

The East Angle

East Anglia Offshore Windfarm Projects

Summer 2026

Creating a cleaner,
greener future
for everyone



Welcome to our Summer 2026 edition of The East Angle

It has been a busy start to the year – and you can see why from our cover!

Turbines are now being installed at East Anglia THREE (EA3), marking an exciting and record-breaking achievement for our team and our partners. With the first of these machines now built, the windfarm is really taking shape – you can learn more over the page.

I'm also delighted to see our team on the back cover celebrating the work of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Our support to Martlesham Wilds Nature Reserve comes at a time when both the reserve and our offshore wind farms continue to grow and thrive.

We have seen the first-ever service operation vessel (SOV) to support our projects named Grampian Excelsior, in a fantastic nod to Lowestoft's maritime heritage. I'm looking forward to the vessel becoming a familiar site when EA3 comes into operation. You can read more about Lowestoft's maritime history on page 4.

Turning to East Anglia TWO (EA2), we are collaborating with Sizewell C to deliver necessary local highway works – enabling us to deliver important improvements for local communities faster and with less disruption. Turn to page 6 to find out more. Our Stakeholder Team has also met with locals at Friston and Thorpeness recently, ensuring we were on hand to answer questions about the upcoming works.

Our commitment to the region has been further cemented by ScottishPower Renewables' (SPR) and Peel Ports Group's £10 million investment to upgrade Great Yarmouth port, which will in turn support the construction of EA2. The port's North Terminal will



Ross Ovens speaking at an East of England Energy Group (EEEGR) event.

be instrumental in pre-assembling and turning out the project's 64 wind turbines. There's more good news for EA2, with the first steel cut which will go on to form part of our offshore substation. You can read more about both stories on pages 8 and 9.

Onshore Cable Administrator Lauren Groom takes centre stage on page 10 as she talks us through her transformation from police constable to renewables. And speaking of careers, the team headed to Lowestoft's Festival of Careers this spring to inspire the next generation of workers. I'm also thrilled we are once again supporting the East Anglian Air Ambulance's Only The Brave event as headline sponsor. Turn to pages 12 & 13 for more.

Our teams will be out and about across the region over the summer months, including at this year's Suffolk Show – do stop on by our stand. In the meantime we continue to progress our projects, with the aim of delivering further investment, jobs and clean, green energy for all.

I hope you enjoy this latest update.

Ross Ovens
Offshore Managing Director, UK



First turbines installed at EA3

EA3 has set a new UK offshore wind record with the installation of its first turbines.

The start of installation marks a significant milestone for SPR and our joint venture partners Masdar.

These machines are the first in the UK to feature 115 metre blades - each one longer than a Premier League football pitch.

What's more, all 285 of the record-breaking blades for the project are being manufactured in the UK at Siemens Gamesa's factory in Hull.

Standing around 262 metres tall – higher than the observation deck at the Shard – the 14MW Siemens Gamesa turbines have a rotor diameter of 236 metres.

When all 95 of the turbines enter service, EA3 will be capable of delivering enough homegrown, clean electricity to power the equivalent of 1.3 million British homes.

Commenting on the first turbine installation, Charlie Jordan, ScottishPower Renewables CEO, said:

“This is a defining moment – and a UK industry first – for ScottishPower, Iberdrola and Masdar as we celebrate and accelerate the deployment of homegrown renewable energy at scale.

This achievement is testament to successful collaboration with our strategic investment partner, Masdar, and the dedication and excellence of our own teams and supply chain partners. EA3 will play a crucial role in the UK's clean energy future and it's fantastic to see our vision come to life.

The blades used on the EA3 turbines are seven metres longer than the previous record of 108 metres – also manufactured by Siemens Gamesa.

Husain Al Meer, Director of Global Offshore Wind at Masdar said:

“This is a milestone moment for the UK's offshore wind sector, with the completion of the first turbine for East Anglia THREE (EA3) representing a truly monumental achievement.

“We are proud to work alongside ScottishPower and Iberdrola to bring this project to fruition and to be playing our part in securing the UK's clean energy future, while helping to create jobs and drive sustainable growth. We see tremendous potential for offshore wind, not just in the UK but across the wider European market, where offshore wind can provide critical energy security, power economic progress and help nations achieve their clean energy objectives.



