



Welcome

From Kieron Drew, interim Operations & Maintenance Manager, Galloper.

Galloper Wind Farm Operations
& Maintenance facility

Welcome to the Autumn 2020 Galloper e-bulletin. It is the time of year when the weather changes and certainly for us at Galloper, our activity is more than ever led by the sea conditions and weather windows. With that in mind we were delighted to complete our summer maintenance campaign early and successfully this year, despite the ongoing COVID situation.

Not only that, this year to date, we have achieved an outstanding performance of approximately 97% site availability across the Wind Farm.

This is the highest figure since we started full operation in March 2018 and one the team are especially proud of, especially working under the current circumstances.

Away from the logistical side of things, community engagement continues to be so important to us. As you'll read, we've been thinking and working creatively to ensure we can still interact with our stakeholders, despite current physical restrictions.

And finally we are delighted to update you on some recently received recognition, for two very different subjects but both extremely important to the project - supporting the armed forces community; and increasing environmental sustainability.

Thank you for your on-going interest and support in the Galloper Wind Farm and Operations & Maintenance base, and I sincerely hope you all continue to stay safe and well.

Armed Forces Silver Award achievement



RWE Renewables UK, the company that leads the operation and maintenance of Galloper on behalf of the project partners, has gained the Silver Award for supporting the Armed Forces community in the work force.

The Defence Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS) encourages employers to support defence and inspire others to do the same.

The scheme encompasses bronze, silver and gold awards for employer organisations that pledge, demonstrate or advocate support of the armed forces community, and align their values with the Armed Forces Covenant.

Galloper currently employs a number of former and current armed forces personnel, many of whom have found an ideal fit in the offshore wind sector.

In fact, all three branches of the forces are represented on the team including British Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force (RAF) personnel or former personnel.

Kieron Drew, Galloper Interim Maintenance and Operations Manager, came to the offshore wind sector after having served in the British Army commanding force protection, logistical and maintenance operations in Afghanistan and serving in Iraq, Bosnia and Northern Ireland. He has continued to serve as an Army Reservist, where he has been promoted to Major. He said: “The transferable technical, logistics and engineering skills from the army to offshore wind are important but just as relevant are personal skills such as leadership, physical fitness, and positive attitude. You need the ability to work under pressure in a hostile environment, be a team player and to maintain high standards, particularly in these current challenging times.” As a reservist, he is able to take advantage of the assistance provided by RWE Renewables UK, which has a commitment to supporting paid time off for training and ensuring a smooth transition for reservists who are mobilised into full time service.

Galloper underlines green credentials with environment accreditation

The Galloper Wind Farm team celebrated a recent award of the ISO 14001 certificate in recognition of improved environmental performance.

The ISO 14001:2015 is an internationally recognised Environment Management System (EMS), that if achieved, highlights continuous improvement and reduced environmental impact.

The award is given by Lloyds Register and the Galloper team received their complete certification in late August 2020, having been working towards the standard for 12 months.

Guy Middleton, Galloper General Manager said: “Successfully completing this process has been a great opportunity for Galloper to verify current working practices against a renowned and respected industry benchmark.

As an offshore wind farm we are a hundred percent committed to continuously improving our performance to reduce environmental impact.”

The project team were also proud to have participated in a Sustainable September campaign which was run corporately and saw them highlighting numerous examples of best practice around sustainability in the workplace, to the wider business.



Supporting east coast industry events

Galopper was proud to have a presence at this year's East of England Energy Group (EEEGR) SNS2020 event in September.

The showcase event is usually held in person and is an opportunity for the east coast energy industry to meet annually.

Despite being held virtually this year, suppliers, students, job seekers and industry colleagues were out in force, and our stand alone generated over thirty meetings over the two days.

EEEGR's next big event is East Anglia Wind Week and RWE Renewables UK, is proud to be an event sponsor.

We hope to see you at our virtual exhibition stand! Tickets to the event are FREE.

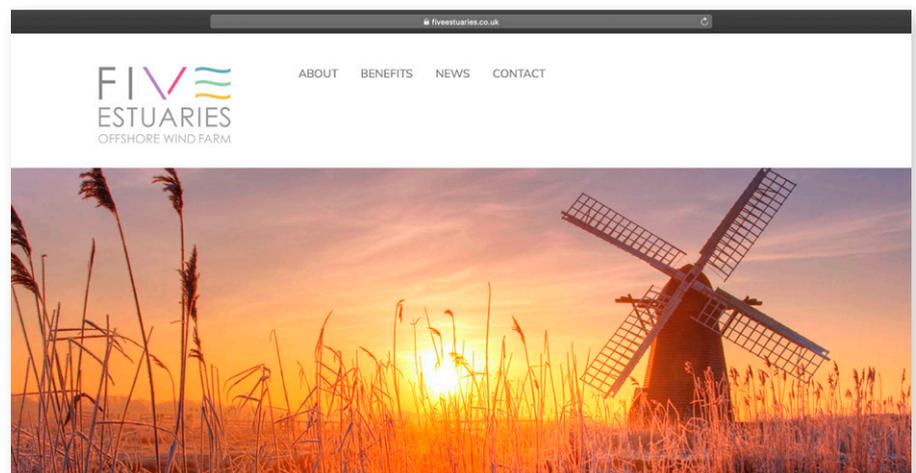
For more information go to:
www.eeegr.com

Galopper reaches out to schools

Galopper has long upheld a tradition of engaging with local schools and skills providers with the aim of encouraging young people to consider careers in renewables and helping them learn more about the industry. In previous years we've given STEM presentations, attended career days, given one to one advice to school leavers, and hosted virtual wind farm tours for pupils. Whilst we can't do that this year we have been busy behind the scenes creating a virtual presentation for secondary school pupils. Kieron Drew, gives an exciting overview of the sector and his own career path in renewables, handy tips on the types of careers the industry offers, as well as the kind of attributes that might be helpful for budding renewables enthusiasts! The presentation is available to pupils and educational establishments free of charge.

If you would like to receive a copy please contact rebecca.neal@rwe.com

Galopper Extension project update



RWE Renewables and project partners announced in late September that they will develop an extension project to the existing operational Galopper Offshore Wind Farm. The Galopper extension project, which is currently in the early stages of its development, will be known as Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm. The name is a nod to the well-known estuaries along the East coast of England.

The Agreement for Lease for the project was signed with The Crown Estate in late August 2020 for an area of seabed around 149km². Similar to the existing Galopper Wind Farm, it will cover two fields in the Southern North Sea and the capacity of Five Estuaries is expected to be in excess of 300MW. It is anticipated that it will take in the region of ten years to develop and construct the project, prior to it becoming operational.

For more information the Five Estuaries website visit: www.fiveestuaries.co.uk

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Galopper Partners: Galopper Offshore Wind Farm is owned by a Macquarie led consortium (25%), RWE Renewables (25%), Siemens' financing arm, Siemens Financial Services (25%), ESB (12.5%) and a fund established by Sumitomo Corporation, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation and Development Bank of Japan (12.5%). RWE Renewables has led the development and construction of Galopper Offshore Wind Farm and its ongoing operation on behalf of the project partners.