



Hartlepool monthly report

June 2015

Introduction

We would like to welcome you to the June 2015 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 June.

Environmental safety

There were no environmental incidents in June.

Minor injuries

The site had one minor injury to a member of staff during June. This was dealt with by a first aider onsite.

The site takes safety very seriously and incidents are investigated fully to ensure they are avoided in the future.

Plant status

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

Reactor 1: The unit is in service at a reduced capacity so as to limit boiler temperatures until modifications have taken place.

Reactor 2: The unit is in service at a reduced capacity so as to limit boiler temperatures until modifications have taken place.

Visitor centre

The visitor centre welcomed 825 visitors in June, with 210 of them taking a plant tour.

We currently have a total of 349 future tour bookings.

Tour times are:

- Monday PM
- Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday AM & PM
- Friday AM

Tour bookings are now being taken for the school summer holidays. Please contact Louise Corser on 01429 853582 or email hartlepoolstetours@edf-energy.com for availability and further information.

Visits

The visitors centre welcomed groups from as far away as Germany and Ireland this month.

A group from Thornaby & Yarm Rotary Club visited on 5 June. The group of 24 included guests from Germany, who were on an exchange visit with members of the Rotary Club. The visit was a great success and enjoyed by all.

Also on 19 June, the Hull family visited the centre. The group included Thomas and his dad Daren, both from Ireland, who were visiting family in Hartlepool. They visited the centre in 2014, meeting station guide Colin McClelland and enjoyed it so much they arranged a repeat visit in 2015.



The Hull family

LCLC

The station held its Local Community Liaison Council meeting on 2 June 2015. The meeting was hosted by Hartlepool Sixth Form College, who are stakeholders in the station's Sixth Form Mentoring Programme.

The meeting included an overview of the scheme by Alison Willets (a representative from the college) and three mentees from the second cohort of the mentoring scheme, who shared what they have gained from their involvement.

The next LCLC is scheduled for Thursday 3 December 2015. Please contact Louise Corser, 01429 853582 for details.

West Highland Way



Paula & Rob Dobson

On 3 May, Paula & Rob Dobson, both from Hartlepool power station, set off on a walking challenge to complete the West Highland Way in seven days.

The walk started in Glasgow, finishing 96 miles later in Fort William!

Paula and Rob were walking to raise money for two worthy charities, Marie Curie Cancer Care and Hartlepool & District Hospice. They raised £1,180.50 for Hartlepool District Hospice and £970.50 for Marie Curie Cancer Care (match funded by EDF Energy) - taking 'Gift Aid' into account, they raised well over £3,500. An amazing achievement!

Career events

In June, teams from the visitors centre, supported the careers events at both Outwood Academy in Middlesbrough & English Martyrs Secondary School in Hartlepool.

The events were attended by over 750 young people, all eager to learn more about careers within industry.



Our stand at the career event

Partnership for Nature



Seaton dunes

The Partnership for Nature was established in 1992, consisting of representatives from Hartlepool Borough Council, Hartlepool power station, Natural England and the Teesmouth Field Centre.

The borough of Hartlepool is fortunate to have habitats of international importance, a major resource for the area's urban population. The marshes, tidal flats and beaches of its coastline are vital to thousands of wading birds and provide a home to sea birds.

The partnerships objectives are to protect the countryside, enhance valuable wildlife habitats, to encourage people to appreciate the area and to promote opportunities for learning about the local environment.

If you would like to learn more about this group please contact Louise Corser on 01429 853582 for details.

Station news

Girl power at Energy Awards

Our very own Hannah Brown triumphed at the recent Young Energy Professional (YEP) Awards in London winning the award for leadership.

The YEP Awards are a cross-industry event to recognise individuals who have demonstrated excellence and gone the extra mile in their role. In addition, they provide a great boost for EDF Energy to recognise and foster the future talent and career development of its people.

Working closely with the Talent Team, local HR teams and the business and following Senior Leadership Team judging panel, a consensus decision was made to put 11 EDF Energy candidates through the awards process, under one of the five award categories. Energy UK received a fantastic response to the Awards, receiving 85 applications in total from across the industry.

Following the awards ceremony, the 11 candidates were all congratulated and thanked for their bravery in entering the competitive process by Executive Team Members Janet Hogben and Paul Spence over breakfast at Grosvenor Place.



Hannah Brown

John Davis receives Falkland's medal

Security Guard John Davis has finally been given a medal to mark his army service in the Falklands – more than 30 years after the war ended.



John Davis with Station Director, Simon Parsons

John arrived in the islands aged just 18, as part of the Pioneer Corps who were supporting the Royal Engineers in clearing the island after the war.

He had the grim task of collecting the bodies of Argentine soldiers which were then repatriated, the dangerous job of spotting mines and booby traps and also gathering armaments left by the retreating Argentine army.

As he arrived in August 1982, after the war had officially ended, John didn't get a service medal for the campaign, but a recent change of heart by the MOD has seen a medal given to those serving on the islands up to Christmas 1982.

He said: "I am very proud to receive the South Atlantic medal and it has now been mounted alongside my medal from Northern Ireland."



Company news

Busy summer at thermal plants

Cottam and West Burton A power stations are set for a busy summer, as both sites have started maintenance shutdowns.

Staff at Cottam power station have been planning for its multi-million pound maintenance programme, which started on 16 May, for the past 12 months. The team at West Burton A is a month into its shutdown.

Up to 1000 extra workers will join Cottam's 300-strong team during the maintenance period, providing a boost to the local economy.

The team will carry out more than 9200 separate pieces of work – each carefully planned. A similar amount of work, supported by the extra contractors, will be carried out at West Burton A.

Survey work starts offshore at Blyth

EDF Energy Renewables has been carrying out site investigations within the area of its planned Blyth Offshore Demonstration Project.

There were two key areas of work taking place, geophysical, by EGS (International), Ltd, which looked at the sea bed and geotechnical, by GEO (Denmark), which drilled boreholes into the seabed to understand rock formation.

Two specialist vessels, the Blue Beta and the Morven, carried out the surveys at the proposed site for the turbines and the route the wind farm's electricity cable will take to shore.

Cheltenham science success

EDF Energy is playing a key part in encouraging youngsters to become the scientists and engineers of the future - recently supporting the Science for Schools' programme at Cheltenham Science Festival.

The education programme was the heartbeat of the Science Festival, with thousands of young people discovering fascinating science from some of the world's leading scientists.

More than 70 volunteers from the company's Barnwood office, where the Generation business is headquartered, helped out at Cheltenham, sharing their own inspiring stories about why a career in science was right for them.

Next Local Community Meeting

The date of the next Local Community Liaison Council meeting will be held on 3 December 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.