

## **Press Release**

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### **Shanks and Wakefield Council win Award for Excellence**

Shanks and Wakefield Council have been announced as winners of a highly-acclaimed Award for Excellence in Recycling and Waste Management.

The hard working local authority and their waste partner, Shanks achieved the highest accolade in the Design of a Waste Management Facility category, in a year which saw a 44% increase in entries.

Wakefield Council, working in partnership with Shanks, received the award for the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) at their Calder Vale Road site in Wakefield.

Wakefield Council and Shanks learned of their success at the prestigious annual Awards for Excellence ceremony, organised by letsrecycle.com and presented by ITV newsreader Julie Etchingham. UK organisations, local authorities, community groups and individual pioneers were among those who gathered to celebrate continued progress in the recycling and waste management sector.

Peter Eglinton, Managing Director of Shanks' UK Municipal Division, said:

*"We are delighted to be recognised for the design of the Calder Vale Road HWRC, which is credit to the hard work of the project team and an exciting milestone in our strategy to make more from waste."*

Councillor Maureen Cummings, Wakefield Council's Cabinet Member for the environment, said:

*"This is excellent news and a proud moment for Wakefield. We work hard to provide top quality facilities for residents and this has now been nationally recognised by this award."*

Editor of letsrecycle.com, Steve Eminton, said:

*"The standard of entries this year – our eleventh Awards for Excellence celebration – was undoubtedly the highest we've ever seen. We sincerely congratulate every organisation and individual who was acknowledged as a 2014 finalist, because that is an incredible achievement in itself. The judges had a very difficult task selecting the winners."*

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### Notes to editors

Shanks Group is a leading international sustainable waste management business. We meet the growing need to manage waste without damaging the environment. Our solutions reduce greenhouse gas emissions, recycle natural resources and limit fossil fuel dependency.

Shanks uses a range of cost-effective sustainable technologies to make valuable products from what is thrown away and generate increasing returns for shareholders. We produce green energy, recovered fuel, recycled commodities and organic fertiliser.

Shanks operates in four divisions that reflect our markets: Solid, Hazardous, Organics and UK Municipal. It has operations in the Netherlands, Belgium, UK and Canada and employs around 4,000 people.

In its target markets, the Group is at the forefront in providing sustainable waste management solutions for both the public and private sectors.

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