A single revolution of just one set of blades produces enough electricity to:

Power



a UK home for more than four days

Charge



around 1,700 mobile phones

Brew



nearly a thousand cups of tea

New EA3 vessel celebrates Lowestoft's maritime heritage



The name of a new service operation vessel (SOV) bound for EA3 has been unveiled as the 'Grampian Excelsior' following a public competition.

The competition – run by North Star, Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy (SGRE) and ScottishPower Renewables – called for ideas to complete the name for the new ship bound for our EA3 windfarm.

The winning entry by John Wells was chosen by a judging panel of the three partners from more than 300 submissions. The name was selected in honour of Excelsior LT472, a Lowestoft fishing smack (a traditional sailing boat), originally built in 1921.

Celebrating maritime history

Excelsior is the last surviving traditional sailing trawler built in Lowestoft and encapsulates the rich fishing and maritime heritage of the area. After spending much of the 20th century out of action, it was restored in 1989 by local charity, The Excelsior Trust.

Initially formed in 1983 to preserve and maintain some of the UK's most historic ships – including Excelsior – the not-for-profit organisation also provides life-changing sailing experiences for young and disadvantaged people, as well as schools, corporate groups and individuals.

On landing the winning entry, John said: **“Having seen both the cultural importance of the fishing industry, highlighted by The Excelsior Trust, and the exciting opportunities that North Star, SGRE and SPR are bringing to Lowestoft for future seafarers, the name seemed a perfect tribute.**

“The Grampian Excelsior will proudly carry the spirit of the region beyond the East Anglian shores and pay homage to the importance of the shipping industry in our community and across the UK.”

Looking to the future

The hybrid vessel can accommodate up to 60 Siemens Gamesa's wind technicians who will work to maintain the 95 wind turbines across the windfarm. It will operate out of the £35m Lowestoft Eastern Energy Facility (LEEF), on the doorstep of what will become our new purpose-built EA3 operations and maintenance (O&M) base.

SPR's Head of Offshore O&M Steve Hodger said: **“Living and working in Lowestoft, I'm incredibly proud that the first-ever SOV to support our projects will celebrate the town's past, present and future – paying tribute to the vibrant fishing industry of years gone by and recognising the opportunities and benefits the renewables industry will bring to the region for decades to come.**

“Once EA3 comes into operation at the end of 2026, the Grampian Excelsior will become a familiar sight, sailing in and out of Lowestoft to take our operations and maintenance crews to and from the windfarm. I can't wait to see her take shape and set sail!”

North Star chief operating officer, Robert Catchpole, based in Lowestoft, said: **“We're very excited to announce the Grampian Excelsior as the latest named ship for our growing fleet of high-performance SOVs. While we received lots of brilliant and creative submissions, we're confident that the best-suited name came out on top, so congratulations to John.”**

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Excelsior bears real maritime significance to the people of Lowestoft, dating back more than a century and a fishing trade as far back as the Middle Ages. To be able to maintain this legacy and highlight the important work of The Excelsior Trust is amazing. And to combine that with our Grampian fleet name, which we use in homage to our Aberdeen heritage, is really special.

John Wells



Credit: North Star

Lowestoft's Lisa honoured as Wind Ace godmother



CADELER 青岛中远海运海工 Lisa at the ceremony
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It was a proud moment, and a company first, as SPR's Lisa Western officially christened a new state-of-the-art vessel that will work on our EA2 windfarm – becoming the vessel's godmother in the process.



The honour of becoming godmother – a long-standing maritime tradition – was bestowed on Lisa by vessel operator, Cadeler, ahead of the official naming ceremony in China for its latest A-class jack-up wind installation vessel, Wind Ace

The distinction makes Lisa – who heads up consents and compliance teams for SPR's East Anglia offshore windfarms – the company's first vessel godmother.

Having a godmother is believed to bring good luck, safety and prosperity for a vessel, its crew and its passengers.



A godmother's main duties include officially naming and 'christening' the vessel, with the traditional champagne bottle breaking against the bow to give it a blessing for future travels, which Lisa carried out in style.

