

Argyll & Bute Newsletter

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As the UK's leading onshore wind developer with windfarms in Argyll & Bute, we are keen to be good neighbours in all that we do and to maximise the local benefits we create.

So far we have contributed more than £18,500,000 in community benefit funding to deliver local initiatives across the UK.

We're launching this bi-annual newsletter to bring you closer to the success stories from your communities, highlighting the fantastic projects that are making a difference every day. We believe those living locally to our windfarms are best placed to determine which projects matter to them and as such the power to make decisions is in the hands of local communities.

We also want to keep you up to date with the range of environmental enhancements and conservation work we are undertaking across this region.

We hope you find this useful and we always welcome your feedback to ensure the news you really want to hear about is featured here. This newsletter is also available electronically.



You may be familiar with the ScottishPower Renewables Community Liaison team for Argyll & Bute Gillian Arnot, Siobhan McLaughlin and Tracy Kennedy.

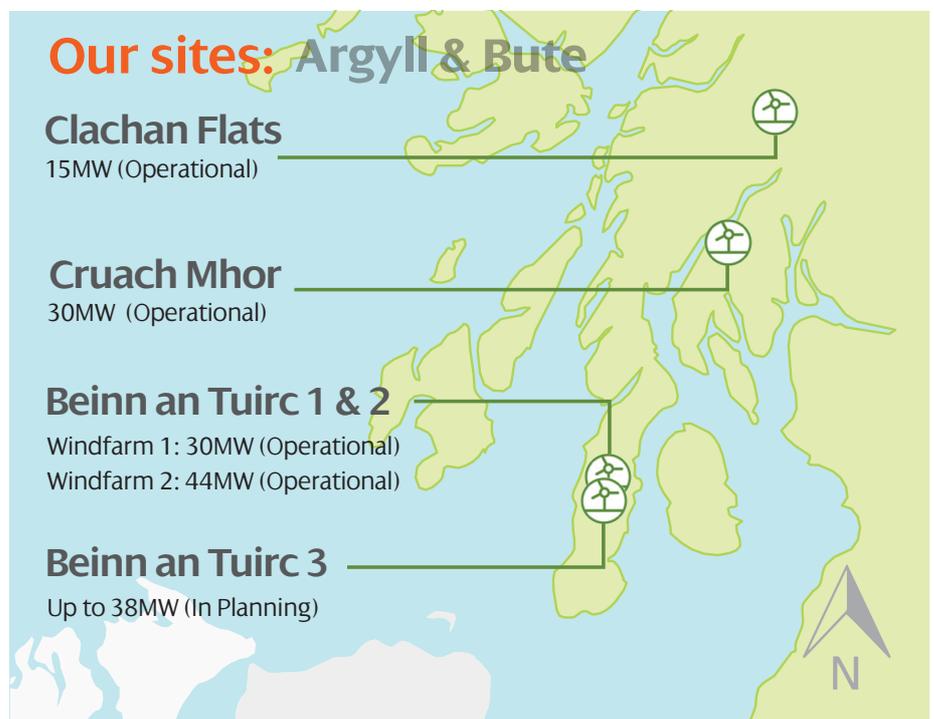
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Argyll & Bute at a glance

- £1m community benefit funding invested in Argyll & Bute by ScottishPower Renewables
- Four operational windfarms
- 72,267* equivalent homes powered per year
- Five community councils receiving our funds
- Equivalent of 4045** football pitches of habitat improvements for wildlife

* Based on BEIS's long-term average capacity factor for onshore wind (27.3%) and an average annual domestic electricity usage of 3.938MWh

**Based on the average FIFA football pitch being 7297.5m²



Did you know?

Since 1997, we have carried out an intensive eagle monitoring programme at our Beinn an Tuirc Windfarm which has seen one of the most successful pairs of eagles in Argyll fledge six chicks.

Did you know?

At our Beinn an Tuirc Windfarm we have restored heathland and moorland from commercial conifer plantation to encourage a pair of golden eagle to forage away from the wind turbines.

Did you know?

At our Cruach Mhor Windfarm we have created an area of native woodland for the benefit of black grouse and monitoring in conjunction with the RSPB has shown this to be the largest population on the Cowal Peninsula.

Local community benefit funds

Operational since 2001, our Beinn an Tuirc Windfarm was extended in 2014 and over this time both windfarms have been providing benefits to the local communities. Together they have contributed more than £530,000 to assist in the delivery of community projects.

The majority of this fund is administered through the Kintyre Windfarm Trust for the communities in East and West Kintyre.

It is anticipated that community benefit delivered from our Beinn an Tuirc 3 Windfarm, currently in planning, would also provide funds to local projects. Should this development gain consent and become operational, ScottishPower Renewables will also offer the local community the opportunity to invest in Beinn an Tuirc 3.

Our Clachan Flats Windfarm has been operational since 2009 and the communities of Cairndow and Inveraray have received more than £83,000 to deliver local initiatives.

The communities near to our Cruach Mhor Windfarm set up the Cruach Mhor Windfarm Trust and have benefited from more than £330,000 since 2003.

Local projects funded:

- £20,000 towards energy efficiency initiatives at five local halls across West Kintyre
- £7,500 towards the Kintyre Dialysis Unit to provide a local kidney dialysis service
- £8,000 towards the restoration of the Glen Hall
- £4,000 towards the Carradale Harbour slip
- £3,500 towards Here We Are Cairndow's 'What's on the Loch' project
- £8,000 to replace the playing surface at Colintravae Bowling Green



Enhancing skills in Argyll & Bute

As part of the community benefit package for Beinn an Tuirc 2 Windfarm, 60% of the annual fund is paid to the surrounding communities and 40% is paid to Argyll and Bute Council, to use for the benefit of communities throughout the region.

From 2015 for three years, 40% of this fund will be put towards the role of an Education Officer to assist ALLenergy deliver several educational initiatives across the region that aim to increase local employability and knowledge about renewables.

Activities to date have focused on a variety of local environmental workshops for school pupils and members of the community alike.

The Education Officer worked with a variety of local partners to deliver eight Energy from the Sea workshops that were attended by 120 local pupils who took part in wave and tidal experiments as well as building wind turbines to learn about electricity generation.

With local partners, the officer also took part in Energy of Science workshops where 100 locals aged between three and 45 years carried out experiments to learn about electricity and heat transfer.



Ecology - Nature of Scotland Awards

At the Nature of Scotland Awards in November 2015, we were delighted to win the RSPB Scotland Sustainable Development Award, recognising our pioneering role in the restoration of deforested peatland habitat in Scotland.