



Season's Greetings

Autumn 2024 update

Welcome to the Autumn/Winter 2024 update from Vattenfall in South West Scotland.

Vattenfall's proposals for Quantans Hill Wind Farm remain in planning, with statutory stakeholders - including Dumfries & Galloway Council - and the consenting authority (the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit) considering our plans.

Besides contributing to renewable energy security, this major investment east of Carsphairn represents an opportunity for biodiversity gains, community benefit funding, visitor access plus an economic boost with Vattenfall's focus on supporting local jobs and businesses. Indeed, in the two years since submitting the proposal to planning, Vattenfall has continued to engage with local businesses and schools, highlighting the opportunities the wind farm could bring if consented.

Meanwhile in East Ayrshire, Vattenfall is finalising plans for South Kyle II Wind Farm east of Dalmeilington. Since the second round of community consultation, we have been working through the feedback received. A Feedback Summary is now available on the project website, covering the key topics and themes raised during the consultation. The South Kyle II FAQs have also been updated. Work on a bespoke Skills & Employability Plan is also well advanced. This will build on our experience of supporting local jobs during the construction of nearby South Kyle Wind Farm, and consider new opportunities to boost local employment in partnership with key local stakeholders.

The South Kyle II Wind Farm proposals are set to be submitted to planning early next year. Full details will be published at the time and we will continue to engage with local communities and stakeholders throughout.

In the meantime, find out more about Quantans Hill and South Kyle II Wind Farms at:

www.vattenfall.co.uk/quantanshill

www.vattenfall.co.uk/southkyle2



Virtual views

You can now climb a wind turbine and take in the view from the top - virtually - thanks to a new VR film produced by Vattenfall. Filmed at Ray Wind Farm in Northumberland, the immersive experience is now on our Youtube channel to be enjoyed at home with your own VR headset

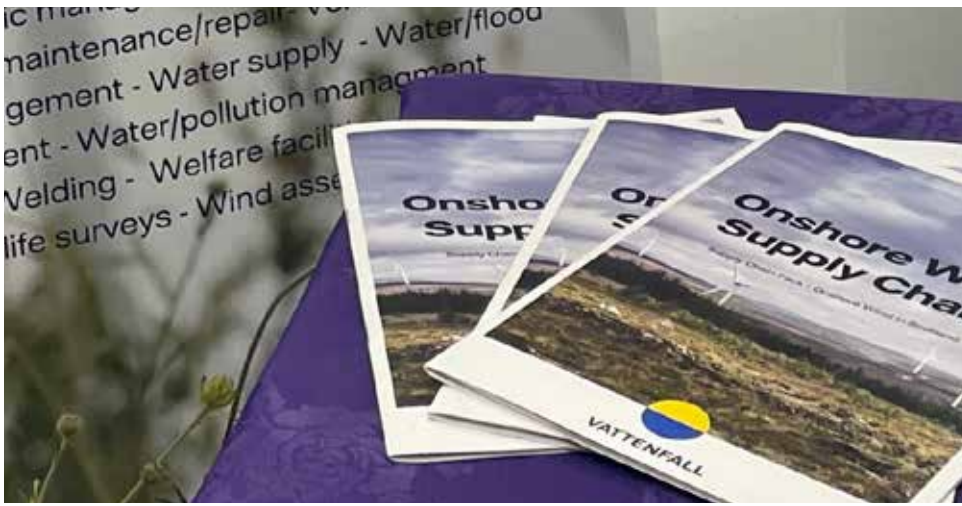
www.youtube.com/@VattenfallGB



Tiny house innovation

Vattenfall recently unveiled a demonstrator 'tiny house' made from a repurposed wind turbine nacelle. Read more about this innovative approach to decommissioning at

www.vattenfall.co.uk/newsroom



Rural education

Earlier this year, Vattenfall took part in the Glenkens Education Forum, speaking about renewables careers, forecast skills shortages and how wind farm community benefits are supporting skills development.

This event fed into research commissioned by Glenkens & District Trust on rural education and sustainability, and their recently published findings can now be viewed online. Thank you to the GDT team for the opportunity to contribute to this important discussion.

Read more at www.glenkenstrust.org.uk/community-action-plan

Connecting with business

Throughout the autumn, our Quantans Hill and South Kyle II Wind Farm teams continued to engage with local businesses, with stands at the Dumfries & Galloway Business Exhibition and the BW24-B2B Exhibition in Ayrshire. Thank you to the respective chambers of commerce for organising these busy events, and to all the local businesses who took the time to connect with Vattenfall.

Thanks to events like these, our local supplier directory for south west Scotland is continuing to grow and will be a valuable resource to our projects and key contractors should our wind farm proposals be consented.

Thank you also to South of Scotland Enterprise for the inspiring and informative Dumfries Business Summit, and to the South of Scotland Destination Alliance for inviting us for further discussion on how onshore wind can work with and for the visitor economy.

Find out more about supply chain opportunities at www.vattenfall.co.uk/supplychain

STEM, skills and schools

Across 2024, Vattenfall attended almost 30 skills, careers and STEM focussed events, visits and meetings in south west Scotland. We reached a combined total of over 3000 young people and stakeholders from Dumfries & Galloway and Ayrshire, highlighting the broad range of careers and job opportunities that can come with wind farm development.

Between October and December 2024, this included a careers fair at Robert Burns Academy; delivering classroom presentations to Logan Primary, Langholm Academy and an Action for Children programme at Doon Academy; conducting mock interviews at North West Campus in Dumfries; supporting Patna Primary School's Christmas activities; meeting P7s from Dalmellington, Bellsbank, Patna and Littlemill Primaries plus S1s at Doon Academy's transition careers clinic; joining stakeholders to celebrate the work of Developing Young Workforce's Innovation Programme in Ayrshire; and being part of the DYWD&G's Bridge to Your Future careers fair in Dumfries.

All of these conversations about jobs, careers, apprenticeships and the world of renewables have been illuminating, and are helping us prepare our plans to support local jobs through our projects at Quantans Hill and South Kyle II. We'll be continuing this programme in 2025, so if your school or event would like us to take part, please get in touch.



Land use insights

Thank you Glenkens Community Arts Trust for inviting us to join local stakeholders in Dalry to play Scotscape, an immersive strategy game designed and delivered by a team from the Zurich based Swiss Institute of Technology.

Exploring the question 'how should land be used', this experience was an invaluable insight into local community priorities and the importance of collaboration when combatting long term challenges such as climate change and food security.

Season's greetings and best wishes for 2025

Before signing off for the year, we'd like to thank everyone who has taken the time to engage with us and provide feedback this year. Look out for further updates in early 2025, and in the meantime have a happy festive season.

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