

# Hinkley Point B power station

## August 2013 monthly report

### Introduction

This is our latest monthly report, sharing news with our local community stakeholder groups and local councils. This forms part of our commitment to being an open and transparent business. These reports are also available to all members of the public on [www.edfenergy.com](http://www.edfenergy.com) website.

### Safety update

Hinkley Point B measures its safety performance against top tier indicators, including nuclear reportable events, environmental events, and staff and contract partner recordable injuries. It is now over five years since we experienced a nuclear reportable event, and over four years since our last environmental event.

### Station generation

Reactor 3 has been on line since 21 December 2012, and operated at nominal full load throughout August. Reactor 4 has been on line since 10 June 2013, and operated at nominal full load throughout August.

### Hinkley's new apprentices learn the ropes

The latest group of apprentices from Hinkley Point B power station have kicked off their new careers at EDF Energy with a team building week in the Lake District.

The six new recruits, from local schools including Haygrove, Chilton Trinity and Huish Episcopi as well as Bridgwater College, joined the company's other new apprentices recruited across EDF Energy's nuclear sites.

The Lakes' week was the culmination of a testing recruitment process which started last autumn when over 300 applications came in for the Hinkley Point positions. After tests and interviews the six apprentices were finally selected to join the Hinkley Point B team of 540 full-time employees.

Station Director, Mike Harrison, said: "As usual, we had a great deal of interest in our apprenticeship scheme as we have built up a strong reputation for providing high quality training and employment opportunities."

After the final six were chosen the apprentices and their families were taken to see HMS Sultan – the Portsmouth-based training facility where the apprentices will spend their first two years before returning to Hinkley Point B.



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Jim Mason, apprentice training co-ordinator at the site, said: "Many of our apprentices come from the local schools and it's important for us to ensure their parents are comfortable with the set up at HMS Sultan and so we take them to see the site first hand."



Away from the classroom the apprentices will enjoy excellent sports and leisure facilities under the watchful eye of the centre's own team.

EDF Energy's apprentices also undertake an extensive life skills package along with some cultural visits to European cities.

Jim Mason added: "The life skills part of the scheme is very important to us and after the initial two years away we end up with some very mature and capable individuals. As a kick start to the apprenticeship we

take all of the first year apprentices to the Lake District for a team building week and this works well as the group will be spending the next two years learning together."

Applications for the EDF Energy apprentice programme will open in October and available through the EDF Energy careers website at [www.edfenergy.com/careers/](http://www.edfenergy.com/careers/)

## Community news

### Station Visits

Visitors to the power station during August included representatives from Cirencester Science Group and Young Generation Network, along with many members of the public who took part in pre-arranged organised group tours. All visitors received presentations on the power station before being taken on a guided tour. So far this year, over 1,800 people have visited Hinkley Point B.

### Talk Service events

The company offers a service where Hinkley Point B employees give presentations to the local community about nuclear power, EDF Energy, the power station and careers. A presentation was made during August to Somerton U3A Aviation Group. Talk Service speakers can be booked by contacting our visitor centre on 01278 429225 / 428988 or by email to: [hinkleybtours@edf-energy.com](mailto:hinkleybtours@edf-energy.com).

### Marie Curie Cancer Care fundraising

Since EDF Energy launched its partnership with Marie Curie Cancer Care on 1 May 2013, staff and contract partners at Hinkley B have raised £10,892 for the charity through a variety of fundraising activities. This figure has been match funded by the company, meaning the total has risen to a massive £21,784. £19,000 pays for a Marie Curie Cancer Care nurse to care for people with terminal illnesses for a whole year.

### Hinkley Point visitor centre

Members of the public and organised groups have been taking the opportunity to visit Hinkley Point's new visitor centre since it was officially opened last December. Over 6,600 people have visited the interactive centre which is based in Bridgwater's Angel Place Shopping Centre. The visitor centre is open six days a week, Monday to Friday 09:30 to 16:00 and on Saturdays between 09:30 and 13:00. An EDF Energy customer services representative is also in the visitor centre every Wednesday between 10:00 and 15:00 answering customer queries. To find out more information about the visitor centre or to book a tour of Hinkley Point B power station, email [hinkleybtours@edf-energy.com](mailto:hinkleybtours@edf-energy.com) or telephone 01278 429225 / 01278 428988.

### Company news

#### Energy tariff offers fixed prices for 16 months with no exit fees

EDF Energy has launched its Blue+Price Promise December 2014 which gives customers the chance to fix their energy prices for the next 16 months - with the freedom to leave at any time without paying an exit fee.

Based on a national average of regional prices, the annual dual fuel bill for a customer on Blue+Price Promise December 2014 paying by monthly direct debit will be £1,210 a year at typical consumption.

EDF Energy's Blue+Price Freeeze November 2016 tariff, which is the longest fixed priced energy deal available in the market, will remain on sale.

Blue+Price Freeeze November 2016 offers fixed prices for 39 months and does not have early termination fees. Based on a national average of regional prices, the annual dual fuel bill for a customer on Blue+Price Freeeze November 2016 paying by monthly direct debit would be £1,350 a year at typical consumption.

Both tariffs are available to all dual fuel, and electricity-only customers who pay by direct debit or cash / cheque. They are open to both new and existing customers.

#### Torness reaches 200 terawatt hours of production

Torness power station has clocked up 200TWh of low carbon electricity generated since Scotland's youngest nuclear power station connected to the grid in 1988 – a momentous milestone.

Putting this into perspective, this amount of power has avoided around 130 million tonnes of CO2 or, put another way, the same as taking all of the passenger cars off the UK's roads for two years.

There are two reactors at Torness - both capable of generating 665 megawatts of power - enough low carbon electricity for around two million homes.



### **Thirty years of safe, clean nuclear generation at Hartlepool power station**

Hartlepool power station has marked 30 years of electricity production with a series of events including on-site activities on the day itself - August 1 - and a family fun day.

The site's new visitor centre is also beginning to take shape, and is due to open in November.

Simon Parsons, station director, said; "This is an important milestone for everyone at the station, and one they should be very proud of.

"Since 1983 the site has generated more than 150 terawatt hours of electricity. The site produces enough low carbon electricity to power around two million homes every minute of every day." And as the site produces low carbon electricity, its 150 terawatt hours has avoided around 100 million tonnes of CO2 emissions - equivalent to removing all the vehicles from the entire UK's roads for around two years.

### **Next local community meeting**

The next Site Stakeholder Group meeting will be held on Friday 25 October 2013 from 10:00 hours to 13:00 hours at The Canalside, Bridgwater.

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