Autumn 2023 The Hinkley Point C community magazine

Pluggedin



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- Seven years of project progress
- Bridgwater's business boost
- Educating on nuclear energy

Community funding hits £15m milestone

ROB'S WELCOME

Welcome to the Autumn issue of **Plugged**in.

This year marks the seventh anniversary since the project received the green light for construction. On page 5, we reflect on the standout moments.

As well as celebrating construction milestones, it's important to shine a spotlight on those helping behind the scenes. I recently spent a day with the dedicated cleaning team (pictured below), the unsung heroes, witnessing firsthand their meticulous efforts in maintaining the cleanliness of our facilities.

Next, I will be spending time with Somerset Passenger Solutions (SPS). You can find out more about SPS on page 11 with our interview with former apprentice Josh Tobin. We are proud to announce that the HPC Community Fund has reached a milestone, awarding over £15 million to local groups. You can read more on pages 12 and 13.



Rob Jordan Project Construction Director

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CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS OF SUPPORT

Hinkley Point C has its own Apprentice and Skills Hub that provides a welcoming environment to help the project's apprentices and trainees develop – and this year marks its fifth anniversary.

The Hub allows visitors access to career guidance, courses, IT equipment and training. It's also used for events such as apprenticeship introductions and wellbeing sessions.

You can find out more about how Hinkley Point C supports its apprentices on page 7.

Editor's note

Welcome to the latest issue of Plugged in, the Hinkley Point C magazine for the community.

As always, it's a busy time for the project. This month I had the pleasure of meeting some of the local charities and organisations benefitting from the HPC Community Fund. We are pleased to report that we've now given £15 million of grants to community organisations.

It's also great to see that wildlife is flourishing at the Hinkley Point C site, with new species being spotted in the area (see page 14), along with the work to inspire individuals into science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers. Team members James and Phillip share how they've been engaging and educating the younger generation on page 7.

We understand the importance of community to Hinkley Point C and would love to hear from you. If you have any questions, stories to share, or topics you'd like us to feature in future editions, please let us know using the contact details on the left.

Stacy Walker, Plugged in Editor

All faiths and none

Hinkley Point C benefits from a diverse workforce drawn from all over Britain, Europe and the rest of the world. A team of chaplains are available to all workers, helping to provide pastoral and spiritual care ensuring everyone feels supported; this is a first on a major construction project.

He leads the team of seven

of whom are active in the local

governors.

on site."

volunteer associate chaplains, some

community as ministers and school

people and we do ceremonies (little

and large, site-wide or with a team

who may be bereaved). We support

faith and belief – which is a big part of

who people are - and this is respected

Ewen said: "We listen, reflect and

are here for everyone. We journey with

The mental wellbeing of team members is important at Hinkley Point C. The chaplains encourage everyone to feel able to be themselves at work. They represent all faiths and

none, offering a listening ear, and are ready to talk through any concerns in a non-judgmental and impartial manner. Site chaplain Ewen Huffman (pictured back row, second from right), is the first paid chaplain in the UK construction industry.



Chaplain chat A word from associate chaplain, Chris Pollard



transports people to and from site -

Somerset Passenger Solutions.

"In everything I have done, spending time listening to people has featured heavily. On the project, I've had both general conversations and deep discussions over life issues that have affected people – often nothing to do with their work lives. Sometimes they need an impartial ear so they can feel free to talk, and this is where I come in – with an open heart. It is a real privilege to be trusted by people with their story."



Promoting safety

As well as providing pastoral care, Ewen is involved in the coordination of the Hinkley Point C Safe Day, Safe Month Fund. The initiative was developed to drive safety on the project while supporting charitable organisations – with a donation of £50 to a local cause for every successful Safe Day and £3,000 for a Safe Month.

The Woodland Warrior Programme recently received £5,400 from the fund during a presentation ceremony assisted by Ewen (pictured). The next recipient is Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, a local charity that provides life-saving, pre-hospital critical care to patients in need.

An act of kindness

When local GP Dr Suzanne Cavaghan approached Ewen to help organise a trip for more than 100 people living in temporary accommodation in North Petherton, he jumped at the chance to provide support

On-site catering provider Somerset Larder generously donated meals for the families.

The food fuelled a lively visit to a soft play centre in what was a funfilled occasion appreciated by all.



