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Environmental awards given for keeping Scotland tidy

The winners of the prestigious national Scottish *People and Places* awards were presented with their trophies last night, Wednesday 24th February, at a conference dinner in The Macdonald Marine Hotel, North Berwick, by Provost of East Lothian, Councillor Sheena Richardson and John Summers OBE, Chief Executive of Keep Scotland Beautiful.

The People and Places award ceremony and conference dinner is the highlight of a two-day event run by Keep Scotland Beautiful, which this year focused on reducing anti-social behaviour for a safer, cleaner and greener Scotland.

The *People and Places* Programme supports the delivery of high quality local environments and the awards recognise the contribution that Local Authorities and land managers have made in achieving this.

Reflecting the challenges facing the *People and Places* programme partners, and the contribution that they have made in the past year, the four award categories and winners were:

Programme of the Year Award

Winner – Renfrewshire Council
Finalists – Amey, East Dunbartonshire

Programme Manager of the Year Award

Winner – Brendan Corish, Amey

Award for Support of Communities

Winner – Falkirk Council
Finalist – Perth & Kinross Council

Best Local Environmental Quality Innovation Award

Winner – Stirling Council
Finalist – Falkirk Council

John Summers OBE, Chief Executive of Keep Scotland Beautiful, said: “The award winners and finalists are all very deserving of this national recognition and I was very impressed with the range of excellent projects the finalists submitted.

“It is encouraging that despite the current economic climate, local authorities are still coming up with innovative ways to tackle environmental quality issues such as littering, graffiti, dog fouling and flytipping”.

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Notes for Editors

- Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB) is an environmental charity which aims to protect, preserve and enhance the environment of town and country in Scotland for the benefit of the public. Keep Scotland Beautiful administers the People and Places, Blue Flag and Seaside Award, and the Eco-Schools environmental programmes along with the Sustainable Scotland Network, Climate Challenge Fund and Going Carbon Neutral Stirling campaigns. Keep Scotland Beautiful also delivers some activities of Zero Waste Scotland.
- *People and Places* is an innovative programme that supports the delivery of high quality local environments for residents, businesses and visitors through modules, training and campaigns. The programme was launched in 1989 and offers a wide range of schemes from short-term campaigns to long term changes in management procedures. The *People and Places* programme is particularly useful to local authorities, registered social landlords and large landowners that may need advice on solving local environmental problems. Further information can be found at: www.KeepScotlandBeautiful.org/peopleandplaces
- For information about Keep Scotland Beautiful's other programmes please visit www.KeepScotlandBeautiful.org
- The fifth annual People & Places conference will take place at The Macdonald Marine Hotel, North Berwick, East Lothian on Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 February 2010.