

Summer 2026 Plugged in



The Hinkley Point C community magazine



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community boost**

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Rob's welcome

Welcome to the Summer 2026 issue of Plugged in.



We've recently marked a major milestone with the installation of the reactor core in our second reactor building - our biggest moment of the year. Turn to pages 3 and 4 to find out more.

This issue also highlights our latest Socio-economic and Environmental Impact Report, showcasing how our investment in people, skills and industrial capacity is driving growth across Britain. See pages 6-9 for highlights and a link to the report.

On pages 10-11, you'll also find an update on the Hinkley Point C Community Fund and the real difference it continues to make locally.

As always, thank you for your continued support, and we hope you enjoy this edition.

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Project Construction Director

Your point of contact

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DID YOU KNOW?

Hinkley Point C will have two reactors. Together, they will provide reliable, low-carbon electricity for around six million homes.



Powering ahead

Hinkley Point C has installed its second nuclear reactor.

The 11.5-metre-long reactor vessel will be at the heart of the power station, where nuclear fission will generate heat to produce steam for the turbine.

The second reactor is being delivered between 20-30% faster than the first, benefitting from experience gained

during construction of the first reactor building and innovations introduced by the project team.

One example is the use of Big Carl, the world's largest land-based crane. It lifted the 500-tonne reactor vessel and placed it onto a platform outside the building, making the operation safer by reducing working at height, while also saving time, space and cost.

Progress updates

It takes two

The team at Hinkley Point C has installed its second nuclear reactor following an operation featuring two of its biggest cranes.

Big Carl handled the outdoor part of the lift (see page 3). The giant crane lifted the reactor vessel from the ground and carefully placed it onto rails positioned outside the building.

The stainless-steel chamber was then skidded through a circular hatch into the reactor building, where the large Polar crane:

- Lifted and rotated it into a vertical position
- Lowered it into a 25-metre-deep pit
- Positioned it safely on a support ring with just 40 millimetres of clearance on either side.

The team's focus will now shift to welding the reactor to the circuit of pipes, steam generators and pumps that will carry steam around the reactor.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Polar crane runs on a circle of rails around the reactor building ceiling. It'll eventually be used to service and maintain the working nuclear reactor.



Take the virtual tour

Hinkley Point C is at peak construction, which means some of the biggest, most important construction tasks are being completed right now. Scan the QR code to watch the latest project update video.



PPE designed for all

There are long-standing industry concerns around the accessibility and suitability of personal protective equipment (PPE) for women.

Historically, these items are adapted from smaller men's sizes – a compromise that can affect fit, comfort and, crucially, protection.

Avonmouth-based business Mathias & Sons Ltd has been addressing these issues with its range of innovative and sustainable workwear. Supplying this more inclusive PPE at Hinkley Point C is helping to create a safer, more comfortable and respectful working environment for everyone on site.



21%

of Hinkley Point C's apprentices are female, so the tailored PPE caters for a growing number of women joining the industry.

Martina Vrajitoru, GMB Union representative, is an advocate for improved PPE standards. She said: "This isn't about fashion – it's about safety and dignity. Updating PPE legislation would be a positive step forward."

Sarah Guyon, Unite the Union's Women in Construction representative, added: "When PPE

fits properly, workers can focus on their job instead of worrying about their equipment. Every person deserves PPE that offers the same level of protection, comfort and confidence, regardless of their gender. The progress we've seen at Hinkley Point C shows what can be achieved when workers' feedback is listened to."

Myth buster



Myth: Nothing is being done to stop people from fly parking in the areas around Hinkley Point C.

Busted: Fly parking has been raised as a concern and it's an issue that is being actively addressed.

Hinkley Point C is strengthening its approach with advanced Geographic Information Systems technology that enables the real-time tracking of reports and faster responses.

This will support the project's dedicated fly parking team, who patrol daily, ticketing and reporting

vehicles while working closely with residents. Combining teamwork with technology will help to uphold Hinkley Point C's code of conduct and reduce disruption in the community.

If you suspect a vehicle of fly parking, you can use the new form via [edfenergy.com/flyparking](https://www.edfenergy.com/flyparking). You can also call 0333 009 7070 or email hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com.

People, planet, prosperity

From creating well-paid jobs and building skills to supporting businesses and boosting biodiversity – Hinkley Point C's latest impact report shows how the project is delivering social, economic and environmental benefits while helping to power a secure energy future for Britain.

Building future careers

Hinkley Point C has created thousands of high-skilled, well-paid jobs for the local area. In turn, this is supporting regional growth and improving productivity.

The Jobs Service team, based in Bridgwater, works closely with Jobcentre Plus and Somerset Council to support local people into work. It provides targeted careers advice and helps match local talent to available roles, often through regular recruitment events.

