

South Kyle Wind Farm Project

Newsletter Summer 2021

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First Anniversary Marked with Milestone at South Kyle Wind Farm

The construction of South Kyle Wind Farm has now passed a significant milestone with the completion of the project's first turbine foundations.

It means progress on site is on track for completion in early 2023, at which point South Kyle Wind Farm will be fully energised and the community investment fund opened.

The milestone comes almost a year after work commenced on site, and marks a shift from the initial phase - where the focus was on access - to laying the groundworks for the arrival of the first turbine components early next year.

Each of South Kyle's 50 turbine foundations is a major engineering project in itself. For example, the foundations for turbine number 43 in the southern part of the site required 520 cubic metres of concrete, 60 tonnes of steel and a 6m depth of compacted stone.

To help minimise carbon footprint and traffic disruption, this stone has been obtained from onsite quarries. Plus, a dedicated concrete batching plant has also been established on site, a temporary structure built to ensure the all-important concrete-pours can be scheduled to suit not only the project schedule but an array of critical factors such as weather conditions.

Vattenfall's Principal Contractor RJ McLeod is leading the operation employing local sub-contractors and plant hire companies to help in the construction of the 50 foundations across the site.

Stuart Matthews, Vattenfall's Balance of Plant Package Manager at South Kyle, said: "Laying the first foundations is a major milestone for South Kyle Wind Farm, and reflects the excellent progress made by the construction team over the past year. A huge amount of planning and preparation goes into constructing each of these foundations, with the final stages of the concrete pour often a dawn til dusk operation. It is very much a team effort and we are proud to have working with us on South Kyle many of Scotland's most experienced and highly skilled specialists and operatives."

The laying of the turbine foundations is also a major milestone for South Kyle Wind Farm's environmental monitoring team. Years of monitoring and detailed study has enabled the sites Ecological Clerks of Works ("ECOWs") to ensure the environment is protected.

Making Connections

Work has also been progressing to connect the northern and southern sections of South Kyle Wind Farm. New tracks have been laid and a new temporary bridge installed over the Prickeny Burn, meaning plant and people can now move across site without detouring via the A713 and B741.



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Sign up now for updates ahead of turbine component delivery next year

Please click on this link if you wish to receive notifications. <https://bit.ly/3r2oBXf>

Thank you

Thank to you everyone in the local communities for your support of the South Kyle Wind Farm project.

From attending online meetings, taking part in surveys or adding your voice to the community investment discussions, to helping share details of job opportunities, providing general feedback or supplying goods and services, #teamsouthkyle very much appreciate the time you've given to help us ensure this project maximises opportunities for local communities.

Despite the pandemic, we've had a great response from local people keen to get involved and keep in touch. Here are just a few examples of what we've been up to over recent months.

Meet Melanie

Melanie Rogers is part of South Kyle Wind Farm's local liaison team, working with Carol, Sarah and other colleagues to update communities on the project and help maximise opportunities for local people.

Melanie has 9 years experience in a similar role working on offshore projects and is excited to be working on the South Kyle project - not least as she's recently discovered her family tree has roots in the New Cumnock area!

Melanie and the team can be reached at southkyle.windfarm@vattenfall.com



**Melanie Rogers,
Local Liaison Officer**



Garden Path at Bellsbank

South Kyle Wind Farm was delighted to help Bellsbank Primary School by creating a new pathway connecting the playground to the children's new potting area. A team from contractors RJ McLeod laid a brand new walkway with Vattenfall paying for the materials. The pathway means they can reach their potting area and bug hotel - made from pallets also gifted by South Kyle Wind Farm - without having to splash through puddles or wet grass. Principal Teacher Gillian Sullivan said: "A huge thanks to the team who built the path for us. This makes it so much easier for us to access the ECO Garden for outdoor learning."



Speed Focus

Regular users of the B741 may have recently spotted some speed gun checks along the route.

This was initiated by South Kyle's Principal Contractor RJ McLeod after we were contacted by some local residents concerned about speeding and the impact the additional site traffic may be having on driver behaviours. You might also spot some new signs, put up by the team, reminding all drivers to watch their speed.

Safety is of paramount importance to Vattenfall, both on and offsite, and so we are working closely with all our contractors to keep the roads in and around South Kyle not just safe but beautiful too.



Litter Stars

In collaboration with Developing Young Workforce, South Kyle Wind Farm's contractor RJ McLeod recently ran a poster competition. Children from primary schools across Ayrshire were invited to design a 'stop littering' poster and almost 400 entries were submitted!