The construction of Hinkley Point C's water-cooling tunnels needs meticulous planning and accuracy. But did you know that before the work begins, a ceremony is performed to 'bless' the tunnelling work?

Historically, building tunnels could be very risky, so people turned to Saint Barbara for protection. Saint Barbara has played an important role for centuries. As the patron saint of tunnellers and electricians, she is also known for her association with lightning strikes and explosions. Legend says that her executioner was struck by lightning and that's why she is linked to these events. This led to the tradition to say prayers to Saint Barbara before beginning tunnel works.

Even though tunnel construction is much safer today, elements of this tradition are still carried out at Hinkley Point C. Ewen Huffman, Site Chaplain, has led a number of these ceremonies on site, which involves offering prayers for the safety of all those involved and the



Raising the roof

The Turbine Hall has recently seen some impressive progress that really raised the roof! That's because four enormous steel roof trusses, each weighing up to 150 tonnes, were lifted into place.

lifting. The world's largest land-based crane, Big Carl, lifted the trusses into the Turbine Hall before a smaller crane was used to carefully manoeuvre them into their correct position on top of the building's steel structure.

managed to reduce the time it took for the positioning.

The second truss was positioned in jus six hours, compared to the 10 hours it

success of the task.

Ewen said: "It's such a privilege to do these ceremonies. Many people on site are praying for the important work we do here, and it needs to continue as safety and success are important to us – so we enlist all the help we can."

Even though the three main tunnels at Hinkley Point C have been constructed, the mining and excavation works connecting them to the large structures (known as heads) on the bottom of the seabed are still in progress.

ly seen some took

Now all four are in place, the Turbin Hall is ready for the next steps includir installing the roof and cladding to the walls, preparing for the arrival of the world's largest steam turbine.

WHAT'S IN THE TURBINE HALL? Inside the Turbine Hall, you will find the world's largest turbine. It's powered by steam from the reactor and spins at 1,500 revolutions per minute. This spinning motion connects to a generator that will eventually produce low carbon electricity for three million homes.

IT'S ALL GO...

Seven years ago Hinkley Point C received its Final Investment Decision (FID), which gave the go-ahead for construction to start. Here are a few of the highlights between then and now.



Hinkley Campus opened its doors in June 2018. Consisting of 15 blocks and 510 bedrooms, the campus was the first purpose-built accommodation site for team members working on the project. This was soon followed by Sedgemoor Campus in Bridgwater, which launched later in the year.



Hinkley Point C trained 750 apprentices, three quarters of the way to its target of creating 1,000 apprenticeships during the project's construction phase. This milestone was reached in 2022, well ahead of schedule. Today, apprenticeship opportunities are available across the project in a huge variety of specialisms.

WATCH NOW



Hinkley Point C got the green light from the government to start work on the first new nuclear power station in a generation.



Hinkley Point C:

Hinkley Point C launched its first annual socio-economic report, which tracked the significant social and economic benefits delivered by the project.



The installation of six large structures – known as heads – on the Bristol Channel seabed was completed safely and successfully. The heads make up a vital part of the site's cooling water system.

Scan the QR code to take a behind-the-scenes tour of Hinkley Point C with our latest project progress video.



The main civil engineering works contractor, Bylor, completed the first pour of nuclear safety concrete in the galleries. This concrete pour formed the foundations of the underground technical galleries and the service tunnel network.



The crane named Big Carl successfully lifted the first reactor's first steel liner into place on Unit 2's Nuclear Island, taking lessons learned from the Unit 1 lift in 2019.



A significant milestone is still to com Later this year, the domed roof will be carefully lifted on top of the first reactor building.



FIVE MINUTES WITH... SIMON LAFFERTY



Mechanical, Electrical and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (MEH) activity – fitting

at Hinkley Point C – is ramping up. So there's no better time to catch up with the project's new MEH Programme Director, Simon Lafferty.

How does it feel to be back?

"I was involved with the MEH team from the early years. When the opportunity came about to rejoin the project after moving back from Australia, it was a no-brainer. I have so many friends here from before, and they've made the transition easy."

What are your priorities for MEH?

"MEH already has 700 people and that number should pretty much double by this time next year. We have a lot of talented people and it's my job to make sure they're in the right position to succeed. This means getting what the team needs ready in the right sequence and at the right time."

How would you describe MEH's input?

