

# Hinkley Point B power station

## March 2015 monthly report

### Introduction

This is our latest monthly report, sharing news with our local community stakeholder groups and local councils. This forms part of our commitment to being an open and transparent business. These reports are also available to all members of the public on [www.edfenergy.com](http://www.edfenergy.com) website. This newsletter covers February 2015.

### Safety update

We measure our safety performance against top tier indicators, including nuclear reportable events, environmental events, and staff and contract partner recordable injuries. It is now over eight years since we experienced a nuclear reportable event, over five years since our last environmental event, and over one year since our last lost time injury.

### Station generation

Reactor 3 has been on line since 19 March 2014, and operated at nominal full load throughout January.

Reactor 4 remains shutdown for a planned outage maintenance programme, as reported in last month's newsletter.

### Hinkley B scoops top awards at company recognition event

Hinkley B won three prestigious safety awards for its nuclear, radiological and industrial safety performance in 2014 as the power station stole the show at the company's annual awards ceremony held in Barnwood at the end of February.

The station also picked up the operational reliability award (jointly with Heysham 2) and the coveted best overall nuclear power station performance award for 2014.

Mike Harrison, Hinkley B's station director, said: "2014 was an extremely successful year for Hinkley B, and I would like to thank our station staff and contract partners who have all played a part in this magnificent success. I am immensely proud of what has been achieved together over the past two years, and the recognition we have again received from the company illustrates and reinforces how strong our performance has been."



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## Community News

### EDF Energy visitor centre hosts popular bird nest box week

A national bird nest box week proved extremely popular with Bridgwater shoppers during the recent half term holiday.

Over 1,300 people took the opportunity to take part in the organised activities which were held at EDF Energy's visitor centre in Angel Place Shopping Centre. The week was part of a national awareness campaign organised by British Trust for Ornithology designed to encourage people to put nest boxes up in their gardens to enhance biodiversity and conservation of birds and wildlife.



As well as interactive and fun activities where children could make model binoculars and paper birds in the visitor centre, Secret World Wildlife Rescue showcased some of their birds of prey.

Sue Butler, EDF Energy visitor centre tour guide, said: "It was a fantastic week at the visitor centre, and it was great to see people of all ages taking an interest in wildlife.

"EDF Energy takes its responsibility to the local community and environment very seriously, and it was wonderful to see how successful and engaging this awareness week was to so many people."

Roger Smith, Angel Place Shopping Centre manager, added; "Not only do these type of events raise awareness of important issues, they also add an extra special atmosphere to the centre.

"It was a wonderful week, and I would also like to thank Secret World for bringing their birds of prey into the EDF Energy visitor centre - it was undoubtedly my highlight of the week."

## Company news

### Diving into a new challenge

Engineering challenges from the 1940s faced EDF Energy's newest recruits who took over the maintenance of HMS Alliance, a Second World War submarine.

HMS Alliance is based at the Submarine Museum, Gosport, and every year EDF Energy's apprentices spend time on the boat looking at how best to keep it maintained.

The EDF Energy apprentices spend two years at the Babcock Engineering Academy, within HMS Sultan, a Royal Navy military base also in Gosport, before returning to the home stations to complete their apprenticeship.

Ian Williams, EDF Energy's apprentice manager based at HMS Sultan, said: "We have strong links with HMS Alliance stretching back many years.

"The apprentices spend time on the submarine and get a chance to use their newly-acquired skills, tracing systems and researching how they worked on this historic vessel, which includes interviewing ex sub-mariners."

### **Birthday celebrations at Sizewell B**

Sizewell B has marked 20 years of low carbon electricity generation.

The station was 'married to the grid' on February 14 1995 and has saved some 117 million tonnes of CO2 which is equivalent to taking all of the passenger cars off UK roads for 1.8 years.

3,000 UK companies were involved in the construction of Sizewell B.

Jim Crawford, Sizewell B station director, said: "Sizewell B safely and reliably delivers power to over two million homes and businesses every day.

"One of the highlights of my job, is meeting the next generation of engineers and technicians and helping them reach their full potential to deliver something so fundamental to day to day life as electricity."

### **10,000 not out at Dungeness B**

Two years after first opening its doors, Dungeness B visitor centre has welcomed its 10,000th visitor.

The interactive centre at the nuclear power station in Kent has proved extremely popular with people of all ages since it opened.

Station director Martin Pearson said: "The response we have had from our visitors has been very positive and I am delighted that so many people have decided to come here to find out about how we generate electricity.

"Many schools, colleges and local groups have visited the centre over the last 24 months and we're taking many repeat bookings from teachers."



### Next local community meeting

The next Site Stakeholder Group meeting will be held on Friday 26 June 2015 from 10am to 1pm at Hill House, Otterhampton.

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