



Community Newsletter



The latest news and updates from
the Sizewell C project.

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Project Update Sizewell C

Welcome to the latest community newsletter
from Sizewell C, the new nuclear power station
being built on the Suffolk coast.

It's been a momentous start to the year for Sizewell C. In January, after successfully completing all the necessary pre-commencement works, we entered the formal construction phase of the project. That was a big step – and it meant our delivery teams could look ahead to a clear programme of work for the year, from the installation of our team welfare offices to readying the site for our concrete batching plants and beginning bulk earthworks.

Things are really moving, and our suppliers are already manufacturing some of our large components so they're ready when we need them. Last month, we also purchased the land we're building on too – another milestone and one that is essential for us to secure our Nuclear Site Licence. If granted by the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR), it will be the first nuclear site licence issued in over a decade.

The Government is now the majority shareholder in Sizewell C and in January it announced an additional funding package of £1.3bn for the project. It's a further sign of confidence in us and demonstrates the importance of our new power station in building a strong, low carbon energy system for Britain.

It's also, of course, an East Suffolk project, our home and host community. The opportunities the project provides this region are once-in-a-generation. Our £23m Sizewell C Community Fund launched this year – available in phases over the construction period, and part of a broader £250m package for local communities – and we'll soon start to see projects benefitting from that funding. There's also a raft of other opportunities for the

region already taking effect, from our community arts programme, Sizewell Creative, to the many employment and apprenticeship opportunities.

For those who do join the Sizewell C team, you'll be part of a diverse and welcoming workforce. Our workforce is already over 40% female and on International Women's Day, we announced that women now make up 55% of our Executive Team. That's something we're very proud of and it shows our ambition to lead when it comes to diversity and inclusion. It also shows that the opportunities at Sizewell C are designed for everyone.

We know that construction will cause some disruption, but one of the many things we're doing to minimise the impacts on local communities is setting up new community forums, where key issues can be discussed during construction. You can read more about them in this newsletter. And as ever, if you have any questions, you can get in touch with our Community Relations Team at our Sizewell Information Office in Leiston. You can either pop in to the office or get in touch using the phone number or email on the back of this newsletter.

And if you want to stay up to date on when and where works are taking place, as well as the progress of current works, check out our Works Tracker (szcworkstracker.co.uk), where you can find all the latest info.

We hope you enjoy this latest update.

Julia Pyke and Nigel Cann,
Joint Managing Directors.

“Phenomenal opportunities” as apprenticeship and work experience schemes launch

The most common query we get at our Information Office in Leiston is about jobs. Locally, there is a big demand for the employment opportunities that Sizewell C offers now and in the future.

Now the project has advanced to the formal construction phase, those opportunities to join the Sizewell C team are growing.

At peak construction, around **2,600 workers** – a third of the workforce on the site – are expected to come from the local area. We publish all the latest jobs on our website; a broad variety of roles that range from archaeology to project management. And to make sure we can maximise local employment, we're running a Jobs Service in partnership with the region too.

Insights: work experience scheme

This year, we've also launched our new work experience scheme, Insights. Through the scheme, we're offering **50 new work experience placement opportunities** for young people in the region **aged 14-20**.

Available between 6 May – 17 May, the modular programme includes employment skills, training, a five-day live work experience event, access to the Sizewell C curriculum, and creates industry connections that can lead to future opportunities, such as internships and apprenticeships.

To find out more about the opportunities on offer at Sizewell C, check out the Careers page on our website: sizewellc.com/jobs

Apprenticeships

Our apprenticeship scheme is also now open, with 1,500 apprenticeship places on offer during the course of the construction phase. Over 50 apprenticeships have been created as a result of the project so far, with another 100 expected over the course of 2024.