From early engagement in schools to clear routes into long-term careers, Hinkley Point C is raising

aspirations and helping to build an inclusive and skilled workforce for the future.

FAST FACTS

1/3

of Hinkley Point C's workforce are from the local area.

Nearly

100

employment events hosted or attended in 2025.

Investing in skills

No matter their background, current skill-set or career aspirations, Hinkley Point C is helping people gain valuable skills for the future.

The project offers a wide range of training opportunities, helping to improve social mobility and address national skills shortages in construction, science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The training programmes are open to people of all ages, backgrounds and experience levels, creating opportunities for everyone to build new skills and careers.

- Occupational traineeships.
- Supported Traineeships.
- Hinkley Support Operative programme.
- Industrial placements.
- Graduate programmes.

FAST FACTS

£24 million

invested in education, training and skills.

19,500

people trained at the Centres of Excellence.

1,740

apprentices trained, exceeding the target by 74%.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

- Work experience placements.
- T Levels.
- Apprenticeships.

Boosting local businesses

Supporting local and regional businesses remains a priority. One example is Bridgwater-based civil engineering company RK Bell, a trusted supplier to Hinkley Point C for more than a decade.

RK Bell continues to deliver site operations services and has played a key role in establishing the Somerset Infrastructure Alliance, helping local suppliers access opportunities in the nuclear industry.

Since 2016, its workforce has grown from 37 to more than 120 employees. The company has also supported 40 young people through work experience and T Level placements, alongside training new apprentices.

The experience gained at Hinkley Point C has driven higher standards and new investment, positioning RK Bell to support other nuclear projects across the UK.

FAST FACTS

1,500

businesses from across the South West have supported Hinkley Point C's construction.

£5.4 billion

has been spent in the South West so far.



“

Our success at Hinkley Point C proves that a small, local family business can operate within one of Europe's largest and most highly regulated construction projects.”

NICK BELL, MANAGING
DIRECTOR, RK BELL



**READ
THE
REPORT**

Scan the QR code to explore the full report and discover more about the wide-ranging benefits of the project.



Protecting our environment

Hinkley Point C's reliable low-carbon electricity is needed to help secure Britain's future electricity supply while also making a difference to avoid the worst environmental impacts of climate change.

Although the power station will produce 10% of the country's low-carbon electricity, the project is also reducing construction emissions, minimising waste and making the most of materials already in use. At the same time, projects both on land and at sea are helping to support local ecosystems.

From creating new seagrass meadows in partnership with Project Seagrass and the Sea Ranger Service, to restoring land at the site's southern edge, the project is strengthening biodiversity on land and at sea.

A team of ecologists continues to monitor biodiversity using advanced technology, while fish protection measures are helping safeguard key species.

Together, these initiatives showcase Hinkley Point C's commitment to creating resilient ecosystems where wildlife can thrive.

FAST FACTS

600 million

tonnes of CO₂ will be avoided as a result of Hinkley Point C's operation.

6 million

homes will be provided with low-carbon electricity.

65,000

trees have been planted around the site.

92

different bird species have been recorded in the southern area of site, including 18 on recognised conservation lists.

Building stronger communities

Across Somerset, the Hinkley Point C Community Fund continues to support a range of local initiatives – from a new multi-purpose hub and creative workshops to vital hospice care.



St Margaret's Hospice Care

The charity has received £132,000 to extend its reach into local villages by appointing a dedicated community nurse.

This means patients can receive specialist care at home – avoiding long and often difficult journeys – including pain management, referrals and emotional support.

Being cared for in a familiar environment helps maintain comfort and dignity, while

supporting the wellbeing of both patients and their loved ones.

Liam Cottrell, Grants and Major Gifts Manager, said: “We’re deeply thankful for the Hinkley Point C Community Fund’s generosity.

“Without funding like this, it simply wouldn’t be possible for us to support the people in our community whose lives we touch – more than 5,000 a year.”

£132,000 GRANTED



Fuse Somerset Outdoor Arts

A grant of £4,700 has supported Fuse Somerset Outdoor Arts, an organisation that works with artists, young people and partners to create outdoor productions.

The funding enabled a programme of youth and community lantern sculpture workshops, where participants designed and created light sculptures, animations and installations. These creations were showcased at the immersive Bridgwater Twilight event.

Sally Mann, Creative Director, said: “We are extremely grateful for the fund’s support.

“This has been a fantastic opportunity to nurture creativity, strengthen local connections and celebrate talent in our community through shared cultural experiences.”

£4,700 GRANTED



Wilstockhub

£850,000 has been awarded to Wilstockhub – a community-led project developing a vibrant, multi-purpose community hub for the Wilstock and Stockmoor area.