"What has been done so far has been great. What we're trying to achieve has not been done in the UK for 30 years. We're setting the benchmark. I once saw a poster that a child had designed to promote a windfarm. The message has remained with me over the years. It said: 'We're generating for generations'. That's exactly what we're doing here."

And the community connection?

"I know the project has a strong relationship with the community – so much has changed even since I have returned. I remember when we were still forming the MEH Alliance, the project was just a piece of green land. It's completely changed now – there's a massive shift in local employment, I'm meeting a lot more apprentices within MEH from the local area, and I'm seeing the positive benefits from this project."



A SPOTLIGHT ON: THE WELDING CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Opened in 2020, the Welding Centre of Excellence is a purpose-built facility designed to support local people in accessing highly skilled welding careers through a range of different courses.

Where is it based?

The centre is located at the Bridgwater Campus of Bridgwater & Taunton College – around 12 miles from Hinkley Point C.

What is the purpose of the centre?

The Welding Centre of Excellence is busy providing a range of training courses for new welders or those who are looking to develop and enhance their current skills. It allows people to start or develop their career in welding with equipment and facilities to help them learn the tools of the trade. The centre plays a key role in guiding students towards technical careers, and benefitting employers throughout the South West by providing a highly skilled workforce. This contributes to the community and is helping provide a boost for the local economy.

What do the students think?

Carly Munroe (pictured, inset) trained as a Pipe Welder at the centre. She said: "One of the best parts of the course was constructing a toolbox from scratch using the welding skills I learned. The trainers on the course are excellent. I would tell anyone thinking about doing a course in welding to go for it!"

For more information, scan the QR code to the right.





INSPIRING AND EDUCATING

TURE

Hundreds of Somerset students have come face to face with Big Carl, the world's largest land-based crane, as part of Hinkley Point C's work to inspire young people into science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers.

As well as a coach tour of the site, children have benefitted from lively presentations, as schools are supported with topics relevant to the curriculum.

As Hinkley Point C continues to work with local schools and colleges, this activity is helping to build an understanding of nuclear energy and its role in the future energy mix.

James Mansfield, Visit Coordinator

and Education Specialist (pictured above, left), is a key part of Hinkley Point C's Visits team, organising school and community trips to the site. So far this year, the team has welcomed 38 different schools, universities and colleges, visited three schools to deliver assemblies and workshops, and represented the project at various events, including the Cheltenham Science Festival.

YOUR

FUTURE

James said: "Sharing the science behind what we do helps to explain the misconceptions which some may have about nuclear. It also empowers young people to have a more informed opinion around the important work Hinkley Point C is doing to help Britain achieve net zero." Phillip Riste, Education and Outreach Coordinator (pictured above, right), supports the Young HPC Programme, a free skills initiative for 16-21 year olds interested in a potential career at Hinkley Point C. Phillip also works with Somerset Diverse Communities (SDC), which supports minority ethnic communities across the region.

Phillip said: "I'm aware of areas in Somerset that need extra guidance, so as part of the Hinkley Point C legacy and my own work, we have been contacting those groups to offer information about opportunities available on the project." For further information on Young HPC, scan the QR code above.

FAST FACT

To date, 1,186

apprentices have

joined the project.

Support for apprentices

Building a nuclear power station requires a range of skills and specialisms and as a result provides an opportunity for people to train and develop a future career. And with more than 1,000 apprenticeship starts on the project so far, it's important that each individual feels supported. Hinkley Point C's Apprentice Wellbeing Programme helps those embarking on their educational journey by providing advice on everything from gambling harm reduction and money management to physical health and emotional wellbeing.

Recent sessions include:

Coffee with Rob Jordan

Once every six weeks, eight apprentices get the chance to speak with Project Construction Director Rob Jordan on a personal level. This opportunity allows current apprentices to hear about Rob's career journey – he started out as an apprentice himself – as well as benefit from any advice shared.

Stand Against Violence

Based in Taunton, Stand Against Violence is a local charity with a vision to enable people to live without violence.

These sessions cover effective communication, conflict resolution, and bullying and harassment prevention, working on

areas such as listening, prioritisation and resilience to ensure apprentices develop transferable skills to last a lifetime.

IT'S GOT A RING TO IT...

Hinkley Point C has installed the Reactor Pressure Vessel support ring. Weighing an impressive 55 tonnes, the support ring was lifted into position in September.

