

Community Newsletter November 2025

Station safety performance and operations

We measure our safety performance against top tier indicators, including nuclear reportable events, environmental events, and staff and contract partner recordable injuries.

During the period of the report there have been:

- No recordable injuries
- No nuclear reportable incidents
- No environmental incidents

Sizewell B has operated at full capacity during this period providing low carbon electricity to over 2.5 million homes.

Sizewell B's next refuelling outage will take place in **May 2026**.

Please click on the link below for a daily update of the status of our nuclear power stations. The link will show which nuclear reactors are in service and what they were generating at the time the information was updated. You can also see which reactors are out of service, what the reasons are and when we expect them to return to service. In addition, we have included the expected timing of the next statutory outage of each nuclear reactor.

<http://www.edfenergy.com/energy/power-station/daily-statuses>

Staffing at Sizewell B

We currently have 649 EDF staff, this includes 12 Visitor Centre staff, 23 Apprentices, 2 Industrial Placements, 3 Technical Trainees, 1 Internship, 3 Graduates and 300 year-round contracting partners'.

Long Term Operations programme

EDF is fully committed to progressing the work required to extend Sizewell B out to 2055. As well as finalising the technical case, we will be seeking greater cost certainty and confidence in the long-term commercial case to enable a final investment decision.

To support this programme of work we have increased our headcount by 10%.



Sizewell B and the Community

Sizewell B successfully completes fourth Dry Fuel Store campaign

Sizewell B has safely and successfully completed its fourth Dry Fuel Store Campaign, marking another major milestone in the station's long-term fuel management strategy.

This latest campaign involved the secure transfer of 168 irradiated fuel assemblies from the station's fuel storage ponds into dry fuel storage, housed within seven Holtec HI-STORM canisters. The Dry Fuel Store provides a safe and robust solution for storing spent fuel until a permanent geological disposal facility becomes available.

Launched at the end of February, the campaign concluded with the successful placement of all seven Multi-Purpose Canisters into their respective HI-STORM storage containers in the Dry Fuel Store Building. The operation was carried out with precision and care, achieving its objectives without any nuclear safety events, environmental incidents, or lost time injuries.

A cross-functional team led the campaign, meticulously executing each stage of the process - from loading the multi-purpose canisters and removing residual water, to drying the fuel and sealing the canisters. Each unit was then transferred to its final shielded container for long-term storage.

Relocated facilities update

Work continues to progress well across all areas of the project:

- The new training facility is now fully operational. It's home to the Business Department; Training, Finance, Business Improvement, Sizewell C Interface Team and Supply Chain teams, who work collaboratively to enhance business operations.
- External glazing of the new administration building has been completed. Cladding and internal fit-out works are currently underway.
- The new outage store is nearing completion, with internal fit-out almost finalised.

Currently, 90 personnel are actively engaged in delivering the Relocated Facilities project.



Construction of the new Sizewell Visitor Centre is now complete. This is a joint venture with Sizewell C - their visits team will join ours in the new centre, marking a new era of collaboration. Our new exhibition is being installed in December and pre-booked tours of Sizewell B are still taking place. A fresh branding concept is in the works for 2026, designed to reflect both EDF and Sizewell C identities.



Testing of Sizewell B emergency arrangements

Sizewell B will continue to test our emergency arrangements throughout 2026.

During the tests of our emergency arrangements we will need to sound our internal sirens which you may hear. These are internal sirens for Sizewell B staff only and there is no need for you to take any action. There may also be increased visibility of the emergency services during this time. EDF's Emergency Response vehicles, held at the Emergency Response Centre in Leiston, may also be used during these times.

The exercises to test our emergency arrangements will be carried out on the following dates in 2026:-

- **07, 14, 21 & 28 January**
- **04 & 11 February**
- **25 November**
- **09 December**

Sizewell B staff return to their roots to support Alde Valley Academy garden project

A team from Sizewell B have returned to Alde Valley Academy in Leiston – not as students, but as volunteers – to support a transformative garden project at their former school.

Using their 'Force for Good' volunteering hours, the team is revitalising the school's outdoor spaces by planting a wildflower garden, clearing overgrown areas, and repainting fences and benches.

The initiative enhances the learning environment for current students while promoting biodiversity and environmental awareness.



The project reflects EDF's ongoing commitment to sustainability and community engagement. Through hands-on efforts like this, Sizewell B staff are demonstrating how small, purposeful actions can create lasting impact.

Amenity and Accessibility Fund - 2025/26 awards summary

The Amenity and Accessibility Fund, established during the construction of the Dry Fuel Store at Sizewell B, has awarded £27,480 to 12 local projects this year. Managed by the Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape, the fund supports environmental conservation and sustainable access.



Funded Projects:

- Sutton Recreation Ground Trust – £2,500: Hedge renewal and wildflower area.
- PHOEBE – £1,900: Nature walks for black, minoritised, and migrant women.
- Kate Lemon – £1,290: Cycling initiative promoting nature awareness and wellbeing.
- Creative Curve – £4,990: Improving accessibility for users and access road repairs for ‘The Fens’ Common.
- Hollesley Parish Council – £500: Oak tree and wildlife survey.
- Art Branches – £2,500: Poetry and print workshops at Orford and Dunwich beaches.
- The Bench Project – £3,000: Nature-connected seating at Snape Maltings.
- Sutton Hoo Ship’s Company – £2,500: Public engagement on Anglo-Saxon ship reconstruction.
- Warden’s Trust – £500: Ecological survey for Bunnies’ Wood.
- Groundwork East – £2,000: Wildlife education sessions in two primary schools enhancing the school ground for wildlife.
- Dunwich Greyfriars Trust – £2,000: Ride-on mower for heritage site maintenance.
- Dunwich Community Heritage Centre – £3,800: Art and nature activities.

2026 Fund is now open – closes 09 June 2026. For more information or to discuss the fund, contact Oka Last at 01473 265558 or grants@suffolkandessex-NL.org.uk. You can find out more information about the various grants that are open and available at: <https://coastandheaths-nl.org.uk/managing/grants/>

Eyes down for charity – Sizewell B Bingo night raises £3,100 for Alzheimer’s Society

In September, Sizewell B staff and members of the local community came together to help raise funds in support of EDF charity partner Alzheimer’s Society.

With nearly 100 attendees – the evening was a brilliant success raising an impressive £3,100 for the charity!

The event was extremely well received, with overwhelmingly positive feedback. It was truly wonderful to see the community come together, share in the fun, and support such a meaningful cause. Special thanks to the Sizewell B site-based companies whose generous raffle prize donations helped make the evening so memorable: Framatome Ltd, Framatome SAS, Coastground Ltd, Unite Union, Acuity Engineering, Sonovision and EDF Sizewell B.

Next local community meeting

The date of the next Sizewell A and B Site Stakeholder Group meeting is **Wednesday 27 November @09.30am**. For further information please follow the link on the [Nuclear Restoration Services](#) website.

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