Lisa said: **“It was an incredible and completely unexpected honour to take part in such an important tradition and get the chance to bless Wind Ace and all who will sail in her when she takes to the waters later this year. Who would have thought a girl from Lowestoft, with all its maritime heritage, would become a global offshore vessel's godmother!**

“It's especially exciting to know it won't be too long before Wind Ace will be operating in and out of Great Yarmouth port once the offshore construction work for EA2 – which will provide clean power for almost one million homes – gets underway next year. I can't wait to get on board and meet the crew when she comes to town.

“A massive thank you to Cadeler, shipbuilders COSCO and everyone involved in the naming ceremony. I was treated like royalty and felt like The Queen with the crowds, the pomp and the circumstance! It was a real wow moment and one I will remember for the rest of my life.”

As well as becoming Wind Ace's ceremonial godmother, Lisa is actually godmother to her best friend Susie James's 17-year-old daughter, Jenny from Lowestoft. Jenny said: **“It's been brilliant to see how excited she is about this fantastic honour, which not many people will get to experience and is so well deserved. I'll just need to keep reminding her whose godmother she was first!”**

Wind Ace is scheduled for delivery to Cadeler later this year, with EA2 offshore construction due to get underway in 2027.

Sizewell C collaboration helps to streamline road improvements



The coordinated works include four key upgrade schemes:

- **Theberton B1122**
ScottishPower Renewables has improved the Church Road junction and provided a new crossing
- **Yoxford A12, A1120**
Sizewell C has improved footways and provided a new signal crossing of the A12
- **Marlesford A12**
Sizewell C will provide new footways, around 1km of road resurfacing, a reduced speed limit and a new signal crossing
- **Knodishall A1094/ B1069 Junction**
ScottishPower Renewables will provide junction improvements, a reduced speed limit and resurfacing



Pictured above is Church Road



SPR and Sizewell C are taking a coordinated approach to necessary local highway works in key areas of East Suffolk as part of the construction programmes for the EA2 offshore windfarm and the new 3.2GW nuclear power station being built on the Suffolk coast.

The joined-up approach will help to minimise disruption in areas where both companies need to undertake works, while mitigating the environmental impact of development. For example, Sizewell C will deliver hundreds of metres of new kerbs and footways on behalf of both companies, ensuring the work is carried out at the same time.

The approach has been agreed in conjunction with Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council. In addition to joint construction efforts, we will also share technical expertise across the two companies, including logistics for transporting abnormal loads – large items that require special planning and permits due to their size and complexity.

Damian Leydon, Site Delivery Director at Sizewell C, said:

“ We all know the frustration of being held up by roadworks, only to see the road dug up again a few weeks later. This agreement seeks to avoid that scenario and demonstrates how major infrastructure projects can work together to deliver smarter, more efficient outcomes for the public and the environment.

That’s especially important now as we increase our off-site activity. The work we’re doing, to improve existing roads and build new roads and rail infrastructure, as well as new park and rides for our team, will ultimately reduce the impacts on local roads and communities as we build this project. We recognise the level of roadworks taking place in East Suffolk – which is why collaborating with SPR, as well as other projects in the area, with the support of OFGEM and local councils, is vital to minimising that disruption. ”

Michael Hotze, EA2 Execution Director for ScottishPower Renewables added:

“ While we always do everything we can to minimise any potential disruption on our local communities when carrying out onshore works, our collaboration with Sizewell C takes that one step further and shows how developers can work together for the benefit of local people. This common-sense approach will help reduce the need for multiple roadworks and ease traffic congestion through local villages while delivering long-lasting enhancements to the roads network. ”

SPR already takes part in a monthly coordination meeting established with other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) in the area, which is leading to further opportunities to explore how to link up logistics, share management tools, and mitigate cumulative impacts.

Flora and fauna thriving along onshore cable works



Public Information Days

We hosted two Public Information Days earlier this year to give local people the opportunity to learn more about our ongoing and upcoming works.

The first event took place at Friston Village Hall, where we discussed progress on the construction of the platforms for the EA2 and EAIN substations. As SPR is also carrying out platform works for National Grid’s Kiln Lane substation, two members of their team joined us on the day to help answer questions about future works.

