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# Community Newsletter



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The latest news and updates

from the Sizewell C project.

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# Welcome

As much as Sizewell C is a project of national significance, it's also a project for Suffolk.

We've pledged to make sure this region benefits from the opportunities offered by this project – and we're delivering on many of those commitments already.

We've committed to deliver thousands of jobs, apprenticeships, and training opportunities here. Following jobs pledges to local towns, we've followed up with brilliantly attended jobs fairs in Leiston, Lowestoft, and Ipswich to make sure opportunities are accessible and people know what to do to be job ready.

We've committed to ensuring local businesses benefit - we've surpassed over £100m in local contracts, continue to announce more local contracts, and our supply chain event in Lowestoft provided insight on how local firms can get involved.

We've also committed to funding local projects as part of the Sizewell C Community Fund, which has awarded nearly £2m since it was launched last year.

We're continuing to offer people in this area a voice in our project through our regular forums, and we're getting out to meet people at events like the Suffolk Show, where we spoke to over two thousand people.

And just as we go to print, we've announced plans to build a new post-16 college for Leiston, alongside a new Apprenticeship & Trainee Hub and Centre of Excellence – facilities that will mark a major step forward for education and training in this rural area of Suffolk. You can find out more on our website and in the next newsletter.

As this investment proves, we want to create the most benefit we can from the way we build Sizewell C here in Suffolk.

**Julia Pyke and Nigel Cann,**  
Joint Managing Directors



## Free parking at Sizewell Beach

We've funded free parking at Sizewell Beach for twelve months as part of a trial to encourage more visitors and to relieve pressure at more ecologically sensitive areas elsewhere in the area. The trial ends next March and we expect it to reduce informal road-side parking leading up to the beach too, making it safer and improving the environment for local residents.

## More contracts for local businesses

After surpassing £100m in local contracts during our first year of construction, we're continuing to announce new contracts for local businesses, demonstrating that we have skilled people we need right here in this region.

Family-owned Suffolk company Breheny Civil Engineering is one of the latest local firms to benefit, picking up the contract to construct new A12 roundabouts as part of our infrastructure upgrade during construction.

“Sizewell C offers Suffolk an incredible opportunity to showcase the region's extensive talent and resources, providing work opportunities for years to come. We've completed several Sizewell C projects already and we're delighted to have now been awarded the construction of the new roundabouts on the A12 at Yoxford and Friday Street. We've been working on sections of the A12 since the 1970s and look forward to continuing to improve the A12 to support the construction of Sizewell C.”

**Mark Burrows, Regional Commercial Director,**  
Breheny Civil Engineering

# Latest news



## Supporting Suffolk tourism

We presented at the Suffolk Coast Tourism Conference at Henham Barns in April – giving local businesses information on how they can access the various tourism grants we offer. Our Sizewell C Tourism Fund has already awarded almost £1m, part of the £12m funding pot accessible.

## Community forums give inside view of the project

Our community forums are a great way for local people to hear about key issues related to the construction of our project. We've hosted six forums already this year – and you can find the full itinerary for the rest of the year on our website: [sizewellc.com/community/forums](http://sizewellc.com/community/forums).

## Improving connectivity in the community

We've been delighted to significantly improve connectivity in the local area with a number of projects, including supporting East Suffolk Council to extend their free Wi-Fi network in Leiston.

## Local supply chain event and jobs fairs showcase opportunities

Following our first jobs fair in Leiston earlier this year, we hosted two more in Lowestoft and Ipswich, while our supply chain event in Lowestoft attracted over 100 local businesses. It's all part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the opportunities and the benefits of the project are felt right across our region.

“From revitalising our local industries and investing in essential skills, to creating transformative supply chain opportunities, Sizewell C is helping to build lasting prosperity right here at home.”

**Jess Asato, MP for Lowestoft**

“The jobs fair, organised by the DWP and Sizewell C, and hosted at the University of Suffolk, was a huge success, bringing together local businesses, educators, and jobseekers to showcase the incredible opportunities available in Ipswich and Suffolk.”

**Jack Abbott, MP for Ipswich and the Government’s East of England Mission Champion**





## Main development site



Our main development site is made up of: the Main Construction Area (MCA); our Temporary Construction Area (TCA); and our Ancillary Construction Area (ACA).

### Main Construction Area (MCA) and Ancillary Construction Area (ACA)

We're currently building the necessary road infrastructure around the ACA. The bus services are up and running and our hydrogen buses are taking the team to and from site. At the main development site, we're continuing earthworks and preparing for the construction of the SSSI bridge, which will connect the MCA and the TCA.

