

Galloper Wind Farm



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Welcome

From Sean Chenery, Operations & Maintenance Manager, Galloper.

Welcome to the third Galloper e-bulletin. This regular publication aims to keep you informed about Galloper activity highlights, which this month include an update on the progress of work on our new state-of-the-art operations & maintenance base.

We are excited to get better acquainted with the local community and have, over the past few months, been involved in a number of community activities. We are also pleased to announce that the next round of applications for the Galloper Community Wind Farm Fund is now open.

Thank you for your on-going interest and support and I hope you enjoy reading the latest on Galloper Offshore Wind Farm.

Sean

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Grant applications open for Harwich community groups

Harwich-based voluntary and community organisations are being encouraged to apply for grants from Galloper's community fund to support their worthwhile local projects and activities.

The £50,000 Galloper Wind Community Farm Fund was established in 2018 to support communities around the location of the operations & maintenance base in Harwich International Port, Essex. Each year until 2022, £10,000 will be awarded to assist local charitable, educational and environmental initiatives.

The fund is managed by Essex Community Foundation (ECF), an independent charitable trust that works alongside a panel comprising local residents to consider the applications received and then award grants.

Caroline Taylor, Chief Executive ECF said: "The panel is particularly interested in applications that seek to enhance the quality of life for local people, contribute to vibrant, healthy and sustainable communities and encourage positive community activity."

"This fund is a wonderful resource to support the local community, so if you are involved with a community group or charity that is working in Harwich, we would encourage you to get in touch with ECF and tell us about your work."

Interested groups can apply for funding online at www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk or if individuals would like to discuss their projects prior to application

submission, the Essex Community Foundation telephone number is 01245 356018.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday 30 April 2019.



Gallop in the community

Just before Christmas, the Galloper team delivered sacks full of donated gifts and toys to Noah's Nursery in Harwich as part of a HomeStart campaign to help brighten the lives of local children.

In a further initiative, Galloper also donated boxes of food to the Harwich Foodbank which had been brought in by team members from both innogy and Siemens Gamesa.



O&M base ground breaking

Late last year the official ground-breaking ceremony was held at Harwich International Port to mark the start of construction of the £10 million state-of-the-art operations & maintenance (O&M) base for Galloper Offshore Wind Farm.

Representatives from the wind farm, Tendring District Council, the Port and contractors working on the base together turned the first soil to kick-off the works which are planned to take around 12 months to complete and create 120 direct and indirect local jobs.

Galloper General Manager Guy Middleton said: “The ground-breaking was a symbolic but significant milestone as it has been quite a journey for us to first select the location of the base and then take it through the onshore and offshore planning consent to now be at the stage where construction is underway.

“We are extremely grateful for the active support we have had throughout our process, from individuals including local Members of Parliament and Councillors, as well as organisations including the Port, Tendring District Council, Marine Management Organisation, Harwich Haven Authority and The Haven Gateway Partnership. I would also like to thank local businesses that were early to recognise the potential for the base to help regenerate the area.”

All about the base

Activity at the base location is now well underway with work complete on the new access road into the site from the A120 and the demolition phase of the main building site finished.

Jackson Civil Engineering Group has safely finished the access road ahead of schedule, with the handover to Galloper in March. This road provides exclusive access to the wind farm operations & maintenance base but has the potential to enable further development in that area of the Port in future.

R G Carter Southern is responsible for the design and construction of the main building, and key works to date have included the removal of the old ship container rail, piling of foundations, and initial ground works on the new service yard and car park. The steel framework is now being erected on site, giving an indication of the outline of the building to come.

Farrans Construction is nearing completion of the pontoon design with early fabrication already underway in preparation for a summer installation, which is in line with the limited time window allowed in the consent.

Project Manager Malcolm Barnett said: "It is great to see the excellent progress on-site, local residents will already be starting to notice the difference as the building has started to take shape."

The Galloper O&M Base will comprise a 24/7 control room to monitor and manage all wind farm activity; a purpose built pontoon for the crew transfer vessels that take workers offshore daily; a fully-equipped gym; plus warehousing and office facilities.