Work has been progressing since February, with earthworks involving the stripping of soil and levelling of the entire site in preparation for stone works. Excess earth has been used to create bunds to provide screening and stone will be imported across the three work areas via the previously built temporary haul road and compacted to form a solid platform for later works. Piling at various depths will then create a solid foundation for the infrastructure.

A temporary construction compound has now been completed, and SPR contractors Taylor Woodrow will be primarily based at this site. The compound

will remain in place until the projects are completed, after which it will be removed and the area landscaped.

New and reconfigured drainage designed to manage both ground and surface water around the site is also being installed. A Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) pond will be created, providing a more complex and biodiverse habitat and significantly increasing the species found in the area.

Our second Public Information Day was held at Thorpeness Country Club, where we focused on our upcoming and planned works along the cable route. This included information on the construction of new accesses, the installation of a haul road, and the use of Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) at landfall and under the Hundred River. Attendees were able to speak directly with members of the project team to understand the programme of works and what to expect as activity increases along the route.

Couldn’t make it to these events, or wish to review the information shown again? The EA2 Document Library contains all the materials shown on the boards and tables at these events.



You can learn more at scottishpowerrenewables.com/offshore/east-anglia or contact our Stakeholder Team using the details on the back of this newsletter.



Artist's impression

£10m investment boosts Port of East Anglia

SPR and Peel Ports Group are investing over £10 million in The Port of East Anglia in Great Yarmouth to support the construction of EA2.

The commitment will fund a significant upgrade of the port's North Terminal to enable the pre-assembly and load-out of the 64 wind turbines for the wind project, supporting 100 jobs in the process.

The investment was one of a suite of clean energy announcements made by Prime Minister Keir Starmer ahead of the COP30 conference in Brazil.

The Prime Minister added: **"It's full speed ahead in our mission to bring about the clean power revolution – delivering energy security, getting bills down for good and generating growth in communities across the UK."**

"Creating skilled, well-paid jobs across Great Yarmouth, Belfast and Greater Manchester, this is national renewal in action - championing the interests of working people all over the country."

The works, now underway, include the construction of a second 'heavy lift' pad on the North Terminal, where the turbine towers will be pre-assembled before they are loaded onto the installation vessel; expansion and enhancements to the ports storage areas to accommodate the larger components and use of larger capacity cranes.

It will ensure the port can accommodate the latest-generation Siemens Gamesa offshore wind turbines being used on EA2, including 115 metre blades manufactured at the company's facility in Hull.

Claudio Veritiero, CEO of The Port of East Anglia at Peel Ports Group, said:

“ We are very pleased to continue in our long-standing relationship with Scottish Power Renewables with the pre-assembly phase of the East Anglia TWO development, utilising The Port of East Anglia's fantastic facilities. We're especially proud of the positive impact the project will have on East Anglia, and its significance for the UK's future renewables production, creating green jobs and representing a boost to the local and national economies. ”

EA2 foundation fabrication begins to take shape

L-R: David Muylaert, CEO Smulders; Charlie Jordan, ScottishPower Renewables CEO; Michael Shanks, Energy Minister; Jan De Rycker, Director Smulders Projects Belgium & UK



The first steel has been cut in England's north-east as manufacturing gets underway on foundations which will support the offshore substation for our EA2 offshore windfarm.

The mammoth 3,450 tonne steel 'jacket' is being built at Smulders fabrication yard on the banks of the River Tyne, as part of a contract worth more than £60 million.

Standing at around 58 metres tall – almost three times the height of the iconic Angel of the North statue – the four-legged structure will provide the foundation for the 5,100 tonne offshore high-voltage substation.

The substation will collect and export the clean energy from the 960MW windfarm's 64 turbines to the UK grid, providing enough power for almost one million homes.

SPR visited the Smulders yard in Wallsend with Minister for Energy Michael Shanks to get a first-hand look at progress, and witness the impact contracts such as these are making locally.

The Minister said: **"It's great to see manufacturing getting underway here in Newcastle on a project that demonstrates how clean energy is supporting skilled jobs and industrial communities in the northeast of England."**

"Building this right here in the UK highlights the strength of our offshore wind supply chain as we deliver the infrastructure needed for a more secure homegrown energy system."

