

Welcome to the Spring 2017 edition of the ScottishPower Renewables Dumfries and Galloway newsletter. Over the past six months we have been gathering information about our activities in your area that we think you will be interested in finding out about.

As the UK's leading onshore wind developer with windfarms in Dumfries and Galloway, we are keen to be good neighbours and to maximise the local benefits that we create. We are proud to have voluntarily contributed more than £19,250,000 in community benefit to enable local communities to deliver initiatives across the UK.



Harestanes Windfarm

Local business support

At the peak of construction at our Kilgallioch Windfarm, which straddles the Dumfries & Galloway and South Ayrshire border, there were more than 300 people working on site. When operational later this year, there will be 13 full-time posts created at the windfarm.

ScottishPower Renewables strives to ensure that local contractors benefit from the work available during the construction and operation of our windfarms. In Dumfries and Galloway we have worked with several local companies that recognise the value of the renewables industry.

Tanya Russell of GTR Contractors commented, "We have managed to gain much needed new business as a result of

onshore windfarms in the south west of Scotland and as such welcome any project which can result in jobs and new economic activity for the area".

Stephen Donnan, Proprietor of the Creebridge House Hotel said, "We have had the pleasure of accommodating several of the ScottishPower Renewables Onshore Windfarm personnel over the past years. Their custom has given our business a great financial boost, which has allowed us to retain staff even throughout the quieter winter months. It is also clear to see the positive benefits of the Kilgallioch Windfarm project extend to all retail outlets in the Newton Stewart and wider area through increased business."

Local community benefit funds

Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company has produced its first annual report about all of the initiatives that our Harestanes Windfarm community benefit fund helped to deliver in the company's first year. Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company makes funds available to 42 community councils across Dumfriesshire and, to date, has awarded more than £560,000 to a variety of local community initiatives. Find out more about these exciting projects by reading their report at www.ancbc.co.uk

The communities surrounding our Ewe Hill and Kilgallioch Windfarms are gearing up to administer their new community benefit funds. Together these two funds will see more than £32,000,000 made available for community initiatives over the lifetime of the windfarms.

The Ewe Hill community benefit fund will be managed by Dumfriesshire East Community Benefit Company for the benefit of



Old Luce, New Luce and Kirkcowan Community Games

the communities surrounding the windfarm.

At Kilgallioch Windfarm, the communities of Old Luce, New Luce, Kirkcowan and Barrhill, in South Ayrshire, will manage the fund for the benefit of their communities as well as for strategic projects across Wigtownshire and South Ayrshire.

These communities are currently setting up their new companies before funds become available later this year.

Did you know?

Three peregrine chicks were successfully fledged beside our Wether Hill Windfarm, near Moniaive, during the 2016 breeding season.

Did you know?

During 2016/17 ScottishPower Renewables installed enough new green energy in Scotland to meet the annual electricity requirements of more than 300,300 homes*.

Did you know?

ScottishPower Renewables works with the Energy Skills Partnership to donate used turbine parts to colleges across Scotland to allow hands on experience for pupils learning about engineering and turbine maintenance.



Nature of Scotland Awards 2016

In November last year, we were delighted that ScottishPower received a 'Highly Commended' at the Nature of Scotland Awards 2016 organised by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB). The Nature of Scotland Awards are designed to recognise and celebrate excellence, innovation and outstanding achievement in Scottish nature conservation. ScottishPower was pleased to receive a commendation for our work to tackle climate change and promote biodiversity in Scotland.

Dumfries and Galloway at a glance

£1.8m community benefit funding invested in Dumfries & Galloway by ScottishPower Renewables

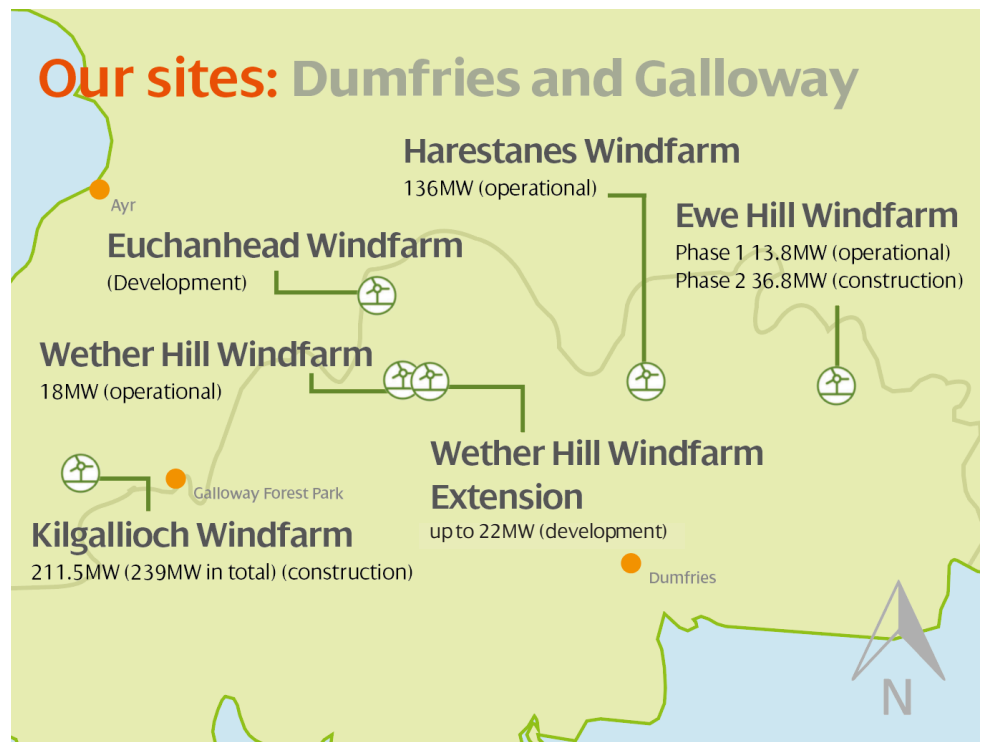
Three operational windfarms

100,782* equivalent homes powered per year

248.3 MW currently under construction

38 community councils receiving community benefit funds

*Based on BEIS's long-term average capacity factor for onshore wind in Scotland (27%) and an average domestic electricity usage of 3.938MWh



Health and Safety Matters

At ScottishPower Renewables Health and Safety is always our priority and we encourage you to stay safe in your community too. This spring, keep your windscreen clean and your sunglasses handy when driving in low sunshine.

We hope that you found our newsletter interesting and as always we welcome your feedback. Please let us know if you would like to receive our newsletters electronically.

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