It is expected that the innogy and Siemens Gamesa employees who make up the Galloper team will move in to the new base in early 2020.



Working with the next generation

Galloper's O&M facility is based in Harwich and the organisation is keen to build relationships with local schools and colleges to further the awareness of offshore wind, the Galloper Wind Farm and careers in the offshore sector.

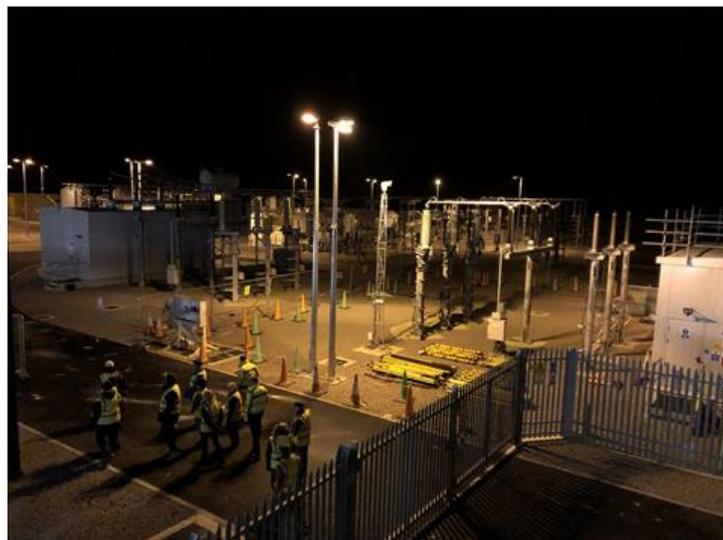
One initiative has been to reach out to local secondary schools and offer students the chance to shadow our teams, depending on their interest.

The first of these took place in March 2019, when two students from Tendring Technology College experienced a day at Galloper shadowing two engineering team members - Jack Blades, Asset Integrity Electrical Engineer and Simon Slingsby, Onshore Substation Site Manager - at both the Harwich base and the onshore substation at Leiston. Both students, Benjamin Moore and Connor Hayes, are studying maths, chemistry and physics and interested in a role within engineering. They were thrilled for the experience of seeing the base and how the substation works.

School outreach is also key to the team's education engagement, such as a recent visit by Sean Chenery, O&M Manager, and Stephen Douglas, Marine & Logistics Manager to the Mayflower Primary School in Harwich.

Year 4 students had a presentation about Galloper, took part in building mini wind turbines, and experienced a visit to the wind farm via a virtual reality experience.

In an upcoming flagship initiative, Galloper will soon announce applications for its apprenticeship programme, due to start in September with East Coast College, Lowestoft. Further details on how to apply will be published on the Galloper website.



Sizewell substation tour

A total of 20 Sizewell residents local to the Galloper onshore substation braved a cold January night to experience a 'behind the scenes' tour of the site.

The event was devised to enable those living close to the substation to learn more about Galloper, particularly about the wind farm's onshore substation and its purpose.

Substation Manager Simon Slingsby explained that it has a threefold role which is to receive power from offshore, process it to match the needs of National Grid and transmit it to the national grid transmission system.

Together with O&M Manager Sean Chenery, Simon guided the tour attendees around the substation to check out the gas-insulated switchgear (GIS) building, harmonic filters and static VAR compensators.



Ship's bell from Galloper site now on display in its Sunderland birthplace

A 90-year-old ship's bell from the Sunderland-built merchant ship *SS Carica Milica*, which was sunk by a WW2 German mine in 1939 off the coast of Suffolk and recovered from the Galloper cable route in August 2016, has now been unveiled in its new home at the Sunderland Maritime Heritage Visitor Museum.

Mentioned in the previous newsletter, the conservation of the bell by Wessex Archaeology was funded by Galloper along with the custom-made display case and the

preparation of the associated materials that have enabled it to go on show.



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