The yard is a former colliery site which now specialises in the production and final assembly of steel foundations for offshore wind turbines and substations - a great example of how the transition from coal to clean energy is supporting jobs in the north-east and delivering economic growth.

Since 2023, Smulders has invested more than £80 million in its UK site to expand its capacity in offshore wind infrastructure, with around 400 people working on the site at any one time, including 28 apprentices.

"It's a proud moment to see work underway on our East Anglia TWO jacket foundation just up the coast from where the windfarm will be operating in a couple of years' time," said SPR CEO Charlie Jordan.

"This investment is a real confidence boost for UK manufacturing and showcases the fantastic facilities and resources we have on our doorstep."

"It's also a great example of the difference we're making – enhancing the UK's energy security, supporting jobs and unlocking growth – thanks to our commitment to a clean energy future. And our actions speak volumes, with our offshore wind projects pumping almost £3.5 billion into UK companies while developing, building and operating our East Anglia windfarms."





The big interview



Lauren Groom
Onshore Cable Administrator,
East Anglia TWO

Lauren Groom's path to clean energy was anything but a straight line — trading a career in the police force for nuclear, telecoms, and now, offshore wind with SPR. Just a few months into her role at EA2, Lauren is already embracing the challenge, building her knowledge and playing a key part in keeping the project moving.

Her role as Onshore Cable Administrator sits at the heart of project coordination, helping to keep the onshore cable works organised, documented and moving forward. From tracking documentation to chasing outstanding actions, Lauren helps ensure the teams delivering the cable route stay aligned and on schedule.

“A typical day for me begins after the school run, starting by checking emails and then getting stuck into meetings, followed by tracking and reporting of key project data and monitoring document workflows. It's detail-driven work, but crucial to maintaining momentum.”

As the project progresses, Lauren's role will continue to evolve, with a growing focus on tracking performance and supporting the wider team in delivering key milestones. This will include monitoring document reviews and technical queries to helping coordinate information between different teams. Her work supports the smooth delivery of the onshore cable route, ensuring each stage is completed, reviewed and ready for what comes next. In many ways, Lauren acts as the link between the teams, processes and progress, helping turn plans on paper into work on the ground.

“While much of my time is office-based, I take opportunities to get out on site and attend events, building a broader understanding of the work I support. I recently visited our public information days in Friston and Thorpeness and attended a site visit to gain valuable insight on the project. It's been really helpful to see things firsthand.”

Q&A

Q Does working on a project in your local area change how it feels?

A I think it does, because you see things differently. Living here, I felt really invested in what's happening and I wanted to know more about the projects. Being able to see the work that goes in behind the scenes, especially around mitigation with the environment, make you appreciate it more. Things are evolving locally with new infrastructure and developments, and it's good to understand why these are planned, what they propose and how to get involved.

Q What skills have carried over into this role from your previous experiences?

A Definitely resilience and communication. From my time in the police, you learn how to deal with unpredictable situations all the time and how to remain calm and adapt quickly. That's really helped here, especially when you're managing different tasks, working with multiple teams and making sure things stay on track.

Q What would you say to someone considering a similar path?

A You don't need to know everything at the start; you learn along the way so don't let that put you off. Since joining, my knowledge has grown massively, and it's been really rewarding to be able to contribute to the project so far and continue to see the development of the projects.

Q What do you do in your free time?

A When I'm not at work, I volunteer as a magistrate and I also support with a local food redistribution charity, helping to reduce waste by collecting surplus food and sharing it with the community. Both are really rewarding opportunities, and I'm proud to be able to give something back.

Those experiences have also brought her face-to-face with the communities connected to the project.

“At one of the events, I spoke to a member of the public who was very passionate about the environment, and it made me understand how important it is that we receive feedback from the community and continue to hear their thoughts and recommendations, where possible.”

That curiosity and willingness to learn has been a defining feature of Lauren's career. Before joining SPR, she spent 15 years as a police constable, working in response roles and specialist teams. It's an experience she credits with shaping her resilience and communication skills.

“You never know what you're going to face in that job. One minute you're in the office, the next you're dealing with an emergency. It teaches you to stay calm, adapt quickly and communicate effectively.”