From the beach, you'll be able to see the temporary sea defence sheet piling and the survey work we're doing. And soon, we'll also be building a compound on the beach for our team, which will have no impact on public rights of way.

### Temporary Construction Area (TCA)

We're establishing new offices on this site and have started work on our Accommodation Campus, which will be built on the western edge of the TCA. Advanced works and site preparation is already in progress, with archaeology, ecology and earthworks underway.



## Rail schemes



The railways play a vital part in building Sizewell C – and in reducing traffic on the roads.



We're making great progress with our rail works. We celebrated the first train movements down the Leiston branch line to bring materials to our Buckleswood Road and ACA compound for the laying of new tracks.

Further work on the East Suffolk Branch line (Ipswich – Lowestoft) include track and level crossing improvements. During the summer, surveys will be carried out at Darsham Station level crossing – the work is expected to start on the crossing in early 2026.

## Sea schemes



Our relationship with the coastline is key to the project's success.

You may have seen our Wave Walker jack-up barge at the northern end of the site, which was carrying out seabed surveys. We're now preparing for the construction of the northern section of the temporary sea defence.



The Wave Walker  
jack-up barge

## Park and Ride schemes



Our park and ride facilities will enable us to bus our teams to site and reduce traffic on local roads.

### Northern Park and Ride

Works continue on the Northern Park and Ride, which will be operational by summer 2026. The first phase of the construction will begin in Q4 this year, and we'll finish in the summer of 2026.

From May, welfare cabins for our workers will be installed in the compound and utility diversions will

begin along the A12, which will require a temporary speed reduction to 30mph.

### Southern Park and Ride

Our archaeologists continue their work on the Southern Park and Ride, which will conclude later this year. As archaeology is completed, we'll start building work in phases in the summer.

## Major road schemes



We're upgrading local roads and starting work on vital new ones for the project.

### Yoxford Roundabout

We're about to start construction of the Yoxford roundabout, which will be operational in the second quarter of 2026.

### Two Village Bypass

Ahead of constructing a new 1.8km bypass around Farnham and Stratford St Andrew, we started preparatory work on a new roundabout at Friday Street in March.

At Friday Street, our site access is complete and we've installed fencing and compounds which include facilities for our workers. We've also finished vegetation clearance.

### Sizewell Link Road

Archaeology and vegetation clearance works are continuing at our Sizewell Link Road sites. The main work will then follow archaeology in phases on the project.

## More info on our current activity

You can get more detail on all our latest activity on our online Works Tracker, where you can sign up for activity alerts: [szcworkstracker.co.uk](http://szcworkstracker.co.uk)

We issue a monthly online newsletter, outlining all the activity across all our key schemes: contact [info@sizewellc.com](mailto:info@sizewellc.com) to get it in your inbox.

# Look back at Leiston's first ever community film festival

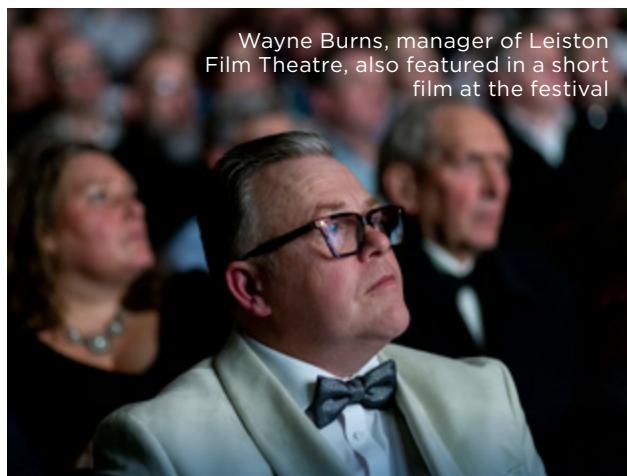
A local fisherman, Sizewell beach swimmers, and Sizewell C apprentices were among the unique local stories celebrated in a new community film festival in Leiston earlier this year.

Following a red-carpet reception, the first-ever Leiston Community Film Festival featured seven short films about people and places in the town, including a short film written and directed by students at local secondary school, Alde Valley Academy.

The new festival was staged and delivered by Leiston Film Theatre, Suffolk's oldest purpose-built cinema, in partnership with Sizewell Creative, our community creative arts programme, and multi-award winning film company, Silverfish Films.