Well done to all the children from the participating schools: Bellsbank, Dykesmain, Fenwick, Kingcase, Monkton, Newmilns, St John's, St Patrick's, Symington, Troon, West Kilbride and Winton.

And a huge congratulations to Darcci McIntyre of Symington Primary School (P7) whose poster will now be reproduced and posted across South Kyle Wind Farm.

In fact, we thought it was such an important message that we've dedicated a whole page to it (see page 6).

Andy Gillan, RJ McLeod Project Manager said: "A big thank you to all of the pupils from the local schools in Ayrshire who sent in poster competition entries. We were blown away by the response. All of the posters were really great and we had a fun time looking through each and every one of them. It was especially difficult to choose the winners among such high quality entries. Thank you".

Driving Down Dust

To help ensure as little of this spread across the forest and down to the nearby settlements, our teams initiated a dampening programme, hosing down active areas to keep the dust spread to a minimum.

New Cumnock Takes the Biscuit

In April, South Kyle Wind Farm were delighted to fund treats for all the children participating in New Cumnock Development Trusts' active fund day. Juices and snacks were purchased and enjoyed by children from throughout the village.



Stepping Up at St Xavier's

When the children at Patna's St Xavier's Primary School decided they wanted some chopped up logs for their playground, South Kyle Wind Farm were delighted to help. Felling contractor Euroforest kindly arranged for logs to be cut to size and delivered to the school.

Recycling Paper Project

Old technical drawings and designs have been recycled from the site team as doodling paper for the children of Bellsbank Early Childhood Centre, with funding for new pens and crayons for the pre-schoolers.



Dalmellington in Bloom

After a difficult year, it was nice to help out with the hanging baskets in Dalmellington - we will all be able to appreciate them.

Springing Forward

Work towards the creation of South Kyle Wind Farm's Community Investment Fund took another step forward this spring with a series of online workshops and the first meeting of the South Kyle Community Investment Fund Working Group.

Due to open in 2023, the Fund will be worth an estimated £38million over 25 years to the Carsphairn, Dalmellington, New Cumnock and Patna areas. Ahead of that, Vattenfall is working with local communities to develop a bespoke arrangement, one suited to the aspirations of the local communities. This process started last year with initial research, local polling and open, introductory discussions with residents and representatives of groups and organisations across the four communities.

The process moved forward in the Spring with a series of online events focused on themes inspired by last year's 'Give My View' poll, some of the shared priorities across current community action plans and Vattenfall's own commitment to fossil free living within one generation.

Attendees heard from community organisations from across Scotland, each with experience of implementing activity linked to the themes - tourism and heritage, education and training, housing, greening communities, and sport, leisure, health and wellbeing. In each case, community benefit funds made a significant contribution either financially or other in ways such as helping with forward planning or leveraging in more significant funding from other sources.

"Thank you to everyone who took the time to join us for these discussions," said Suzy Mercer of Foundation Scotland, the charity commissioned by Vattenfall to work with local communities to develop an arrangement for the South Kyle Community Investment Fund. Each theme was identified, through polling and research, as a local priority, so we arranged meetings to enable local people to learn from some other communities and think more about what they'd like to see the South Kyle Fund achieve for their area. It was great to be reminded how much there is to learn from other projects and organisations who are a bit further ahead in terms of working to maximise to how much there is to learn from other projects and

organisations who have gained experience in terms of working to maximise community benefits.

