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Glens of Antrim recognised for local support

Northern Irish potato packer has been presented with a Prince's Trust award for supporting the community and reviving historic variety



Glens of Antrim has revived the Irish Lumper variety

Northern Irish potato processor and crisp producer Glens of Antrim Potatoes has been awarded with the Prince's Trust 'Contribution to Rural Communities Award'.

Part of Marks & Spencer's 'Farming for the Future Scheme', the award recognises producers that have gone the extra mile to support local rural communities.

Glens of Antrim, based in an area of outstanding natural beauty in the

Nine Glens, has implemented a number of environmental policies, such as a zero-waste policy, to limit its impact on the local area.

The business has also revived the Irish Lumper potato as part of a heritage project that provides seed potatoes to school students, encouraging them to plant and grow their own potatoes, as well as learning about the history surrounding their use across Ireland.

It sponsors key local events

such as the Heart of the Glens Festival and the Glens of Antrim Triathlon, as well as hosting local schools and youth groups for tours.

Glens of Antrim packs potatoes from local suppliers and produces a large range of crisps in various flavours, including sweet potato and jacket potato.