**“For all of us at Sizewell C, it’s really important that we build community, not only within our project, but with the community in which we’re based. This first community festival in our host town was another fantastic way to do that. Each of these brilliant films told a different story about the richness and the vibrancy of this town. It was a lovely celebration of Leiston and its people, at our truly historic local cinema.”**

**Julia Pyke, Joint Managing Director of Sizewell C**



Wayne Burns, manager of Leiston Film Theatre, also featured in a short film at the festival



Twelve students from Alde Valley Academy spent four weeks learning how to make a film for their submission – with the final product being a short film about their lives

Still from Sizewell Swimmers, which featured a group of swimmers who meet at Sizewell beach to brave the chilly Suffolk waters

## Support for local projects nears £2m through Sizewell C Community Fund

The Sizewell C Community Fund has now awarded almost £2m to local community projects following the latest round of funding.

Nine local organisations benefited from a total of over half a million pounds in the third round, covering projects across areas including Leiston, Saxmundham, and Wickham Market.

The fund – which is worth £23m in total and is administered by The Suffolk Community Foundation during the construction of Sizewell C – is being awarded to projects in the East Suffolk Council area which promotes the economic, social or environmental wellbeing of the communities most impacted by the construction of Sizewell C, and which enhance people's quality of life.

The latest round is open for applications and closes on Sunday 20th July 2025 at 23:59. The next round opens immediately after.

### I MADE THIS (£89,153)

“I Made This is excited to be able to deliver our stop motion animation project – for children with autism and other special needs – thanks to the Sizewell C Community Fund. The grant will enable us to expand the work we have been doing in East Suffolk for the past 15 years. Our application was in part successful because of the support and advice from Suffolk Community Foundation, whose guidance was invaluable.”

### GREEN LIGHT TRUST (£14,755)

“We are really pleased to receive funding from the Sizewell Community Fund and excited about our new partnership with the Wardens Trust. This funding will enable us to deliver nature-based activities for local people within a beautiful space at the Wardens Trust.”

### ACTIVLIVES (£141,079)

“This funding will enable ActivLives to continue to deliver and grow our three existing falls prevention and BreatheFit sessions in Leiston and Saxmundham and working with local residents develop new inclusive activities for older adults, to keep people active, connected and reduce loneliness and social isolation.”



“The funding will also enable us to strengthen our presence in the Sizewell C area, widen our reach to other towns and villages to develop new preventative and social activities, that will help break down the barriers to participation and motivate and support older people with their physical, mental and emotional health.”

**Julie Stokes, CEO ActivLives**

# Who works at Sizewell C?

In each newsletter, we spotlight some of the amazing people who work on site.

## Michelle Emerson-Grey, Community Relations Manager

“I’m so lucky to work with the community here.”

My job involves speaking with the public on the range of opportunities at Sizewell C. I’m based in the Information Office on Leiston High Street – and a big part of my role is answering questions from the public about everything from job opportunities to where we’re working and what we’re doing. I’m so lucky to work with the community here.

My dad worked on the construction of Sizewell B and I saw first-hand the opportunities this brought to East Suffolk – it’s important to me that the positive legacy of Sizewell C is felt in our communities here.

Being part of a team that is tackling climate change while providing opportunities for young people to embark on their career is a fantastic opportunity to make a difference.

I’m a Suffolk girl through and through – we have a thriving cultural heritage here and when I’m not at work, I can be found at one of the many arts venues and festivals in Suffolk.



## Jack Steggals, Civil Engineering Apprentice

“Seeing this project take shape first-hand is both inspiring and rewarding.”

I started as a Civil Engineering apprentice back in September 2024. I grew up in Ipswich, so having a project of this scale local to me was such a great opportunity, and it will continue to create a variety of opportunities for other young people in the area.

I want to develop into an effective civil engineer and this role will allow me to gain vast amounts of experience to do that. I can really learn from some of the best people in the industry on this project – and it enables me to obtain a degree to further my knowledge too.

Seeing this project take shape first-hand is both inspiring and rewarding. There are endless opportunities to expand your experience and network, whether this simply be during day-to-day work or larger opportunities that are unique to a project of this scale, all while contributing to a sustainable project.

It’s great to be able to stay in this area too, which I love. It’s great to be able to live in a town with plenty to do but still be only a 15-minute drive from the countryside and beaches.

Find out about jobs at Sizewell C:  
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