

# Winner of the Knowledge Exchange Awards 2023

**The winner in the Scottish Knowledge Exchange Awards 2023, for Innovation of the Year, has just been announced.**

Bo'ness-based Sustainable Thinking Scotland has developed a functional "biochar" from baking waste wood.

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