The installation of the support ring allows the Reactor Pressure Vessel to be lifted into place in 2024.

The support ring was lifted into position ahead of schedule, to allow work to progress in other areas and ensure the project remains on course for the dome lift at the end of the year. This step involves positioning the metal domed roof onto the reactor building, completing the building surrounding the nuclear reactor.

This will be a hugely symbolic moment for the project and will change the skyline of the power station.



The support ring was transported to Hinkley Point C via Combwich Wharf, where it arrived by barge.

THE SUPPORT RING IN NUMBERS WEIGHT: 54.6 TONNES HEIGHT: 1.9M DIAMETER: 8.2M



The ring had to be steered and landed with precision, with minute adjustments made to achieve the completion of the milestone.

The support ring (inset) was craned over the reactor building and lowered into place in a meticulous operation.



The Reactor Pressure Vessel, which has already arrived at Hinkley Point C, will be installed on top of the support ring.

Bridgwater is booming

New research is highlighting the wider benefits that Hinkley Point C is bringing to the local area.

Hinkley Point C is playing a major role in transforming the fortunes of its local area, according to new research by the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). Bridgwater and West Somerset, once seen as being too remote, with not enough jobs and an ageing population, has instead become a success story outperforming many areas across the wider region.

In 2017. The Guardian reported that West Somerset was bottom in a UK league table for social mobility – but Hinkley Point C's longterm focus and investment

One local company thriving, thanks

Point C, is Bridgwater-based precision

to its partnership with Hinkley

engineering firm Berry & Escott.

large companies involved in the

After six years of supporting other

project, Berry & Escott has secured

its own contracts as a primary supplier

Scott White, Sales Manager, said:

'We'll have some of the highest

levels of involvement on the

project and recognition of our

expertise alongside some of the

biggest companies in the world. It's

phenomenal and paves the way for us

into education, skills has been a 28% increase development and business support is now clearly making a difference. not only in building the capability of local companies but to the lives of thousands of local people. The new research shows that Hinkley Point C has

helped young people stay here in Somerset, with the 25-39 population up by almost 50% in Sedgemoor. The project's closest town of Bridgwater Advisory Service. is booming with productivity growing faster than anywhere else in the region and well above the

national average. There

REAPING THE REWARDS

in local employment and a 100% increase in large companies setting up. Andrew Cockcroft. EDF's Senior Stakeholder Relations Manager, said: "Making this happen has been a joint effort with organisations like the Heart of the South West LEP. Somerset Council. Somerset Chamber of Commerce, Bridgwater & Taunton College and the South West Manufacturing

"We're proud that together we are clearly making a big difference to people's lives and future prosperity."

increase in local employment. 100%

28%

increase in large companies setting up.

DID YOU KNOW? SPS has a fleet of more than 160 buses and transports around

SMOOTH OPERATOR

Former apprentice Josh Tobin has an important job at Hinkley Point C's specialist passenger transport contractor, Somerset Passenger Solutions (SPS), helping to keep the buses at Hinkley Point C running on time.

Hi Josh. Can you tell us how you got involved with the project?

"I live in Bridgwater and was looking at going to college, but then I saw an advert for Hinkley Point C apprenticeships and was interested in applying. During my time as an apprentice. I learned a lot and took on more and more responsibility. Afterwards, I was delighted to accept a full-time job at SPS."

What does it mean to be an **Operations Scheduler?**

"I'm responsible for the smooth running of the bus timetable and making sure any changes are brought in with minimum fuss and disruption for team members and the local community. We want to remove the worry for team members at Hinkley Point C and ensure that when they want to get to and from work, there's a bus waiting for them."

What does it involve?

"My team handles 13 different bus schedules to cover the varying shift patterns. Overseeing the planning behind what buses are on the road at what time takes a lot of people skills and data-crunching. We look at how people use the buses to get ideas for

improvements and talk to the drivers who get up at the crack of dawn and drive the route until late – for further insights."

How does SPS consider the community and environment?

"Reviewing our timetable monthly allows us to look at which services aren't being used and can be removed from operation. This ensures we aren't running more buses than required. For every one of our buses, it saves potentially up to 83 (for a doubledecker) or 53 (for a coach) cars being on the road. This reduces congestion on local roads, carbon emissions, and noise

COMMUNITY COMMUTES

SPS runs a scheduled free community bus from Monday to Friday connecting Bridgwater and Minehead, while serving the smaller villages along the route. The service runs three times a day (in both directions) and is available to those who would otherwise need to travel by car or taxi. To make this service as effective as pollution impacting local residents."