“The number and breadth of apprenticeship opportunities offered by Sizewell C is phenomenal,” says Daniel Mayhew, Director of Community and Partnerships Kingfisher Schools Trust, “offering the chance to build a career in the local area for a huge number of youngsters. For the young people living in Leiston and the surrounding areas, a Sizewell C apprenticeship offers the chance to gain valuable skills, higher earning potential and improved life chances.”

Georgia Pleasants,
HR apprentice



“Apprenticeships are a very good way to get an education, get some qualifications, and be working at the same time. It really sets you up to be ready for the workplace. It's in my local community, there are fantastic benefits, brilliant support, and the teams are amazing to work with. If you're looking for an apprenticeship in East Suffolk, I would recommend Sizewell C as a first choice.”



What's been happening in 2024?



A new phase for the project

In January, the Nuclear Minister Andrew Bowie joined us on site to celebrate triggering the project's Development Consent Order, which meant we entered the construction phase.

Taking ownership

In March, we bought the land on which we're constructing the power station – a key moment that demonstrates we're an independent organisation, and which puts us in a good place to secure our Nuclear Site Licence.

Broadening access to opportunities

On International Women's Day, we announced a new partnership with Women into Construction, who will help us to access a larger pool of women in the region to join the team. And in March, partnering with Project 21, we announced a new scheme to provide work placements for people with Down's Syndrome.

Significant steps on site

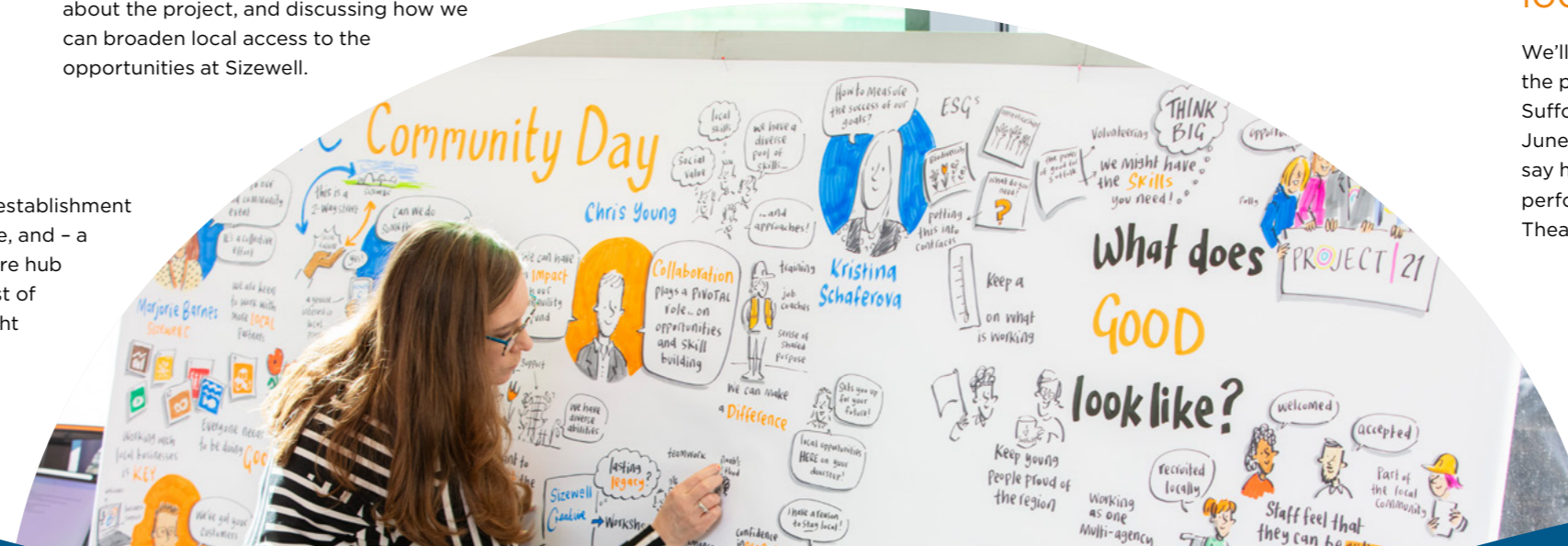
We've made excellent progress already this year with site establishment works, including archaeological work, vegetation clearance, and – a big moment for the team – the installation of the site welfare hub on our Ancillary Construction Area (ACA), in the north-east of Leiston. If you've been walking on Sizewell beach, you might also have noticed we've been installing our site fence – a key requirement for getting our Nuclear Site Licence.