After leaving policing to focus on her family, Lauren moved into roles with Network Rail and later Holtec Britain, where she supported work related to nuclear waste storage. In both roles, she found herself learning on the job.

“I'm always up for a challenge. I'm happy to be thrown into something new and learn as I go. I didn't know much about windfarms before joining ScottishPower Renewables, but already my knowledge has grown so much. The teams are brilliant at sharing their expertise. You start to understand why things are happening and how it all fits together.”

Working on a project in her local area adds another layer of meaning for Lauren. Having grown up in Suffolk and now living in Halesworth, Lauren feels a strong connection to both the landscape and the community.



For Lauren, being part of that progress is something she's proud of.

I'd love to be here at the end and be able to say: 'I was part of this'.

Lauren during her time as a Police Constable

“It's not just about building, it's about thinking of the future, making sure that the wildlife in the area is protected where possible and ensuring that once construction is completed the land is restored.”

“It's also about delivering clean, renewable energy to help the UK move towards greater energy independence. There's so much work that goes into these projects and it's exciting seeing the progress as they take shape.”



Looking ahead, Lauren is already thinking about how she can continue to grow within SPR.

There are so many different roles within the projects, and it's great to know there's support to grow and learn new skills right here in Suffolk.

With her resilience, curiosity and strong local roots, Lauren represents the diverse talent helping to deliver EA2 and the many ways local people are playing a part in shaping the region's energy future.

Sparking interest in energy at the Festival of Careers

Thousands of students in Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth attended the Festival of Careers at East Coast College this spring in search of future career inspiration. Hosted annually by the regional business support group MENTA in partnership with East Coast College, the event empowers young people in education, including children with special education needs and disabilities (SEND), to explore potential career paths with local employers.



SPR inspire students to discover opportunities in offshore wind



SPR's Operations & Maintenance (O&M) base in Lowestoft remains the home of our offshore wind activity, and the local team was at the centre of the festival's energy-focused section, hosted at the college's Energy Skills Centre.

Roseanne McKee, Supply Chain Strategy Manager at SPR, said: "What an event! So many local young people were looking for career inspiration, and we were able to help them discover what their future could look like in offshore wind."

"For some students we were able to help join the dots between the courses they are currently studying, such as mechatronics engineering, and careers in renewables and at SPR."

Steve Hodger, SPR's Head of Offshore O&M added: "From offshore windfarm technicians to onshore asset managers, it was important for me to meet our future workforce. At the Festival we were able to encourage young people in Lowestoft to join our industry and benefit from well paid, long-term jobs on their doorstep."

Along with Roseanne, Steve and other SPR team members, a VR set offered students an immersive experience exploring the scale of a real offshore windfarm.

"I came here today with more than 100 of our Year 10 pupils," said Francine Murphy, a teacher at Bungay High School.

"Lots of them are worried about their future jobs and careers, so today is opening their eyes to new things and giving them goals. Offshore wind is a great opportunity, especially for pupils who are looking for a hands-on job."

Lift off for second year as Only the Brave event sponsor

After a fantastic 2025, SPR has kicked off its second year as headline sponsor of the East Anglian Air Ambulance's flagship fundraising event, Only The Brave.

Inspired by East Anglian Air Ambulance pilots, doctors, paramedics, patients and their families, Only The Brave gives teams and individuals the chance to take part in either a three, six or ten mile fun mud run peppered with obstacles like muddy trenches, slides and cargo net climbs.

The event raises much-needed funds for the charity, which provides critical care every minute of every day across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.

To celebrate the launch, colleagues from our East Anglia wind projects paid a visit to East Anglian Air Ambulance's Norwich operational base, Helimed House – home to the state-of-the-art H145 helicopter and the Anglia One crew – to meet with team and personnel involved in the charity's lifesaving work.

Lowestoft-based Steve Hodger, SPR's Head of Offshore Operations and Maintenance, said: "The critical services provided by East Anglian Air Ambulance are funded by local people and communities, so it's important we all step up. East Anglia is the heart of our UK windfarm operations, so we're part of these communities – living and working across Suffolk – and we're proud to support the charity's biggest fundraising event of the year."