What's the best thing about working at Hinkley Point C and SPS?

"The sense of togetherness. It's like a beehive – everyone has their own tasks but we're working towards the common goal of building Britain's next nuclear power station. It's great because Hinkley Point C has created a new lease of life to Bridgwater by bringing more opportunities, which STAY IN will in turn boost THE KNOW the economy and benefit the community."

The new SPS Community Bus X page (formerly Twitter) gives regular service updates: @spsbus commun

possible, the team listens to feedback from the public. Josh added: "We recently received a request for more time in between runs, allowing more flexibility before catching a return bus. In response, we adjusted the schedule. We're always happy to receive feedback and make those improvements that benefit the community."

to secure further contracts, including at Sizewell C in Suffolk. It will also allow us to grow. We currently employ 55 local people, including six apprentices. We are planning to create a further 20 jobs and will continue to train the young engineers of the future."

GOING WITH THE FLOW

Berry & Escott will now design the flow loop simulator and will tender for the build and installation. The training simulator is similar to one they've previously installed at Bridgwater's National College for Nuclear. Chris Escott, Berry & Escott Director, said: "We are tremendously proud that future nuclear engineers will be using equipment we design as part of their training at Hinkley Point C."

to the project.

Celebrating six years of positive impact

Since 2017, the HPC Community Fund has proudly granted a remarkable £15 million to support local projects and initiatives. Discover how this funding is making a meaningful difference.

From granting £1.25 million to the Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival to funding an £800 history publication for Sedgemoor, the HPC Community Fund has been making a real impact since it launched in November 2017. Managed by Somerset Community

Foundation, the fund awards grants to local projects and works to maximise the opportunities Hinkley Point C has to offer for residents.

The HPC Community Fund consists of two main programmes: the Small Grants Programme, offering grants of up to £10,000 over one year or £20.000 over three years, and the Open Grants Programme, for larger applications from charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises.

Numerous projects have already benefitted, including Bridgwater

and Taunton Deaf Club's monthly support sessions, music workshops for Dunster Festival, and the mental health organisation Seed of Hope CIC's recovery through nature programme in Sedgemoor. Justin Sargent OBE, Chief Executive,

Foundation, said: "Hinkley Point C is the biggest development that Somerset has ever seen. It's making a big difference to the lives of many

£20m Somerset Community

and is bringing so many new opportunities."

million

£15

commitment by Hinkley Point C to fund local projects and improve the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of local communities.

£1.25m awarded to the Bridgwater **Guy Fawkes** Carnival.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2022/2023, the HPC Community Fund was responsible for... 57 grants and £2.6m+ of new grants

£800 funding for

a history publication for Sedgemoor.

Fun for all the family at Sedgemoor play day this August.



INSPIRATIONAL SUMMER

With support from the HPC Community Fund, Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge enjoyed a summer filled with open-air live performances, a flower festival and a free play day at Apex Park. Local community groups were presented with more than £55,000 to invigorate their outdoor events, which also helped The Avenue Tennis Club install energy-efficient

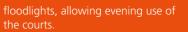


Jackson are able to enjoy playing together now, thanks to the newly installed wheelchair accessible swing at Wembdon play area.



Playday Committee, said: "It's important that local families can access green spaces and get involved in fun, physical activities

and wellbeing."



Rosie Pike, Chair of the Sedgemoor "Our hope is to encourage children

into joining clubs promoting health



Visitors touring the smart new community café ahead of opening.

ENERGISING A COMMUNITY CHURCH

Thanks to a £220,000 grant awarded in 2022, Bridgwater Baptist Church has undergone a renovation, and its new space is proving popular with local groups. Offices are in demand and the wellbeing café provides a welcoming and safe environment. A lift was also added for accessibility.

Reverend Tim Langdon said: "We're keen to support start-up organisations that want to help the community. We've already seen a need for our enterprise hub, which has eight affordable offices."

SPOTLIGHT ON WEMBDON

Since 2018, Wembdon has received a total of £163,404 in grants for local initiatives – and the support is making a lasting impact. There have been improvements to the cricket club's playing field, the rejuvenation of recreational woodlands, and the organisation of community cookery classes. This year, young people felt the benefits with a boost of almost £40,000 towards improved club facilities and accessible play equipment.