Improving the road network

One of our most significant off-site projects so far this year, we resurfaced parts of the B1122 to ensure that the road was in good condition as we begin to increase construction traffic to the site. These improvements are also part of our wider noise mitigation plan for transport to the site: by resurfacing the B1122, we'll reduce noise and vibration from traffic along that road more generally.

Community Day

In March, we held our Sizewell C Community Day in Ipswich, presenting and chatting to people about the project, and discussing how we can broaden local access to the opportunities at Sizewell.



What's coming up?



Key works on site

We'll be welcoming Civil Works Alliance later in April. They'll be helping us to deliver some key works, including bulk earthworks, our concrete batching plant area, and the area for our temporary desalination plant on the Temporary Construction Area (TCA). We'll also be completing the access road into our TCA and working to complete the main site access road: two significant projects to enable us to deliver what we need.

Looking ahead to a Nuclear Site Licence

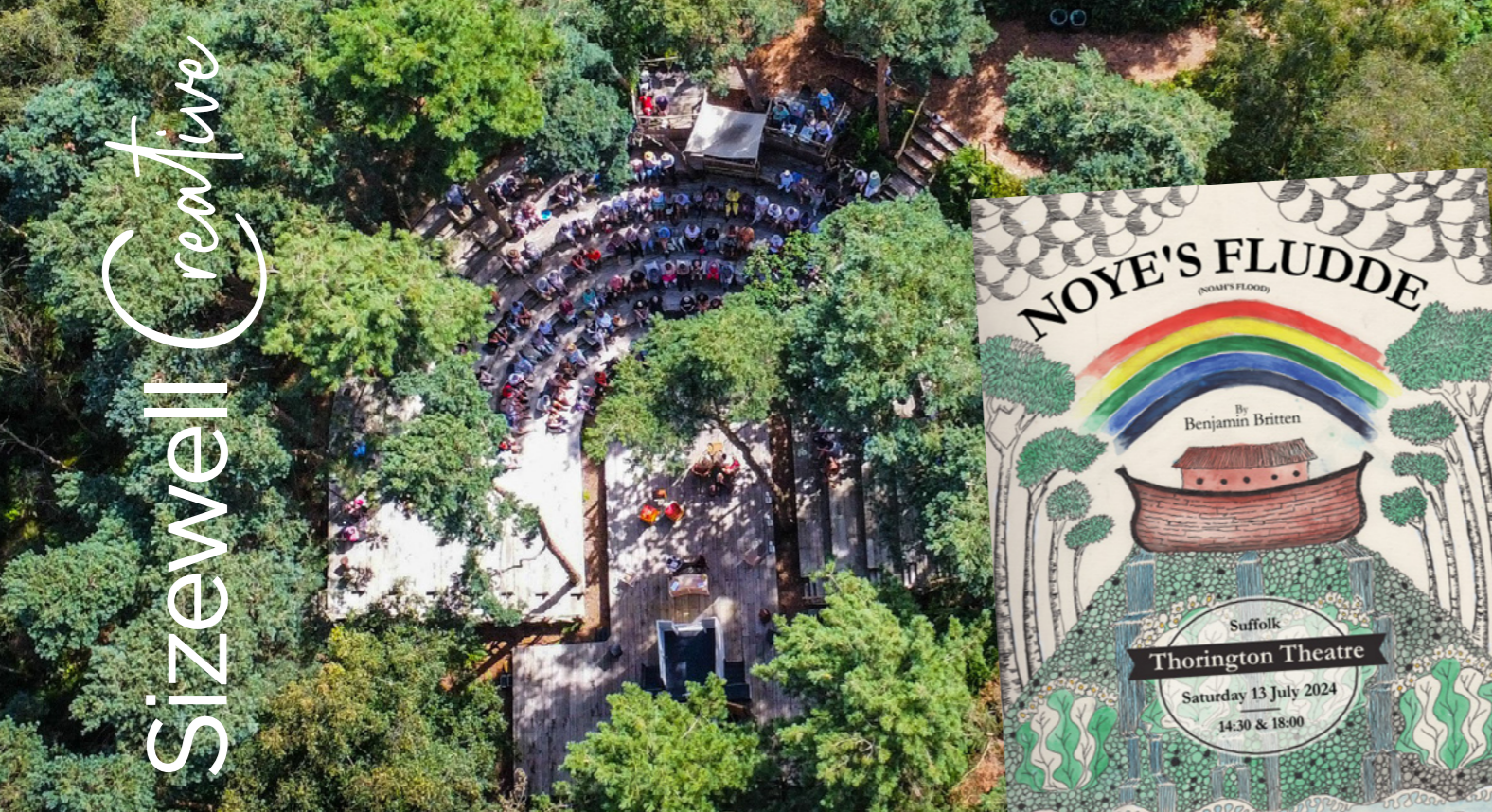
One of the next milestones we're looking forward to is securing our Nuclear Site Licence. We're in a really good place to achieve that soon. It will be the first nuclear site licence in over a decade, and it will mean we must continue to demonstrate the highest standards, for our land and infrastructure, for our operations, and for our people and processes.