Set up by local residents in response to a lack of facilities, the project aims to improve access to essential services, offer a wide range of leisure activities and strengthen community connections.

The hub will include a flexible hall for indoor sports, film screenings, events, exhibitions and craft fairs, along with meeting rooms, a nursery, café and outdoor space.

Sustainability is at its heart, with solar panels and rainwater reuse built into the design, alongside plans to ensure the hub can support itself financially in the future.



Lucinda Spelman-Ives, Trustee, said: “Wilstockhub represents far more than a building. It responds to a clear and lasting need – a place to gather, grow and support one another.

“The investment from the Hinkley Point C Community Fund underpins a sustainable and community-led asset that will generate social, economic and environmental value, creating a lasting legacy for future generations.”

£850,000 GRANTED

APPLY NOW

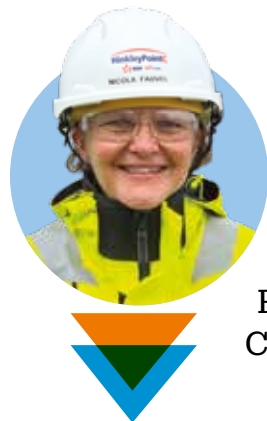
The fund has provided £20 million to local projects. Grants are available for a range of organisations, including charities, voluntary groups, and parish or town councils.

The fund supports both small and large initiatives that seek to benefit communities impacted by Hinkley Point C.

To find out more, scan the QR code or call **01749 344949**.



In conversation with...



Nicola Fauvel and Charlotte Ellis

From Station Director to Apprentice, Nicola and Charlotte reflect on their careers in engineering...



Name: Nicola Fauvel
Role: Hinkley Point C Station Director
Joined Hinkley Point C: 2009

Charlotte: What sparked your interest in engineering?

Nicola: My dad was an engineer and encouraged my curiosity at a young age. I loved maths, physics and understanding how things worked – and that curiosity has stayed with me throughout my career.

What does your role involve?

I'm responsible for the safe operation of Hinkley Point C. It's a huge responsibility, but success comes from teamwork, sharing knowledge and learning from others.

What does it mean to be a woman in a senior leadership role?

I've always wanted to be valued for my skills and experience. If seeing someone like me in this role helps others believe they can do it too, that's a great outcome.

What would you say to women considering a role in the industry?

If you enjoy science, maths or solving problems, go for it. Engineering offers variety, purpose and opportunities to learn.

IN NUMBERS

25

Nicola has more than 25 years' experience in the nuclear industry.

4

Charlotte has completed four years of learning through her apprenticeship.

60

The station will operate for at least 60 years, supporting generations of skilled jobs.

Name: Charlotte Ellis
Role: Nuclear Engineering Degree Apprentice
Joined Hinkley Point C: 2022

Nicola: What sparked your interest in engineering?

Charlotte: My family. My dad was a mechanic and my grandad loved repairing things. That inspired me. Learning about nuclear in A-level physics led me to apply for an apprenticeship at Hinkley Point C.

What's been your most memorable experience on the project so far?

Getting to go inside the first reactor building. It made me appreciate just how significant Hinkley Point C is.

Have you faced any challenges?

Balancing study with work. I have ADHD and anxiety, so having a strong support network around me, particularly other apprentices, has helped.

Where do you hope your career will take you next?

I'd love to become a system engineer when Hinkley Point C starts operating. It would be amazing to play a role in moving the power station from construction into operation.

JOIN THE
PROJECT

There are plenty of career opportunities at Hinkley Point C. Interested? Visit hpcjobsservice.edfenergy.com for more information.

THE FACE OF SUCCESS

A new advertising campaign featuring workers from Hinkley Point C has launched across the region.

Huge billboards and posters showcasing five members of the workforce are appearing in Bridgwater, Taunton, Bristol Airport and train stations across the South West.

The campaign celebrates the people helping to build the power station and highlights the positive impact the project is having on skills development, apprenticeships and job creation.

Pictured here is Bella Noble's billboard in Taunton. Bella, who comes from Weston-super-Mare, now works as a Digital Project Manager at Hinkley Point C, having started her career as one of the 1,740 apprentices who have been trained through the project.



Supporting those who serve

A network supporting Armed Forces veterans and reservists is helping hundreds build successful civilian careers and feel part of a community.

Around 500 people working at Hinkley Point C have a military background. The Armed Forces Support Network brings individuals together, offering peer support and career guidance while shaping events across the country and highlighting the valuable skills veterans bring to the workforce.

The network is led by Stan

Webster, Head of Site Security and Emergency Preparedness, who served 22 years in the British Army. He said: "Service leavers can feel isolated as they transition from military life. This network supports that move into civilian employment and ensures they feel valued as part of our community."

