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Award for keeping Scotland tidy won by AMEY

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

Brendan Corish, Network Liaison Officer with Amey, which manages and maintains Trunk Roads on behalf of Transport Scotland, took home the prestigious 'Programme Manager of the Year' award for his efforts in the past 12 months to deliver high quality environments by the trunk roads of South West Scotland.

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 Programme Manager of the Year is awarded for outstanding performance over the past year. Brendan Corish has been an enthusiastic and dedicated member of the *People and Places* Programme, representing Amey at *People and Places* manager meetings, sitting on the National Flytipping Forum, and actively contributing to the Transport Scotland Litter Working Group. He also led Amey to the final stages of the Programme of the Year Award category in 2010.

John Summers OBE, Chief Executive of Keep Scotland Beautiful, said: "We are delighted to present Brendan with Programme Manager of the Year 2009 for the dedication that he has shown throughout the year; supporting many of the Keep Scotland Tidy local and national campaigns to improve the quality of areas by trunk roads in the South West of Scotland.

“Brendan has never taken the easy option and some of the sites which he has co-ordinated the cutting back of vegetation and removal of flytipping from, and then arranged the installation of preventative measures, have shown real commitment to improving some of the worst areas by our trunk roads – including Bogmoor Road in Glasgow. Three further locations were also tackled, with more flytipping hotspots identified for 2010.”

Brendan Corish said on receiving his award, “I am surprised but extremely proud to have been given this award. It is important to remember that behind this award to me, is a workforce who deliver the programme in all conditions and they are also due much credit.”

Colin Mackenzie, Amey’s unit manager for south west Scotland said, “Amey’s engagement with Keep Scotland Beautiful has always provided a very positive platform for us to engage and work with many of the councils who are members of this forum. We are therefore pleased to be nominated for the Programme of the Year award which reflects how seriously we take the matter of litter on our network.

“Equally we are delighted at Brendan Corish’s contribution to the subject of litter, particularly fly-tipping, that’s been recognised in the prestigious award that he has been selected for. His passion to reduce this blight in and around Glasgow has been, and continues to be, very apparent. Amey appreciates the support given to Brendan by Transport Scotland and Glasgow City Council.”

The *People and Places* Programme supports the delivery of high quality local environments and the awards recognise the contribution that partners have made in achieving this. Reflecting the challenges facing local authorities and the contribution that they have made in the past year, the four award categories were:

- Programme of the Year Award
- Programme Manager of the Year Award

- Award for Support of Communities
- Best Local Environmental Quality Innovation Award

- Ends -

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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.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/peopleandplaces
- For information about Keep Scotland Beautiful's other programmes please visit www.keepsotlandbeautiful.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.
- The award winners were:
 - Programme of the Year Award**
Winner – Renfrewshire Council
 - Programme Manager of the Year Award**
Winner – Brendan Corish, Amey
 - Award for Support of Communities**
Winner – Falkirk Council
 - Best Local Environmental Quality Innovation Award**
Winner – Stirling Council