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Hello and welcome to the summer edition of the Galloper Community Newsletter. We're already halfway through the year which has seen an excellent level of generation on the wind farm thanks to good winds.

So far, we've generated over 700GWh of clean, green electricity, enough to power 10 million electric car charges, or nearly 8 million LED bulbs running 24/7 for a year!

Our availability of each turbine to produce has been slightly hampered by complex tasks which require the team's attention but the impact of these has been reduced as far as possible and we hope to catch up in the remainder of the year. Our teams have been busy accessing the turbines to keep them in top condition and quickly resolve any faults; combined our vessels have travelled over 25,000 nautical miles this year, enough to circumnavigate the globe and still have some thousand miles spare. Technicians have spent more than a combined 7,000 hours working on turbines, showcasing their hard work and dedication to keep these generators running.

We have a constant focus on safety particularly in the challenging offshore environment in which the team works. Each technician receives a high level of training, and they are required to complete regular maintenance of the skills they have learned. Some also facilitate drills and rescue scenarios to ensure the practice is as real as we can make it. It was really interesting to go offshore in April with one of our training teams to run some drills. The teams can find themselves in some tight spaces on the turbine so practicing complex rescues is key to ensuring we are prepared if things do go wrong.

In the rest of this issue, you can read about some of the successes we've achieved in local schools and communities and the milestones we've accomplished. I hope you enjoy this edition.

Ben Donald | General Manager





Young artists, big energy

Harwich school teams up with Galloper Wind Farm



Galloper Wind Farm has teamed up with Mayflower Primary School in Harwich for a special community project that connects the town's proud maritime history with its role in today's renewable energy transition.

Year 5 and 6 Pupils from Mayflower Primary have been creating a series of colourful artworks in a competition that will have the winner's design transferred onto the new Seacat Mayflower, a crew transfer vessel (CTV) that has been operating at Galloper Wind Farm. The project invited children to explore Harwich's link with the famous Mayflower ship of 1620; while also learning about offshore wind and how clean energy is generated out at sea.

Harwich holds a unique place in the story of the original Mayflower. The town was a busy port in the early 17th century and is closely associated with the ship and its master, Christopher Jones. In 1620, the Mayflower carried the Pilgrim Fathers across the Atlantic, a voyage that has since become one of the most well known chapters in maritime history. Today, Harwich's connection with the sea continues, but the vessels off its coast are as likely to be servicing offshore wind farms as crossing oceans.

The children's designs bring these themes together, combining images of the historic Mayflower, Harwich's harbour and coastline, and the modern silhouettes of offshore wind turbines. Some pupils chose to focus on waves and wildlife, others on ships and engineers at work, and many wove in symbols of clean energy and a greener future.

The final artwork will form a bespoke livery for the Seacat Mayflower, meaning that every trip the vessel makes to Galloper will carry a piece of Harwich's creativity and heritage with it.

Galloper is very proud to showcase the winning design, crafted by Luna, selected for its creative approach, bold colours and collection of themes.

Teachers at Mayflower Primary say the project has sparked lively classroom discussions about climate change, careers in engineering, and the importance of the sea to Harwich's past and present.

For Galloper Wind Farm, it is an opportunity to strengthen ties with the local community and to inspire the next generation who may one day work in offshore wind.

The Seacat Mayflower not only supports the safe and reliable operation of Galloper's turbines – it now also serves as a moving artwork, proudly showcasing the talent of Harwich's young people and celebrating the town's enduring connection with the Mayflower name.



Powering local good

Galloper supports community groups across Tendring



The Galloper sponsorship fund has continued to support local groups and initiatives this year. So far Galloper Wind Farm has assisted the following groups.

Homestart

Galloper has provided continued funding to Homestart to help the group run its vital family support programmes and celebrate 30 years of dedication to families in Harwich & Dovercourt. We congratulate Homestart on three decades of compassionate community work and look forward to seeing their ongoing impact.

