



Welcome to the Spring 2017 edition of the ScottishPower Renewables Argyll & Bute 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 Argyll & Bute, we are keen to be good neighbours and maximise the local benefits that we create. We are proud that, to date, we have voluntarily contributed more than £19,250,000 in community benefit to enable local communities to deliver initiatives across the UK.



Clachan Flats Windfarm



The HELP Project visit Cruach Mhor Windfarm

## ALlenergy Cruach Mhor Windfarm visit

**In May last year, ALlenergy arranged for eight young people from Argyll & Bute to visit ScottishPower Renewables' Cruach Mhor Windfarm.**

The visit was part of The HELP project's 12 week programme designed to provide young people, aged from 16 to 24, with an opportunity to gain employability skills, as well as the confidence to apply for employment, college or further training. The HELP project also organise work experience and employer visits to

raise awareness of the opportunities that are available locally.

The group visited Cruach Mhor Windfarm to learn first-hand about career opportunities in renewable energy.

The visit was facilitated by ScottishPower Renewables and Kirsty Jackson-Stark, who took up an Education and Skills Development role with ALlenergy last year. Her role is currently funded by ScottishPower Renewables Beinn an Tuirc 2 Windfarm community benefit fund and

focuses on strengthening locally based skills as well as promoting employability across Argyll & Bute.

Over the past few months, Kirsty has also delivered eight interactive workshops across Argyll and Bute including to local school children in Inveraray, Islay and Oban. Much of this has focused on STEM activities to encourage pupils to value Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths subjects and careers.

### 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?

During 2016, ScottishPower invested more than £3,500,000 in the UK every single day. This included new onshore and offshore windfarms, grid upgrades and infrastructure maintenance.

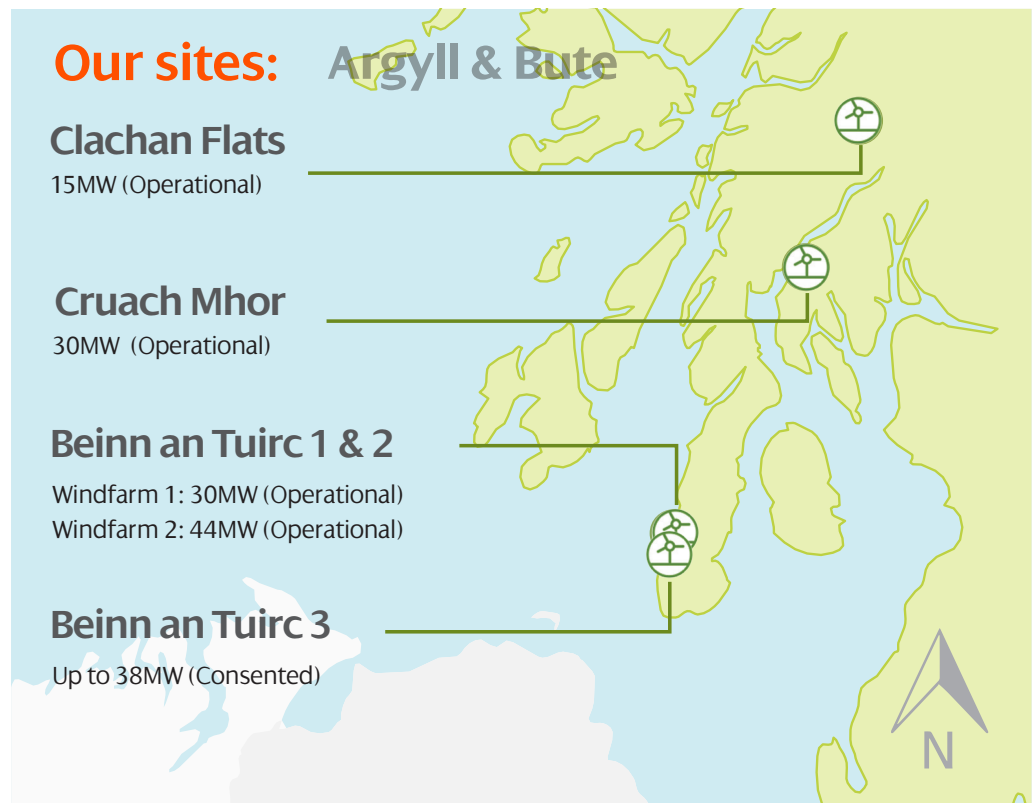
### Did you know?

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.

## Argyll & Bute at a glance

- £1.1m community benefit funding invested in Argyll & Bute by ScottishPower Renewables
- Four operational windfarms
- 71,472\* equivalent homes powered per year
- 38MW recently consented
- Five community councils receiving community benefit funds

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



## 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.

## Beinn an Tuirc 3 Windfarm

We are delighted to announce that ScottishPower Renewables has recently received consent from Argyll & Bute Council to build and operate our Beinn an Tuirc 3 Windfarm (38MW). The proposed development is located close to our operational Beinn an Tuirc windfarms on the Kintyre Peninsula, and should the project be built, ScottishPower Renewables is committed to providing community benefit funding, and intends to give communities the opportunity to invest in the windfarm.

## Health & 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.

Right; Your local Community Liaison Team Gillian Arnot, Siobhan McLaughlin and Tracy Kennedy



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