



Hartlepool monthly report

October 2014

Introduction

We would like to welcome you to the October 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 October.

Environmental safety

There were no environmental incidents in October.

Minor injuries

The site had seven minor injuries to contract partners and staff during October. Six of these injuries were dealt with by first aiders on site, one attended hospital but no treatment was given.

The site takes safety very seriously and each incident will be 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 1180 MWths.

- In early August a decision was made to shut down both units in response to findings at our sister station Heysham 1
- Unit 1 shut down four days ahead of the planned maintenance shutdown on 12 August
- Unit 2 shut down 11 August
- Due to our shutdown and boiler inspections there was no electricity generated in October.

Visitor centre

We restarted tours of the station on 27 October, with six people touring the site and a further 1645 people dropping into the visitor centre. We have 878 confirmed future tour bookings.

The visitor centre is proving very popular with the local community with solid bookings through to the end of the year.

If you would like to take a tour of the power station, please contact Louise Corser on 01429 853582 or email hartlepoolstetours@edf-energy.com for availability and further information.

Crucial Crew

Hartlepool power station played host to Crucial Crew for two weeks in October, welcoming over 1200 Hartlepool primary school children and their teachers to the event, hosted at the visitors centre.



This is the 19th year that the multi-agency initiative has taught Hartlepool children how to stay safe, using a series of practical workshops at Hartlepool power station to re-create dangerous situations that youngsters could encounter in their every day lives.

Schools visiting during the fortnight can also take part in a safety-related competition, with the winners announced at the Crucial Crew Competition Awards Ceremony in January 2015. The ultimate winner will win the coveted EDF Energy Crucial Crew Trophy.

Hartlepool Choices Event 2014

A team from Hartlepool power station recently attended the Hartlepool Choices careers event, at Brierton Community Sports Centre on 9 October 2014.

Over 1000 Hartlepool secondary school pupils attended the event to learn about career opportunities in the local area.



This included an overview of EDF Energy's Engineering Maintenance Craft Apprenticeship.

The recruitment campaign for the 2015 intake of apprentices is now open. Apprentice Awareness Sessions are being held in Hartlepool power station visitor centre on 17 and 26 November 2014, to discuss the scheme. Contact Louise Corser on 01429 853582 or email hartlepoolstetours@edf-energy.com for availability and further information.

More details on the recruitment process can be found at www.edfenergy.com/careers/early-careers

Hartlepool Youth Investment Project Awards



Hartlepool Youth Investment Project held a celebration event in October, to recognise the achievement of a group of nominated Hartlepool apprentices.

Jacob Spalding, who joined EDF Energy as an apprentice in 2011, was awarded runner up in the Apprentice of the Year Category, due to his level of commitment and hard work in gaining his Level 3 NVQ. Congratulations to all award winners!

Halloween 'Boggarts & Brooms' Event

A craft activity was held in the Visitors Centre on 28 October 2014, by Deborah Jefferson and some other members of Hartlepool's Borough Council Parks and Countryside Team.

A group of children and their parents used their artistic skills to make boggarts and brooms and had a very enjoyable afternoon.

Hartlepool Borough Council Neighbourhood Forums

On 15 October the Station Director, Simon Parsons, addressed two neighbourhood forum meetings, South & Central and North & Coastal. Simon updated the attendees on the current plant status as well as the future aspirations of the power station. The presentation was well received at both meetings.

Company news

Apprentice recruitment

The recruitment process for 2015's intake of apprentices has started, with the company looking for around 55 new recruits across its power stations.

Each site takes on around six apprentices who then spend four years on the training scheme, the first two years at HMS Sultan, near Portsmouth.

Full details and application forms: <http://www.edfenergy.com/careers/early-careers/apprenticeships>

Sizewell B's maintenance shutdown and refuelling

Sizewell B nuclear power station was taken out of service on 12 October for planned refuelling and maintenance work worth £60m.

An extra 1,200 specialist workers joined the Sizewell workforce and provided a boost to the area's hotels and businesses.

During the six-week shutdown they will carry out 13,000 separate pieces of work which have been carefully planned during the last two years.

These maintenance periods, known as 'outages', take place every 18 months and are planned in advance with the National Grid to ensure that there is no risk to national electricity supply.



Agreements for planned Hinkley Point C nuclear power station approved by the European Commission

The European Commission has approved the agreements between EDF Group and the UK Government to build a new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point C in Somerset.

Its decision followed a rigorous and detailed examination of the deal during a 12 month investigation by the European Commission.

The proposed agreements are for a long-term contract for the electricity generated at Hinkley Point C and for a guarantee for the project's debt.

The Commission found that the long-term contract (Contract for Difference) and the guarantee constitute an appropriate and proportionate way for the UK to meet its need for secure, low carbon energy.

The Commission's decision leaves the key elements of last October's agreements unchanged whilst it has reinforced measures designed to share potential future benefits with customers

Helipad help for air ambulance heroes

EDF Energy has installed a brand new £60,000 helipad at its coal power station in Cottam, near Retford.

The helipad will benefit their employees and the local community allowing for a swift response in an emergency situation.

The team at EDF Energy worked in consultation with members of Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance to build the helipad to the best specification.

This includes specialist lighting and an illuminated windsock which activates when the emergency helipad is in use, so that the landing pad can be used at any time of the day or night from any approach.

Next Local Community Meeting

The date of the next Local Community Liaison Council meeting will be held on 11 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.