



Hartlepool monthly report

December 2014

Introduction

We would like to welcome you to the December 2014 monthly report for Hartlepool power station. These reports are available to all members of the public on <http://www.edfenergy.com> and on the Hartlepool Borough Council website, together with copies of the minutes from our Local Community Liaison Council meetings. We are keen to hear the views of our local communities. We recognise that good communication is a two-way process and we welcome your feedback and comments.

Safety

Operational safety

There were no operating incidents in December.

Environmental safety

There were no environmental incidents in December.

Minor injuries

The site had one minor injury to an EDF Energy employee during December. This was a minor cut to the hand and was dealt with by a first aider onsite.

Plant status

Hartlepool has two advanced gas cooled reactors with a net generation capacity of 1,180 MWths.

Both units are in service at a reduced capacity so as to limit boiler temperatures until modifications have taken place.

Visitor centre

The visitor centre has welcomed over 500 visitors in December, with 446 of them taking a plant tour.

We currently have a total of 749 future tour bookings. Tours are available Tuesday-Saturday.

Please contact Louise Corser on 01429 853582 or email hartlepoolstetours@edf-energy.com for availability and further information.

Hartlepool power station 6th Form Mentoring Programme

Hartlepool power station has selected its 3rd group of sixth form students, as part of its mentoring programme.

Thirteen students, from both Hartlepool 6th Form College and English Martyrs 6th Form College have been allocated a Hartlepool power station mentor. The group of students were welcomed to the station in December, to meet their mentor in readiness for the commencement of the programme in 2015.



The new students with some of the mentors

Diversity & Inclusion Networks - Carers at Christmas Awareness Sessions & Marie Curie Christmas Market

Staff welcomed representatives from EDF Energy's Disability & Carers Network, who provided the Hartlepool team with the responsibilities faced by carers.



Ladies from the Diversity & Inclusion network

A Christmas Market raised £300 for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Memory Lane Event

On 3 December, Ian Nield, Plant Manager, welcomed a group of retired station staff to a Memory Lane Event held at the visitor centre.



Retired station employees who attended the event

The group were given an update on the station, a plant tour and lunch, in addition to reminiscing with some of their ex-colleagues. Another event is scheduled in March 2015.

11 December - Local Community Liaison Council meeting

The Hartlepool power station Local Community Liaison Council (LCLC) meeting is held bi-annually on site in June and December and members of the public are welcome to attend. It is an opportunity for attendees to hear first hand about the station's operations in the period since the last meeting and also an opportunity to talk directly to the Station Director and members of his team about matters relating to the station's operations.

The meeting on 11 December, chaired by the Station Director, Simon Parsons, was well attended and the agenda items included:

- Plant status update (Simon Parsons, Station Director)
- Report from the Office of Nuclear Regulation (ONR)
- Report from the Environment Agency (EA)
- Presentation on developing links with Hartlepool College of Further Education (Danny Tyrrell, Training Manager)
- Talk by Allison Willets and Ella Bloomfield in support of the EDF Energy Academy, 6th form mentoring programme
- Talk by EDF Energy Maintenance Apprentices

The next meeting will take place on 2 June 2015 and details of how to register interest can be found at the end of this report.

Foodbank Collection

Katie Chapman and Lorraine Pedersen ran a foodbank collection onsite from 1 December until 18 December. In this time, a total of 134kg of food was donated – this equates to 319 meals – feeding over 100 people for a full day!

A lot of helping hands went into the collection – contacting the foodbank, making posters, setting up each day, shopping, donating and delivering the food to the foodbank depot! It was a great success and we hope to make this an annual appeal.



Company news

Blue+Price Promise - new cheaper tariff

EDF Energy has launched Blue+Price Promise May 2016, a new cheaper energy tariff that provides fixed prices for 17 months, until May 31 2016.

With this tariff, customers won't have to worry about searching for better deals. They will be alerted by email if they could save more than £1 a week at typical use with any other tariff, either from EDF Energy or its competitors, giving peace of mind for people concerned about changing energy prices.

As with all EDF Energy tariffs, customers are also free to leave with no exit fees at any time.

Energy efficiency targets met

EDF Energy has met all of its energy efficiency targets for the Energy Company Obligation (ECO), ahead of the scheme's March 2015 deadline.

The company has supported the installation of 170,000 energy saving measures in 144,000 properties across England, Scotland and Wales. These measures, which include loft insulation, cavity wall insulation and boiler replacements, will help householders save millions from their energy bills, as well as cutting more than 2.4 million tonnes of carbon emissions.



EDF Energy has worked with local authorities, charities and installers to identify the most vulnerable communities in the UK and install appropriate energy saving measures.

Hinkley Point visitor centre numbers hit 20,000

It was a double cause for celebration at the Hinkley Point visitor centre in December as it welcomed its 20,000th visitor on the second anniversary of the doors being open to the public.

The interactive centre at Bridgwater's Angel Place shopping centre has proved extremely popular with local people of all ages since it opened, and has developed into a focal point for EDF Energy's community engagement in Somerset.

As well as catering for those interested in nuclear power and visiting Hinkley Point B, the visitor centre brings together different strands of EDF Energy's business.

Next Local Community Meeting

The date of the next Local Community Liaison Council meeting will be held on 2 June and members of the public are very welcome to join the meeting. If you would like to attend, please contact Louise Corser via email at hartlepoolstetours@edfenergy.com

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Glossary of terms:

Term	Definition
Nuclear reportable event or incident	Nuclear reportable events are events reported to the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) in compliance with EDF Energy's nuclear site licences.
Environmental event or incident	Environmental events arise from wastes or discharges above permitted levels or breaches of permitted conditions.
Outage	A period during which a reactor is shut down. The periodic shutdown of a reactor including for maintenance, inspection and testing or, in some cases, for refuelling is known as a planned outage. In the UK, some planned outages are known as statutory outages and are required by the conditions attached to the nuclear site licence needed to operate the station. Unscheduled shutdown of a reactor for a period is known as an unplanned outage.
Boiler Spine	Just as your spine centrally supports the main parts of your body, the boiler spine centrally supports the mass of the boiler (around 140 tonnes), including all the boiler tubes (feed inlet, main boiler, reheater, superheater, water and pressurised steam).
Unit	A unit refers to one of the reactors at the power station and its generating turbine.