

## Kaarbontech scoops Business Innovation Award

Asset management software company KaarbonTech has been announced as the winner of the 2015 Award for Excellence in Innovation at the Dorset Business Awards.

Managing Director, Mark Entwistle, received the award from top chef Rick Stein at the prestigious event held at the Bournemouth International Centre on 26th November.

New Forest based firm KaarbonTech develops drainage software that is used independently or to accompany CCTV surveys for highways drainage inspection, flood risk management and contract management. The software has been designed with the drainage engineer in mind and uses Ordnance Survey GIS data for accuracy which enables users to record and access data using tablets and handheld Android and iOS devices.

The award recognised innovation as something original and more effective and, as a consequence, new, that “breaks into” the market or society. Innovation differs from improvement in that innovation refers to the notion of doing something different rather than doing the same thing better.

For example, the advanced design of the ‘Gully SMART’ software enables highways teams to combine the use of geographic location data with environmental data sets – such as flood zones – and to put in place proactive management strategies. The drainage software simplifies drain



connectivity and incorporates dynamic updating of flow between assets. “Pipe SMART” shares these features but enables the user to download topographical mapping and work anywhere in Britain.

*Managing Director, Mark Entwistle, being presented with the award by chef Rick Stein.*

Field teams are able to monitor and record the condition of drainage using voice, video and photo whilst GIS is used to ensure accuracy of location. Remedial work required can be completed and updated within the asset history for a clearer end to end report.

Managing Director, Mark Entwistle, said “We are proud to see our innovative software being acknowledged for the results that it is delivering for our customers. As a business based in Christchurch it is great to be recognised by the local Dorset business community.”

## O’Donovan waste Disposal’s green credentials secure Commercial Vehicle Management win at Fleet Hero Awards

Fleet Hero Awards saw O’Donovan Waste Disposal named winner of the Commercial Vehicle Management award for the third consecutive year at the ceremony which celebrated the work of those organisations which have implemented solutions, policies and innovations to reduce their fleet’s carbon footprint and fuel costs.

Organisations, both large and small from across the UK, gathered at the event held on 26 November at the London Transport Museum in Covent Garden. O’Donovan Waste Disposal, one of London’s leading independent waste management companies, was presented with the award in recognition of its sustained approach to trialling and testing initiatives as part of its Greener Vision Strategy,



which in a twelve month period from 2014 to 2015, has resulted in a reduction of CO2 per kilometre travelled by 21.5 per cent and an increase in kilometres per litre of fuel used by 27.5 per cent

The Energy Savings Trust Fleet Hero Awards are now in their tenth year and with the UK’s commitment to achieving an 80 per cent reduction in carbon emissions by 2050, the organisation works with householders, government and businesses to provide help, consultancy and pioneering world-renowned research to work towards this goal.

On winning the award, O’Donovan’s Managing Director Jacqueline O’Donovan said; “As a waste company, we recognise that we are at the ‘dirty end’ of logistics, which is why we work harder to achieve our successes and continue to improve our safe, green and efficient credentials and reduce our environmental impact. To be pitted against two huge brands, Carlsberg and TNT in this category, collecting the award for the third year running is an amazing recognition of all of the hard work by the entire O’Donovan team.”