Essex Wildlife Trust

We are proud to continue our environmental commitment through a Platinum corporate membership with Essex Wildlife Trust. This ongoing support helps fund conservation projects, habitat restoration and community engagement programmes that protect local wildlife and green spaces for future generations.

Dovercourt Rovers & Belstead Arms FC

Supporting local grassroots football at Dovercourt Rovers and Belstead Arms FC to help keep community sport thriving.

Lift Tendring STEM Club

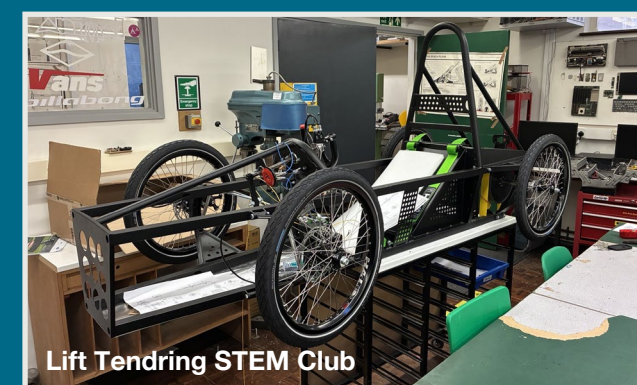
RWE has supported Lift Tendring's STEM Club with a Greenpower F22 racing kit and backing for their rocket club and competition activities. This funding and kit support give pupils hands on experience in engineering, design and teamwork — helping young people discover pathways into engineering and technical careers.

Winds of change

We're also delighted to update our community of previous sponsorships and we're very excited to see that development of the Winds of Change Community Garden is progressing very well.

Winds of Change is a climate resilient coastal pocket garden designed for Jaywick Sands, aimed to provide a climate resilient planting space suited to Jaywick's windy, salt sprayed, and drought prone conditions. Reflecting the colour, texture, and atmosphere of the North Essex coast and celebrate the resilience and community spirit of Jaywick, a vulnerable coastal town below sea level.

Created by James Miller, Marko Yau, and Saachi Parasrampur for the RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival 2024 where it won Gold and Best in Category, the garden has found its new home in Jaywick and is due to have its official opening this summer.





Teen Talk Harwich

Galopper Wind Farm Community Fund surpasses £100,000 in grant funding

The Galopper Wind Farm Community Fund has reached a major milestone after awarding more than £100,000 in grants to charitable, educational and environmental projects supporting communities across Tendring.

Managed by Essex Community Foundation (ECF), the Galopper Wind Farm Community Fund was established in 2018 to support communities connected to Galopper Wind Farm's Operations and Maintenance Facility at Harwich International Port. As part of Galopper Wind Farm's long-term commitment to the area, the Community Fund invests in projects that strengthen communities, improve wellbeing, and create opportunities for local people.

Since launching, the Community Fund has supported organisations across Tendring responding to some of the biggest challenges facing local communities. During the Covid-19 pandemic, grants helped groups continue delivering vital support for vulnerable residents and families, while more recent funding has supported a wide range of projects focused on improving mental wellbeing, tackling isolation and creating opportunities for children and young people through community activities, outdoor education and the arts.

Amongst the organisations awarded funding through the Community Fund is Teen Talk Harwich, which has received support for its work with vulnerable young people and families across Tendring.

At Birch Hall Adventures, funding from the Community Fund helped complete a new dining space at the outdoor education centre, creating more opportunities for young people to come together during residential stays and activities.

The Community Fund has also supported projects helping families manage increasing financial pressures across Tendring, including Clacton School Uniform Bank, which received funding to help secure its first dedicated shop space.

These projects are just some of the many initiatives supported through the Community Fund over recent years, reflecting the wide-ranging impact the funding continues to have across communities in Tendring.

The Galopper Wind Farm Community Fund continues to support projects making a positive and lasting difference for communities across Tendring.

