Operated by Shetland Amenity Trust, Enviroglass has completely eliminated the island's waste glass problem by reforming all glass waste into paving slabs.

Enviroglass Project Officer Mick Clifton said:

"Winning the CRNS Innovation Award is prestigious acknowledgement of the success Enviroglass has had over the last year.

"While helping locals divert more than 600 tonnes of glass from landfill disposal each year, we have formed a thriving business which we are now looking to expand, employing more local people and producing more recycled glass products.

"Our success shows that recycling is not just about environmentally-minded motivations, it is about inventive solutions which reap social and economical benefits as well."

CRNS Network Director Iain Gulland said:

“The CRNS More Than Recycling Awards and Conference 08 saw over 200 delegates flock from across the whole country to create the biggest gathering of people committed to realising the potential of community recycling in Scotland.

“The conference really underlined the importance of waste management in Scotland’s future, with speakers including Erik Bichard, Professor of Regeneration and Sustainable Development at the University of Salford, and Biffa’s Peter Jones underlining the need for sectoral growth and increased awareness.

“The award-winning organisations, which included Moray’s The Green Home project, Shetland-based Enviroglass, and Highland Council, showcase the sectors ability to provide alternative recycling solutions which are underpinned with social and economic benefits for local communities.

“We hope these events show all of Scotland the benefits which can be achieved through community recycling and encourage more people to support existing projects and establish new initiatives.”

Moray Recycling Action Group’s ‘The Green Home’, a household waste collection and reuse scheme operating in Buckie, was awarded CRNS Member of the Year.

Highland Council won the Local Authority Partnership Award, for their commitment to the community recycling sector through the allocation of Waste Diversion agreements.