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PLANS FOR QUAYSIDE NET SHREDDER

NEWLYN

AN IN-HARBOUR NET shredder is set to be installed in Newlyn as part of expansion plans by a pioneering net-recycling business, following a funding boost.

Newlyn harbour-based Fishy Filaments, which focuses on recycling end-of-life nylon monofilament nets, has been awarded a grant of £48,968 from the UK government's Shared Prosperity Fund, administered by the Cornwall County Council's Good Growth Fund. The company has also secured a loan of £126,000 from SWIG Finance under the South West Investment Fund.

Ian Falconer, founder of the business, told *Fishing News* that the funding will be used to help build the company's first full-scale in-harbour net shredder.

"The design for this shredder is patent-pending, and it should be able to process around half of Newlyn's monofilament once in site in the autumn of this year.

"With this hardware in place, the company aims to take its monofilament recycling project from a pilot into a full commercial status – supplying ultra-low-carbon raw nylon to advanced manufacturing around the world."

The company, which was shortlisted for the *Fishing News* Sustainability Award last year, specialises in upgrading the net material into high-value uses, mostly in the additive manufacturing (3D printing) sector.

"Our process is developed specifically for end-of-life monofilament net panels, and we have no capacity to deal with other gear types," explained Ian. "Initially we won't have enough capacity to offer an open door to the whole fleet, as we need to sell the recycled material at a profit, and we need to scale the sales end of the company at the same time as the recycling capacity.



▲ Ian Falconer, founder of Fishy Filaments, which has secured significant funding to aid its expansion. (Photo: Fishy Filaments)

By **PAUL SCOTT**

"We will still need the crews to strip their support off the panels before they get to us, which is something that vessels in Newlyn do anyway – so we're not imposing any extra work. We currently get stripped panels freely donated by the fleet, and we don't propose to change that.

"We certainly are not going to ask for a fee for a recycling service, and we are happy to support downstream marketing promoting sustainable fishing."

Ian Falconer told *FN* that the company, which plans to

expand its workforce as it grows, is 'building a dedicated solution for the fishing industry from the ground up'.

"We have been winning manufacturing industry minds and political visibility at a global level, but we're now going commercial to prove the solution at scale," he said.

Fishy Filaments says that it hopes to soon raise more funds via a third public share offer to help accelerate its growth. The company aims to take its hardware designs to 'fishing communities around the world, offering a route to profitable recycling of end-of-life monofilament nets'.

Fish and chips to mark D-Day

HULL

HUNDREDS OF portions of fish and chips were served in the centre of Hull as part of the city's commemorations of the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

The event, organised by Smales Fish Merchants as part of National Fish and Chip Day, saw portions of fish and chips served in exchange for donations to local charity Hull4Heroes. Hull's last distant-water trawler Kirkella H 7 supplied the haddock for the event, held on Thursday, 6 June.

This year's National Fish and Chip Day was moved from its traditional Friday slot to coincide with the nationwide D-Day commemorations.

Fish and chips played a key role in both world wars, with the UK government safeguarding supplies of fish and potatoes in order to maintain morale. The words 'fish' and 'chips' were also used by soldiers as code to identify whether somebody nearby was friend or foe.



▲ Lee Smales, chairman and CEO of Hull-based F Smales and Son Fish Merchants, with decorated veteran Victor Clubley enjoying his portion of haddock and chips after the service.

By **MIKE WAUDBY**

An estimated 300 veterans attended Hull's D-Day remembrance service, including those from the Royal Navy and former fishermen, many of whom undertook minesweeping duties on Hull trawlers.



▲ Haddock for the event was supplied by the Kirkella, seen here entering Hull's King George Dock after her recent trip to Newfoundland.