



Summer 2024

Making a difference in South West Scotland

Welcome to our Summer 2024 update from Vattenfall in South West Scotland.

Besides operating the now fully operational South Kyle Wind Farm, Vattenfall is seeking planning consent for Quantans Hill Wind Farm in Dumfries and Galloway, and is in the final stages of pre-application design for South Kyle II Wind Farm in East Ayrshire.

Together these projects represent significant opportunities for local jobs, businesses and communities, and we're working across the region to build awareness, gather feedback and make connections.

This spring we have been especially focussed on engaging with young people and local businesses across the region, and recent weeks have seen the second round of community consultation events for South Kyle II Wind Farm. Meanwhile, Quantans Hill Wind Farm remains within the planning system, as statutory stakeholders assess the proposal, with a potential construction start date (subject to consent) now from 2026.

Boggy boost for biodiversity

Vattenfall's wind farms have a built-in commitment to boosting biodiversity, and at South Kyle habitat enhancement works are well underway with the first phase of on-site peat bog restoration now complete.

Man-made ditches (long predating the wind farm) have been blocked, enabling the natural water table to begin restoring the land to its natural boggy state. This will create conditions for peat-forming sphagnum moss to thrive, meaning the land will be able to function as a natural carbon store whilst creating a biodiverse habitat supportive of many moorland species.

More habitat enhancements are planned at Quantans Hill Wind Farm, including further peatland and heathland restoration, and at South Kyle II.

Find out more about how Vattenfall's UK wind farms are boosting biodiversity at:
www.vattenfall.co.uk/environment



Wanted: local suppliers

If you missed the chance to meet our teams at recent Meet the Buyer events in Dumfries, Glasgow or Huntly, please get in touch. Purchase orders and contracts are already being drawn up, so don't miss out as we continue to build our network of local suppliers for our next investments in the South West and across Scotland.

www.vattenfall.co.uk/supplychain



Community benefits

Thank you to Dalmellington Parish Development Trust for inviting us to the official handover of Dunaskin Doon Bowling Club in April. Find out more about how wind farm funds - and a last minute transatlantic call - helped them save this historic club at

www.dalmellingtontrust.org



Project design and engineering are local top picks for windy careers

Young people in Dumfries and Galloway and East Ayrshire have signalled their interest in Project Design and Engineering related jobs when considering careers in onshore wind. Jobs in health and safety, archaeology, turbines engineering and chainsawing were also popular, as was office administration, hydrology, legal and finance.

The data was gathered by Vattenfall at May's Bang Goes Dumfries & Galloway (pictured), the East Ayrshire Careers Fair in Kilmarnock, and a careers event for pupils at Cumnock's Robert Burns Academy. At each, young people were invited to consider a list of 38 different jobs supported by onshore wind farm development, and mark any they find interesting. Almost 200 responses were gathered,

Meanwhile, a recent report by University of Edinburgh's ClimateXChange has highlighted the need to significantly increase Scotland's onshore wind workforce, with Dumfries and Galloway and East Ayrshire highlighted amongst the areas of greatest opportunity.

Matthew Bacon, Project Manager for Quantans Hill Wind Farm, said: "When we build a wind farm, Vattenfall's aim is that everyone in the local community will know someone who has either worked on or supplied the project directly or indirectly. Our experience in developing South Kyle showed that with the right approach, and by building partnerships and networks early on, this is possible. This feedback from local young people gives us an insight into what they are most interested in and will help us develop a local skills and recruitment plan for our next investments in south west Scotland.

"It also help us develop Vattenfall's Onshore Wind Apprenticeship Scheme, a commitment which targets the creation of 50 apprenticeships across Scotland as our pipeline projects come to fruition. This would include a number of apprenticeships directly associated with the construction and operation of Quantans Hill Wind Farm."

Meanwhile, with the schools out for summer, we've tallied up how many young people Vattenfall's teams have engaged with across Scotland this academic year. From Galloway to Grantown, our local teams have met over 3000 youngsters - around half from Dumfries & Galloway and Ayrshire - highlighting renewables careers, learning about wind energy, and practising for interviews.

Thank you to all of the teachers, schools, advisers and partners who have welcomed us to their classrooms and events - and to the young people for having the best questions! If your school, college or organisation would like to know more please get in touch.

Coming up: STEM fair and business exhibition

Join us at Dumfries House on 2 August where we'll be taking part in their annual STEM Fair, a free event for all the family.

You can also catch up with us at the Dumfries and Galloway Chambers of Commerce Business Exhibition on 26 September at Loreburn Hall, Dumfries.

Glenkens Education

Thank you to GCAT for inviting us to speak at their recent Glenkens Education and Learning event, and highlight the jobs and skills opportunities projects like Quantans Hill Wind Farm could create for local communities.



Celebrating sports and sustainability

We were thrilled to support Doon Academy's recent Sports Awards - congratulations to all the young people on their achievements.

Vattenfall were also delighted to be part of the East Ayrshire Clean Green Education Awards, providing materials for their 'Power Down' trophies plus goodie bags.

Inspired by wind turbines, these trophies were awarded to schools who have reduced energy consumption whilst building sustainability awareness through a series of challenges. Well done to all involved!

Co-ordinating approach

Feedback from local communities indicated a desire for developers in the Glenkens area to better co-ordinate, so we are pleased to take up the opportunity to be part of the newly formed Glenkens Developer Group.

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