"Seeing the Anglia One helicopter up close and hearing the incredible and moving stories from the people out there on the frontline every day about their heroic efforts to save lives and make a real difference for people across the region really hits home about why it matters."

"So, sign up, get training and get muddy so we can all keep this vital service going for those moments we all hope we never have to face."

Hannah Foreman, Head of Aftercare at East Anglian Air Ambulance, added: "Fuelled by our supporters, we bring hospital-level critical care to people in severe medical emergencies, every single day of the year. Whether by air or road, we're there for the most seriously ill and injured, when every second counts. Probably on the worst day of their lives. And our care doesn't end when the helicopter or critical care car leaves the scene - we offer aftercare support to former patients, their families and bystanders in the challenging aftermath of a life-threatening medical emergency."

"We're incredibly grateful for the support from ScottishPower Renewables – not only our first ever headline sponsor, but now joining us for the second year running – for Only The Brave. This support really will save lives across East Anglia. Thank you SPR!"



So sign up, get training and get muddy!



The 2026 event takes place at the Euston Estate in Suffolk on **Sunday 20 September**, and SPR will be on hand to cheer on brave runners and explain more about our East Anglian projects. Visit eaaa.org.uk to learn more and sign up!

Keith Anderson joins UK Government Advisory Council

The UK Government has appointed ScottishPower CEO Keith Anderson to its Industrial Strategy Advisory Council in support of its business growth drive.

Reporting to the Chancellor and the Business and Trade Secretary, the independent council brings together UK business and academia experts to advise and make recommendations to support the Government's industrial strategy for growth.

It comes as ScottishPower is set to invest a record £24 billion in the UK through to 2028 to rewire Britain and build more clean power generation, modernising and decarbonising the energy system and supporting supply chain growth and job creation.

Keith Anderson (pictured far left) said:

“The UK’s industrial strategy is critical to unlocking investment, pushing productivity, and driving growth. The Advisory Council has a vital role to play in helping realise that potential and make a long and lasting difference for people the length and breadth of the country.”

“Working together, government and business can turbocharge economic growth and build a better future that offers opportunity, security and prosperity right across the country.”



George Clarke joins mission to help the nation live greener

Over the next 12 months, he will undertake the ScottishPower ‘Great Green Challenge’ – a year-long initiative designed to help households understand how they can take steps toward greener living.

It will show how even small changes, such as shifting your energy use, adopting smart meters to solar panels, heat pumps and home EV charging can make homes a little greener, one step at a time and at an affordable price.

George Clarke said: **“People aren’t against going green - they just want straight answers. If something feels expensive or confusing, it’s only human to put it off. I’ve partnered with ScottishPower because sustainability isn’t just part of their mission – it’s at the heart of everything they do.”**

“They’ve been leading the shift toward cleaner, greener energy for decades. The Great Green Challenge is about taking the country’s questions and finding out what’s true, and what’s not.”

TV’s George Clarke is taking his passion for bold home transformations to a whole new level, teaming up with ScottishPower to get the nation living greener than ever before.



Clean & Green Awards celebrate sustainability champions

SPR championed pioneers of innovation and sustainability from across East Anglia, as headline sponsor of this year’s Clean & Green Awards.

Returning for their second year, the Awards saw 13 winners take to the stage at Kesgrave Hall, in Ipswich, and be recognised for their achievements in sectors from education to renewable energy.

Muntons was named winner of the Clean & Green Champion Award, new for 2026 and sponsored by SPR. The Stowmarket-based brewing and distilling supplier was praised for its significant and lasting contribution to sustainability, energy efficiency and net zero initiatives – efforts which also saw the group take home the Net Zero Award.

SPR’s Steve Hodger – who sat on the award’s judging panel - said:

“It has been an honour to support the awards this year, both through our sponsorship and as part of the judging panel. The quality of entries has been incredibly high, with so many inspiring individuals and projects making a real impact across the region.”

“It’s been a fantastic evening to celebrate the winners and recognise the work being done locally to help create a cleaner, greener future.”

The Clean & Green Awards were first held in 2025 to recognise

businesses, individuals and community groups across Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Essex making real strides in sustainability. Hosted by LocaliQ, the event brings together organisations from across the region committed to driving positive environmental change.