To apply for a grant or to find out more call ECF on **01245 355947** or visit our **Apply for Support** page.

To find out more about how to set up a charitable fund contact Perry Norton, Head of Development at Essex Community Foundation:

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"The funding secured the first years rent on a shop. This meant we became accessible to all, as we were working from an upstairs room in a community hall which was inaccessible to many in our community.

The impact on families has been vast and includes access to free pre-loved uniform, meaning money can be spent on food, bills and other essentials... This service relieves some of that pressure.

Families have said they enjoy donating as much as they value receiving uniform so it's win win... Since August 2025 we have saved over 15,000 items of uniform from landfill."

Carolyn Doyle | Project lead
Clacton School Uniform Bank



"Galopper Wind Farm Community Fund provided Birch Hall Adventures with a grant last spring to help complete our dining room.

"The dining room enables up to 64 young people to eat together whilst enjoying their residential stay at the Centre... This facility allows us to offer a shared dining experience with their school friends, teachers and instructors, creating opportunities to talk about the day and reflect on the fun activities they've enjoyed.

The funding has also helped us improve the way we support visiting schools and groups, while creating more opportunities for activities including cooking and baking sessions... Many thanks to the Galopper Wind Farm Community Fund for supporting this project and helping us continue to support the local schools that visit the Centre."

Alex Phillips | Centre Director
Birch Hall Adventures



"Funding like this allows small charities like Teen Talk Harwich to support young people before they reach crisis point. It enables us to provide bespoke support and activities that build resilience, confidence and hope, while adapting to each young person's individual needs and mental health to prevent crisis and create lasting positive change."

Hayley Lovett | CEO
Teen Talk Harwich

"We are incredibly proud to see the Community Fund surpass £100,000 in grants supporting organisations and projects across Tendring.

The Community Fund was created to ensure our presence in the area delivers a positive and lasting impact for local communities, and it has been fantastic to see the difference these projects are making to people's lives. From supporting young people and families to helping community organisations respond to local challenges, the funding continues to make a real difference across the area."

Conor Nicholson | RWE
Business and Stakeholder Co-ordinator





Building futures in offshore wind

The value of apprenticeships at Galloper



As we successfully completed the recruitment of our seventh apprentice earlier this year, we have reflected on the impact apprenticeships have—not only on individuals, but on industries and communities.

At RWE and Galloper Wind Farm, our Offshore Wind Turbine Technician apprenticeships are helping to develop the next generation of skilled engineers while supporting the UK's transition to renewable energy. An apprenticeship at Galloper is more than a qualification. It is a long-term investment in people—providing a structured pathway into a rewarding, hands-on engineering career in offshore wind.

Why Apprenticeships matter

Apprenticeships offer a genuine alternative to traditional academic routes. Combining college-based learning with real offshore experience, apprentices build technical knowledge in mechanical and electrical engineering, mechatronics, testing and fault-finding—while earning and gaining industry experience from day one.

With the backing of RWE, apprentices are supported throughout their studies with accommodation near college, travel and food allowances, and mentorship from experienced technicians. Just as importantly, they are embedded within a professional team that prioritises safety, collaboration and continuous learning.

This blend of academic study and practical application ensures that apprentices graduate not only with qualifications, but with the competence and confidence required to maintain complex offshore wind turbines.

Developing skills for the future

Offshore wind continues to play a vital role in the UK's renewable energy ambitions. By investing in apprenticeships, Galloper and RWE are helping to ensure the industry has the skilled workforce needed for the future.

Apprenticeships are not just for school leavers; they are open to individuals with the drive to learn, a strong interest in engineering and a commitment to teamwork and safety. They offer a structured, supported and highly respected route into a growing sector.

At Galloper, we are proud of our colleagues who began their journeys as apprentices and are now building successful careers in offshore wind. Their stories highlight what apprenticeships are truly about: opportunity, progression and the development of skills that power both turbines—and futures.