Hinkley Point C recently celebrated Armed Forces Week and Armed Forces Day, which recognise the service and sacrifice of military personnel, veterans and their families.

DID YOU KNOW?

The network also supports a buddy programme that connects prospective employees with experienced colleagues. Buddies can help with CV writing, job applications, interview preparation and advice on joining the project, making it easier for service leavers to take the next step in their careers.

Education Initiatives

Look and learn

Expand your knowledge with a visit to Hinkley Point C.

Did you know you can book a public tour of Hinkley Point C free of charge?

Trips include a coach tour of the site and a look around the Visitor Centre at Cannington Court, where you'll find interactive displays, games and activities. For school visits, content can be tailored to suit students' education levels.

Visitors have described the experience as enjoyable and informative, with many praising the quality of the presentations and the knowledge of the guides. Here's what some had to say:



BOOK A VISIT

"A really enjoyable morning."

"It was a pleasure meeting the team – thank you for your insight. The guides were exceptionally good, with great enthusiasm and knowledge of the site."

"An informative and well organised tour."

"Excellent – very entertaining. Learnt a lot!"

If you'd like to arrange a trip to the Visitor Centre or book a tour of Hinkley Point C (visitors must be aged eight and over), call **0333 006 9950** or email hinkleypointtours@nnb-edfenergy.com for more information.

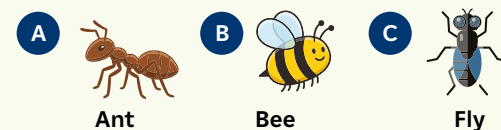
PUZZLE TIME:



1> Which type of bear is also the name of a crane used at Hinkley Point C?



2> Which of these insects is associated with a parking team at Hinkley Point C?



3> In the southern area of the site, 92 different species of which animal have been recorded?



FUN FACTS

Since 2014, Somerset Larder has served (at Hinkley Point C)

18 million+ eggs and has provided

3.8 million breakfast baps from its local bakers.

Last year, it sold **900,000+** barista hot and iced drinks.



Opening doors for local talent

More than 40 young people from across the local area discovered what it's like to work on one of Europe's largest construction projects during the recent Young HPC Work Experience event.

The two-week programme welcomed 14-18-year-olds for a series of talks, panel discussions and hands-on project work. The opportunity also gave them a behind-the-scenes look at Hinkley Point C and the chance to learn from staff about the wide range of roles available.

The event culminated in team presentations to a panel of senior leaders, including Rob Jordan, Project Construction Director, and

Nicola Fauvel, Station Director.

Maria Ison, Education Outreach Lead, said: "As such a large infrastructure project in the area, it's important we take every opportunity to spark interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers and inspire young people to consider a future at Hinkley Point C. It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm and talent on show. Thank you to everyone involved."

1,440+

local people have signed up to Young HPC.

DID YOU KNOW?

Young HPC continues to help local people aged 14-21 learn about the job opportunities, training routes, and the skills needed to work on a major infrastructure project. Scan the QR code or visit edfenergy.com/younghpc to find out more.



Ask Sacha

Sacha Hawthorne, Visitor and Stakeholders Relations Co-ordinator, manages all public enquiries at Hinkley Point C.

Q. How do I find out more about...

JOBS ON THE PROJECT?

The Hinkley Point C Jobs Service team are here to help you take the next step. Call **0800 029 4289** or visit hpcjobsservice.edfenergy.com.

FLY PARKING?

A dedicated team deals with fly parking across the area. If you have any questions or want to report a concern, call **0333 009 7070**. You can also fill in a form via edfenergy.com/flyparking.

SITE VISITS AND TOURS?

Get in touch using the details below or email hinkleypointtours@nnb-edfenergy.com.

THE HINKLEY POINT C COMMUNITY FUND?

The Somerset Community Foundation can guide you through the support available. Visit hpcfunds.co.uk or turn to pages 10-11 to find out more.

FOR GENERAL QUERIES:

0333 009 7070 or hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com.

Answers: 1) C 2) C 3) A

A place to connect

Looking for a friendly place to connect? The Forget-Me-Not Café is a warm and welcoming space in Stogursey, offering companionship and support for people living with memory loss or dementia, as well as their carers, families and friends.

Surrounded by familiar objects that help unlock memories and spark conversation, visitors can enjoy music, arts and crafts, or simply relax with a coffee and slice of cake in a friendly, informal setting.



WHEN

Every other Wednesday, 10:30-12:00. The next session is Wednesday 12 August.

WHERE

Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey, TA5 1TB

GET INVOLVED

The café is supported by volunteers and is always looking for helpers - whether it's to make tea or chat with visitors. Pop in to find out more.

GET IN TOUCH

Interested in having your community event spotlighted? We'd love to hear from you.
Contact hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com.