Preparing off-site infrastructure

Off-site infrastructure is really important to our project. The Northern and Southern Park and Rides, for example, will play a significant role in reducing the amount of additional traffic generated by the construction workforce on local roads. We'll soon be starting preparatory works on those sites, including beginning the archaeological work necessary to enable access.

Come say hello at top local events

We'll be out and about again this year, talking about the project at lots of local events. So if you're at the Suffolk Show (29+30 May), the Norfolk Show (26+27 June), or you see us at an event near you, come and say hi! Oh, and we have a community opera performance of Noah's Flood on 13 July at Thorington Theatre – read more about that on page 5!



Bringing summer opera to Suffolk

This summer, Suffolk residents and school children will share the stage with the Sizewell C team in a unique operatic performance.

Staged at Thorington Theatre, a new outdoor theatre nestled in Suffolk woodland, the production will bring together choirs, musicians, local villages and schools in East Suffolk with the Sizewell C construction team for a brand-new performance of Benjamin Britten's Noye's Fludde (Noah's Flood) on Saturday 13 July.

Preparation for Noye's Fludde began in December with the first open-to-all Come and Sing event at Pro Corda at Leiston Abbey.

In February, a sell-out family craft event at Leiston Film Theatre saw families come together to help make a rainbow for the production from found materials, followed by a free screening of Wonka. And Sizewell C workers began the first of their creative drop-in sessions, where they experimented with bamboo and other sustainable materials: components that will allow them to build the Ark live on stage!

"This is a great opportunity to showcase the arts in Suffolk," says Rosalind Parker, the project's Creative Director, "and to raise the aspirations of young people looking for creative opportunities in this area."

"We've had some wonderful sessions so far, and there's more to come. We're inviting anyone who would like to get involved, at our craft or Come and Sing events. It's an open invitation to anyone who would like to get involved with the opera, whether that's joining the onstage production or helping out off stage."

Conducted by Tim Brown, widely known as one of the best choral conductors in the world, Noah's Flood is the first production from Sizewell Creative, our new community arts programme. The programme provides free, accessible, and sustainable arts events and initiatives for the community and local schools.

As well as further events and outreach this year, the programme will also be appointing new positions for local artists, including in residence posts for an artist, poet, and writer.