Anne Reed from Wembdon Parish Council said: "We've received positive feedback from the users of the accessible swings, and their families and carers. We've seen the swings used on a daily basis and it's been wonderful to see children with health conditions or impairments playing on the purpose-built equipment."

HOW TO APPLY

Looking to receive support for your organisation or project? The HPC Community Fund welcomes applications from registered charities, voluntary organisations, social enterprises, parishes and town councils. For more information on a list of grant programmes, submission deadlines and how to apply, visit **hpcfunds.co.uk** or scan the QR code to the right.



CARNIVAL IS BA

Bridgwater Carnival is just around the corner and for the second successive year, Hinkley Point C will be the main event sponsor.

It's one of the oldest carnivals in the UK and one of the largest in Europe. The celebrations will take place on Saturday 4th November and see tens of thousands flock to the streets of Bridgwater for an evening of excitement and creativity.

Mike Crocker, President for Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival, said: "Community

events like this rely very heavily on the support we receive from the local business sector, and if it wasn't for this, our carnival would not be as popular or successful as it is."

From 10:30, the town will be jam-packed with street entertainment to build excitement for the parade. There will be almost 100 entries in total. including more than 45 illuminated carnival carts. The main procession will kick off at 18:00 to delight those lining

the route

RAMBLERS

The carnival will close with Bridgwater's traditional squibbing display, which consists of the simultaneous firing of large fireworks (squibs). This year, approximately 200 squibbers will line the town's high street immediately after the procession to launch the dazzling display.

For those unable to make it, the carnival is also being streamed live. Visit bridgwatercarnival.org.uk to find out more.



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HINKLEY POINT C WORDSEARCH

We've hidden 12 words related to the project in the grid. Can you spot them all? They can be found across, down or diagonally.

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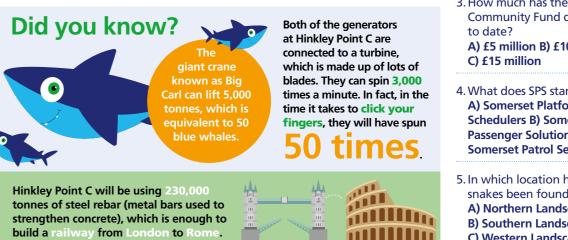
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CAN YOU SPOT THEM ALL?

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DON'T FORGET.

...to check out

of Hinkley Point C!

1. How many years has it been since Hinkley Point C received its Final Investment Decision (FID)? A) Three B) Five C) Seven

2. What is the name of the saint who blesses tunnels? A) Saint Barbara B) Saint **Betty C) Saint Beatrice**

3. How much has the HPC **Community Fund donated** A) £5 million B) £10 million

4. What does SPS stand for? **A) Somerset Platform** Schedulers B) Somerset Passenger Solutions C) **Somerset Patrol Services**

5. In which location have grass snakes been found? A) Northern Landscape Area **B)** Southern Landscape Area C) Western Landscape Area

Flourishing wildlife

The space south of the Hinkley Point C construction site has undergone a transformation, evolving into an ecosystem known as the Southern Landscape Area. Initially a repository for construction soil, this area has blossomed into grasslands and woodlands, with a range of wildlife, from hedgehogs and kingfishers to moths and barn owls.

The construction site boundary was relocated in 2019, allowing the Southern Landscape Area to flourish. Former water management zones were repurposed into wildlife ponds, becoming sanctuaries

for various species. Two woodlands were also planted along with nine hectares of wildflower meadow. Ongoing habitat management efforts led by Hinkley Point C have encouraged an increase in biodiversity. New inhabitants, such as hares, grass snakes and their offspring have been observed.

Chris Dennis, Associate Director of Ecology and Ornithology at WSP, said: "The Southern Landscape Area is exceeding expectations in terms of what we are recording, which is a really promising sign, as the project aims to result in a positive outcome for biodiversity."





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Hinkley Point C is unique. It's a project that's setting the standard for the future industry of new nuclear. And YOU can be a part of it. With support from the Hinkley Point C Jobs Service, you can:

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- Attend local community drop-in sessions and recruitment events
- Get early visibility of roles available on the project.

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