This year, other winners on the night included Saxon Air, which received the Energy Innovation Award; Suffolk New College’s Net Zero Skills Centre, named Project of the Year; and Colchester Mercury Theatre, which was awarded Sustainable Workplace of the Year. John Best, founder of the East of England Energy Group (EEEGR), was also given special recognition with the Lifetime Achievement to Clean Energy Award for his decades-long contribution to the energy sector in East Anglia, receiving a standing ovation from all in the room.

Steve added: **“Congratulations to all the winners, finalists and nominees recognised at this year’s Awards. There is so much expertise in the region alongside a fantastic ecosystem of companies and innovation, and our Champions really exemplify the best of what East Anglia has to offer!”**



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New Art for Climate Fund backs creative climate education

Two pioneering arts projects are set to benefit from a new ScottishPower Foundation Art for Climate Fund - a £200,000 initiative designed to use the power of arts and culture to help young people better understand the climate crisis and feel empowered to take action.

Two multi-year grants of £100,000 reflect the Foundation’s commitment to sustained, meaningful change rather than short-term interventions.

‘Wonder - A Hot Poets and National Poetry Day collaboration’ is a major UK-wide collaboration between Forward Arts Foundation and Hot Poets that will bring climate storytelling into classrooms on an unprecedented scale.

Alongside this, Welsh theatre company Theatr na nŌg will tour two original, bilingual productions - ‘We Need Bees’ and ‘Bug Hotel’ - using music, storytelling and interactive performance to engage younger audiences with biodiversity loss, climate displacement and environmental responsibility.



Melanie Hill, Executive Officer and Trustee of the ScottishPower Foundation, said: **“The climate crisis is the defining challenge of our time, and we know the arts have a unique power to make complex ideas accessible, emotional and impossible to ignore.”**

“Through our new Art for Climate Fund, we’re backing bold, imaginative projects that give young people hope, confidence and a real sense of agency. Both beneficiaries of this new fund show how creativity can spark climate action in classrooms and communities across the UK, and we’re incredibly proud to support them as the first recipients of this new fund.”

Our £35,000 donation to Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Martlesham Wilds

SPR has announced a £35,000 donation to one of Suffolk's newest nature reserves.

The donation – which will go towards the costs for the Martlesham Wilds Nature Reserve's site manager over the next two years – was confirmed as colleagues from SPR's EA3 offshore windfarm paid a visit to the Suffolk Wildlife Trust site near Ipswich.

Edward Rees, EA3 Community Liaison Officer, said: **"Our commitment to bring more homegrown clean energy to life aligns with Suffolk Wildlife Trust's ambition for Martlesham Wilds as a positive green legacy for our shared future."**



"We are proud that while our EA3 and EA2 offshore windfarms continue to grow off the Suffolk coast, so too will Martlesham Wilds, and it has been great to visit the reserve and get up close to the amazing wildlife on our doorstep."



Situated on the banks of the River Deben and covering 289 acres, Suffolk Wildlife Trust began to return Martlesham Wilds to nature in 2023.

Alex Downing, Philanthropy & Fundraising Manager for Suffolk Wildlife Trust, commented: **"We are very grateful to ScottishPower Renewables for their support with this donation as this fantastic mosaic of natural habitat, saltmarsh and ancient woodland starts to thrive."**

SPR has been generating renewable energy for East Anglia since 2020 with its EA1 offshore windfarm. Two more windfarms are set to come into operation by the end of 2028, with the projects collectively generating enough homegrown clean energy to power more than three million homes.

The clean, green energy from EA3 offshore windfarm will travel under Martlesham Creek on its way to connect to the grid.

Edward added: **"ScottishPower is focused on making a real difference to communities in East Anglia. With our windfarms set to power more than three million homes for decades, our donation to Suffolk Wildlife Trust will further grow the lasting legacy of our projects and deliver positive benefits for local people for years to come."**

Martlesham Wilds sits within the Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape and across from the burial site of Anglo-Saxon royalty at Sutton Hoo. Incorporating salt marsh, woodland and reedbeds, birds including curlew, shelduck, lapwing and redshank are frequent visitors. More walkers are expected since the opening of the new King Charles III England Coastal Path, as the route crosses through the site.

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