

Spring is here and with it brings your latest edition of ScottishPower Renewables Dumfries and Galloway newsletter. We have lots of great stories to share with you about some of the local projects we have funded this year and our development plans. We hope you enjoy reading about them and encourage you to get in touch with our Community Liaison Team as we always welcome your feedback.

## The Race Across Scotland

In August 2018, Kilgallioch Windfarm hosted a section of 'The Race Across Scotland' inaugural event. The ultra-marathon challenged its 61 competitors from around the world to complete the 215 mile Southern Upland Way, from Portpartick on the southwest coast to Cockburnspath on the east coast, within 100 hours.

Miles 25 to 31 of the race fell within Kilgallioch Windfarm, which benefited from path upgrades during the construction of the Windfarm. The leading competitors of this stage took less than three hours to reach the windfarm section and the Beehive Bothy located within the windfarm also served as a water refuelling station.

'The Race Across Scotland' is due to return in August 2019.



## Educating students about the renewables industry

As part of the Scottish Government 'Developing the Young Workforce' programme, two employees from ScottishPower Renewables recently visited Dumfries and Galloway College to speak with students about their experiences of working in the renewable energy industry.

The students were given an overview of ScottishPower Renewables offshore wind projects across the UK, Germany, France and the US. They also learnt about working in an offshore development team and the various roles and skills required throughout the life of a windfarm.

The class was introduced to the innovative ways that ScottishPower Renewables' Research and Development team is utilising new technologies to make projects more efficient. The presentations finished with a Q&A session and simulated tours of ScottishPower Renewables windfarms using virtual reality headsets.

"All students and the lecturers were just delighted with how it went, truly engaging and interesting content and delivery." Graeme Galloway, Programme Director, Dumfries & Galloway Developing the Young Workforce.

### ? Did you know?

Dumfriesshire East Community Benefit Group recently met to award the third round of funding available from our Ewe Hill Windfarms. Over £166,000 has been awarded to more than 30 local projects over the first two rounds helping a range of initiatives deliver community services and facilities to youth and education programmes.

### ? Did you know?

Last year ScottishPower was delighted to have three employees included in the Sunday Telegraph's prestigious list of 'Top 50 Women in Engineering', celebrating the notable achievements made by women in the sector who had returned after a break of at least 18 months or transferred to engineering from another sector.

### ? Did you know?

The Scottish Poppy Appeal raises over £2 million each year and enables Poppy Scotland, as part of The Royal British Legion, to provide tailored support and funding to thousands of ex-servicemen and women. ScottishPower Renewables won first place in the 2018 Glasgow Corporate Raid raising £1,272.99.

## 100% green

ScottishPower has become the first integrated energy company in the UK to shift completely from coal and gas generation to wind power, after completing the sale of our traditional generation business.

- 100% of electricity to be generated from clean wind power
- £5.2bn 4-year plan to invest in renewables and smart grids to make electricity cleaner and cheaper for Britain

Keith Anderson, Chief Executive of ScottishPower, said: "This is a pivotal shift for ScottishPower as we realise a long-term ambition. Every working day we are investing over £4m to deliver cleaner, smarter power for customers. From today we can focus solely on making energy generation cheaper, cutting carbon quicker, building smart grids and connecting customers to a renewable electric future for transportation and heating."

### 10 WAYS TO LOOK AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH



## Health and Safety matters

At ScottishPower, Health and Safety is always our priority and we recognise that mental health is as important as physical health. More than 200 of our employees have volunteered to be trained as Mental Health First Aiders. To date, 60 have learned practical tips to help people suffering from mental ill health or emotional distress. Find out more about looking after mental health on the links to the right.

#### USEFUL LINKS:

- [www.seemescotland.org/](http://www.seemescotland.org/)
- [www.samaritans.org/](http://www.samaritans.org/)
- [www.smhfa.com/index.aspx](http://www.smhfa.com/index.aspx)
- [www.mind.org.uk/](http://www.mind.org.uk/)
- [www.mentalhealth.org.uk](http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk)
- [www.samh.org.uk/](http://www.samh.org.uk/)

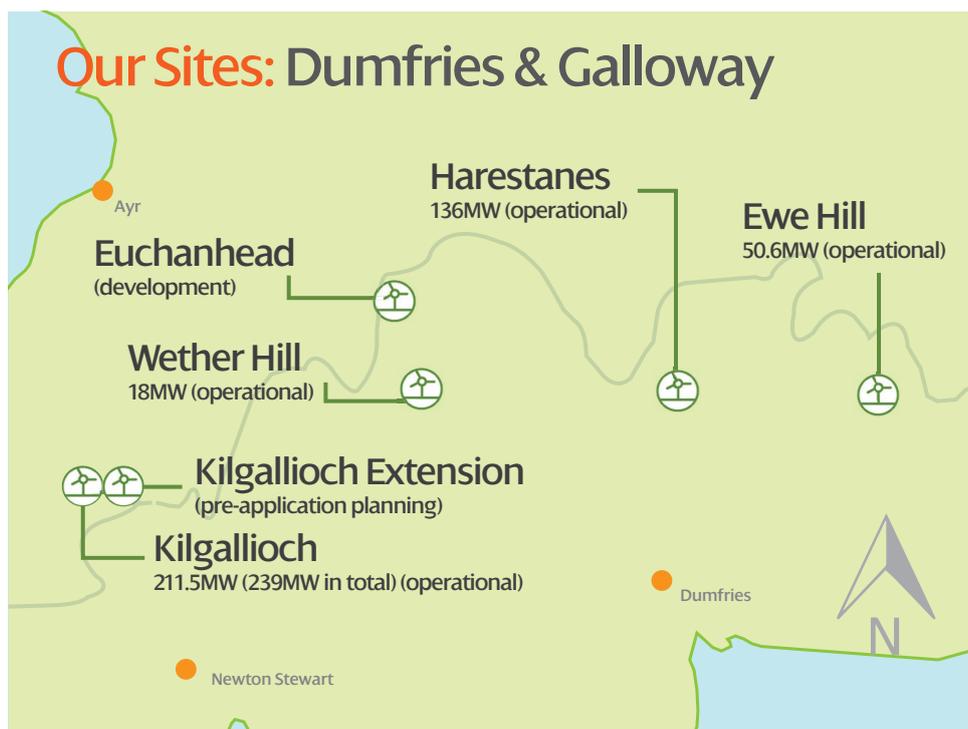


## Dumfries & Galloway at a glance

- £5,400,420 community benefit funding invested in Dumfries and Galloway by ScottishPower Renewables
- Four operational windfarms
- 373,583\* equivalent homes powered per year
- One windfarm in development
- One windfarm Pre-application Planning
- 76 community council areas eligible for community benefit funds

(\* based on BEIS's capacity factor for onshore wind in Scotland (35.2% for windfarms commissioned in or after 2017/2018 and 26.7% for those commissioned in or before 2016/2107) and Ofgem's typical annual GB domestic electricity consumption of 3.1MWh.)

## Our Sites: Dumfries & Galloway



## Your communications preferences

It is important to us that you are kept informed about ScottishPower Renewables activities in your area; however we are committed to only sending information based on your specific preferences. Please keep an eye out for an email from 'no-reply@tractivity.co.uk' in which you will be able to select your preferred methods of contact from ScottishPower Renewables.

We hope that you found our newsletter interesting and as always we welcome your feedback. Your local Community Liaison Team is Gillian Arnot, Natasha McBain, Tracy Kennedy and Siobhan McLaughlin.

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