Learning from experience

The experiences of our apprentices demonstrate the lasting value of the programme.

Ollie Payne joined Galloper in 2025 and was motivated by a desire for a practical career that contributes to renewable energy. “I’ve wanted a hands-on career since high school. I knew the opportunity to join RWE would let me do what I love while contributing to the growth of sustainable energy.” Reflecting on his preparation for the role, he adds, “Studying an engineering topic at college really helped me progress into my role. It gave me a solid understanding of the fundamentals needed to be an offshore wind turbine technician.”

For Rosie Underhill, her apprenticeship was a defining step in her career and ultimately led to a full-time position at Galloper.

“The benefit of an apprenticeship is you are not expected to know everything at the start, but you do need the drive to learn, get involved and work with the team,” Rosie says.

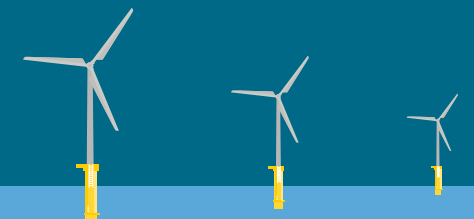
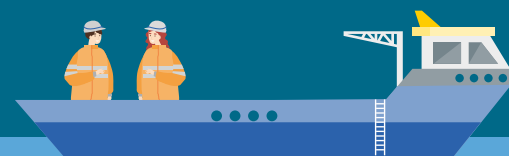
She particularly valued the combination of study and offshore experience. “I enjoyed a split of college and offshore experiences, where you can start to apply the theory of what you were learning.” Working alongside experienced technicians was a highlight: “Working alongside experienced technicians who were keen to help you learn and share their experience was amazing.”

Now progressing her career, Rosie reflects on how far she has come: “Without the apprenticeship I don’t know what I would be doing now, but I know it definitely wouldn’t be as fun.” As a STEM ambassador, she now shares her story to help others understand the opportunities available in offshore wind.

George Webb also demonstrates the resilience and commitment that apprenticeships foster. Growing up in Harwich, George was determined to secure a place on the scheme—applying more than once before succeeding. He now also works full time at Galloper maintaining our turbines as a qualified technician.

“My perseverance definitely paid off though, as I was able to begin my career. My advice to anyone would be to never let rejection hold you back and keep trying,” he says.

George valued both the academic and social aspects of the programme. “It’s a good mix between theory and practical learning. Some of the topics can be challenging but it’s definitely rewarding.” He also highlights the strong support network among apprentices: “As apprentices, we instantly formed friendships with each other... we look out for each other and helped each other through the apprenticeship, pulling ourselves along as a team.”





Continued careers success, developing the next generation

The Galloper team have continued their career engagement with Harwich and Dovercourt High School, welcoming the third cohort of students for the third year running.

During the programme students can learn directly from team members, gaining a wider understanding of the variety of roles and careers found in offshore wind and further knowledge of the inner workings of the industry.

The pupils are engaged through a series of workshops, talks, and mock interviews, all aimed at improving the vital soft skills that young people need to make a success of their early careers and help them find routes and pathways into careers within this growing industry.

“We’re incredibly proud to kick off the third cohort of this programme. Since we launched the initiative, we’ve watched young people grow in confidence, build real-world skills, and gain a clearer picture of the diverse careers available in offshore wind.

Galloper Wind Farm is strongly committed to being a long term partner for the local community, and this programme is a key part of that commitment. We’d like to congratulate all the students who have taken part so far, and we look forward supporting future cohorts as they explore their opportunities.”

**Conor Nicholson | RWE
Business and Stakeholder Co-ordinator**



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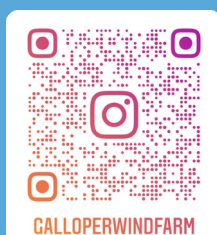
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