"We're all excited about the impact this project will have in the area," says Julia Pyke, Joint Managing Director at Sizewell C. "We know Suffolk is an area rich in culture and art, and Sizewell Creative offers a great opportunity for all to participate in the arts here."

To find out more about Sizewell Creative, and for tickets to Noah's Flood: sizewellc.com/sizewell-creative



Community forums: staying informed and having your say

We were delighted to hold the first of our community forums this year – they're a great way to stay informed and have your say as we build this exciting project.

We have lots of these forums throughout the year, so there are plenty of opportunities to attend. Parish and town councils represent the community at these meetings, but you can attend as an observer and submit questions in advance, either through our website or through your local representative.

The Main Development Site Forum, Northern Transport Forum and the Southern Transport Forum each run four times a year. The forums discuss various aspects of the project, and the Sizewell C team give updates on our progress and timelines, as well as answer questions and clarify concerns around the early years work that we'll be carrying out.



UPCOMING FORUMS

Annual Sizewell C Forum: Tuesday 9 April

Main Site Forum: Tuesday 16 April

The Northern Transport Forum: Wednesday 8 May

The Southern Transport Forum: Wednesday 15 May

You can find all the info you need – from agendas and slides, to venue and time details, on the website: sizewellc.com/community/forums. Alternatively, you can give us a call or pop in to see us in our Leiston office.

Christine Abraham,
Community Forum
Chair, and former CEO
of Community
Action Suffolk



Annual Sizewell C Forum

Every year we'll host a Sizewell C Forum bringing all parishes in East Suffolk together. The meeting is open to the East Suffolk community, and other areas impacted by construction, to hear about what we're doing and discuss ways to minimise impacts of the project and maximise benefits for people living and working nearby.

Our first annual Sizewell C Forum – which is chaired independently – takes place on Tuesday 9 April at Trinity Park Conference & Events Centre in Ipswich (18:30 arrival for 19:00 start). It's a great opportunity to hear all about what we've been doing and what's next.

The meeting is open to the public to come and observe, but reservation is necessary – simply visit the Sizewell C website to sign up. And if you have any questions, you can submit these to your parish council or head over to the Sizewell C website to pre-submit.

Who works at Sizewell C?

In each newsletter, we'll be spotlighting some of the amazing people who work on site.

Hayley Critchley, Head of Compliance

"Sizewell C is such an amazing opportunity for women in East Suffolk. The Sizewell team is already 40% female and there are a lot of ladies who hold key roles on site already: it's a really welcoming environment."

I'm four weeks into my new role on the Sizewell C project – and I love it. My job is to ensure that the Sizewell C construction site, and associated developments, maintain compliance with its compliance arrangements and promotes best practice. Within Health and Safety, I've been fortunate enough to work on big projects from London Underground to Hinkley Point C, where I looked after around 9,000 people on site: that was a real high point and great preparation for working at Sizewell. I'm especially interested in building diverse workforces, and the team here are already doing great things to create a truly diverse and gender-balanced organisation.



Will Orr, Project Manager

"We have some exciting and challenging schemes over the coming years, and I'm looking forward to being part of the team working with the local supply chain and communities to deliver these projects in an area that I grew up."

I'm a Project Manager within the Highways Off-Site Infrastructure Team. My job is to manage the safe delivery of quality highway construction projects, associated with Sizewell C. I grew up in a small village near Saxmundham and after moving around the country for university and work, I found my way back to Suffolk in 2019.

I joined the Sizewell C team in autumn 2023 after following the project's developments for the last few years, and I jumped at the opportunity to join. I enjoy being part of a team, helping to improve our environment, and I enjoy solving the engineering challenges too - I take great satisfaction from seeing construction projects deliver results on the ground. I love the Suffolk coastline as well as the pine forests, and would be hard pushed to decide between a day on Southwold Beach or a day in Rendlesham and Tunstall Forest.



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