Welcome to the latest edition of the ScottishPower Renewables Argyll & Bute newsletter. As the UK’s leading onshore wind developer, with windfarms in Argyll & Bute, we are keen to be good neighbours and maximise the local benefits that we create for those living in areas surrounding our windfarms.

ScottishPower Renewables is proud to have voluntarily contributed more than £24,100,000 in community benefit funding to those living near to our windfarms across the UK. To date, we have contributed almost £1,400,000 in Argyll & Bute alone, enabling local communities to determine how best to spend these funds within their communities in order to deliver the greatest local benefit.

Did you know?

Last year ScottishPower Renewables celebrated reaching 2GW of wind power capacity in the UK. Paul Wheelhouse, Scottish Government Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy visited Whitelee Windfarm to join the celebrations for reaching this milestone.

Did you know?

Our Ecology Team won the In Practice Award at the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) 2017 for their article ‘An Innovative Approach to Landscape-Scale Peatland Restoration’ in the Institute’s quarterly magazine, which details the results of many years of research at our windfarms to develop innovative and effective peatland restoration techniques.

Did you know?

ScottishPower’s customers, suppliers and employees have helped raise over £15,000,000 for Cancer Research UK since we began our partnership with them in 2012. This has been achieved through employee fundraising and sponsorship of Race for Life, High 5 Campaign and Stand Up To Cancer.
Cruachan

Cruachan Power Station, at Loch Awe, was opened in 1965 and has been owned and operated by ScottishPower since 1990. Cruachan is a hydro pump storage facility and houses a visitor centre which proves popular with more than 50,000 visitors each year. In addition to taking advantage of the gift shop and cafe, visitors can enjoy our new exhibits which include an interactive 360 touch screen with footage of the machine hall and Dam, helping to explain how electricity is produced. In 2017 the visitor centre was once again recognised as a five star visitor attraction by Visit Scotland.

Sarah Cameron, Cruachan Visitor Centre Manager said, ‘Retaining the five stars is an achievement the team is immensely proud of. This year we are looking forward to welcoming more visitors, from both near and far, to the Cruachan Visitor Centre for a great day out on the idyllic shores of Loch Awe’.

To find out about more about the Centre please visit www.visitcruachan.co.uk

Health and Safety matters

At ScottishPower Renewables Health and Safety is always our priority and we encourage you to stay healthy and safe in your community too. ScottishPower has recently become the first company in Scotland to sign up to the Scottish Government’s Daily Mile challenge. ScottishPower is encouraging employees to walk at least one mile every day to reduce the risk of coronary heart disease, stroke and high cholesterol and we encourage you to join in!

Please contact us at: communitybenefit@scottishpower.com

Argyll & Bute at a glance

- £1,379,170 community benefit funding invested in Argyll & Bute by ScottishPower Renewables
- Four operational windfarms
- 87,094* equivalent homes powered per year
- Up to 50MW consented to be built
- Five community councils receiving community benefit funds

Our sites:

Clachan Flats
15MW (Operational)

Cruach Mhor
30MW (Operational)

Beinn an Tuirc 1 & 2
Windfarm 1: 30MW (Operational)
Windfarm 2: 44MW (Operational)

Beinn an Tuirc 3
Up to 50MW (Consented)

* Based on BEIS’s capacity factor for onshore wind in Scotland (25.3%) for windfarms commissioned in or before 2016/2017 and Ofgem’s typical annual GB domestic electricity consumption of 3.1MWh.

We hope that you found our newsletter interesting and as always we welcome your feedback. Please let us know if you would prefer your newsletter electronically. Your local Community Liaison Team Gillian Arnot and Ruth Semple.

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