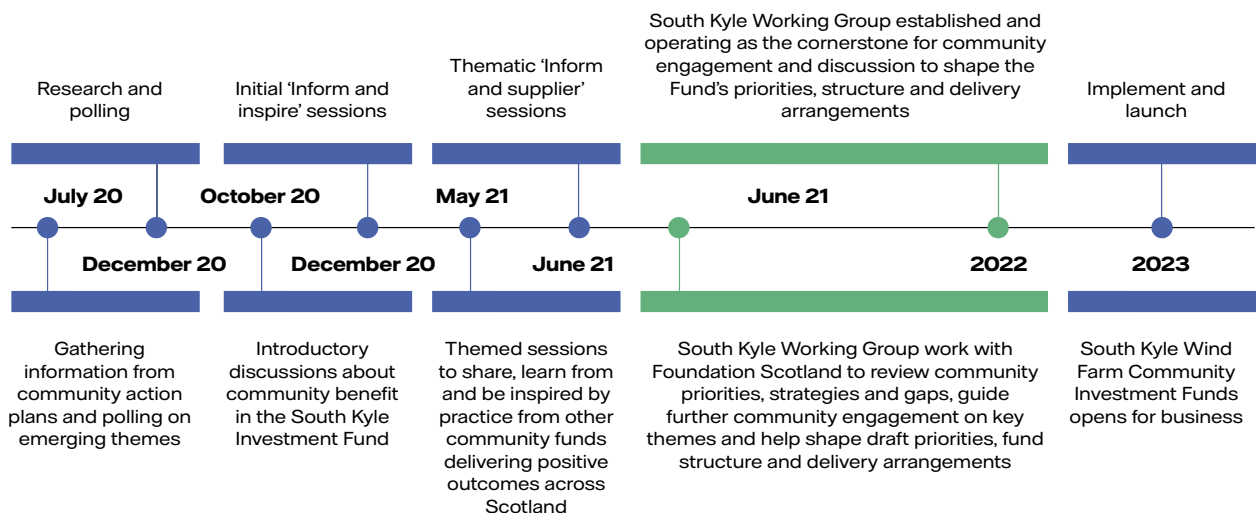
We welcomed visitors from John O'Groats to Stranraer, from Stow to Falkirk who shared insight and inspiration about projects, large and small, that were making a qualitative difference to people's lives locally and where community benefit has been a really important asset. From this, we can take forward discussions about opportunities for the South Kyle Fund, and help the newly formed Working Group start to develop an arrangement designed for the South Kyle communities."

The Working Group consists of representatives of key local organisations, including community councils and development trusts, and is meeting every couple of months. Upcoming sessions will focus on a review of community action plans, respective community benefit funds' with 'Upcoming sessions will focus on local priorities for each of the four South Kyle communities individually and a participatory budgeting project where local young people can practice decision-making by choosing how to spend a small amount of money donated by Vattenfall.'



Image: One of the many projects featured in the Inform and Inspire sessions discussed how community benefit is helping improve access to the River Carron and helping elderly and less mobile residents enjoy the outdoors.

South Kyle Community Investment Fund: building the foundations



Celebrating local Businesses

As construction continues at South Kyle Wind Farm, Vattenfall has launched a campaign to shine a spotlight on the local businesses and people who are helping us build the wind farm.

Across Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway, many businesses of all shapes and sizes are involved in supplying the project – either directly or indirectly – each playing their own role in helping us achieve a fossil fuel free future. The ‘Supplier Stories’ campaign highlights some of these businesses, and we hope it will encourage more local businesses to consider future opportunities. If you are interested in working with us, please contact us at southkyle.windfarm@vattenfall.com.

The campaign kicked off in late May with Dalmellington café ‘The Bacas’ in the spotlight, followed by Ayrshire business ‘The Working Wardrobe’. More case studies and feature videos are in the pipeline so keep an eye on Vattenfall’s social media for more local businesses being featured.

Find out more at: <https://group.vattenfall.com/uk/what-we-do/our-projects/south-west-scotland/supplier-stories>. Let us know if you would like your business to be featured in our campaign.



Ayrshire Meet the Buyer

In April, South Kyle Wind Farm participated in a major event, encouraging more local businesses to get involved in supplying the project.

Ayrshire Meet the Buyer brought members of RJ McLeod’s South Kyle construction team, Christina McKitrick (RJ McLeod’s Corporate Social Responsibility Manager) and Vattenfall’s Regional Liaison Officer Carol Kane before an online audience of almost 600 businesses to highlight opportunities at the wind farm.

Carol Kane commented: “Thank you to RJ McLeod for inviting Vattenfall to exhibit with them at this excellent event and provide the opportunity for us to meet more local businesses, some of which have since joined the South Kyle supply chain.”

→ To view the video click on this link: <https://youtu.be/45Xy8vegL5s>.

Education

Lockdown has made engagement with schools challenging not just for obvious safety reasons but the teachers more than enough on their plate. We are therefore in the process of putting together a set of online resources aimed at primary school teachers and students to talk them through onshore wind and tackling climate change.

We hope to launch these in September/October so watch this space! In the meantime, any schools interested in this or wanting to plan a visit (either online or in person), please contact us here southkyle.windfarm@vattenfall.com.

Keep in Touch

As the project progresses there will be a lot of activity on site and we want to ensure you are kept up to date.

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Thanks for reading.

Darrei McIntyre

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