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# Community Newsletter



The latest news and updates

from the Sizewell C project.

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# Welcome

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

Since securing our Final Investment Decision this summer and officially welcoming new investors in early November, we've been able to move forward with even greater certainty. With financial backing in place, we've signed major contracts and accelerated progress on site.

This momentum inevitably brings impacts, particularly on the local area and most noticeably the roads. We are sorry there are delays caused by temporary traffic lights and speed restrictions across East Suffolk, and we understand the frustration this creates. We also recognise the visual changes to the countryside, and would like to reassure you that we will be planting more trees than we have removed for our construction works. We'll be planting trees and bushes around our off-site infrastructure projects in the first winter following their completion in 2026/27.

Building a nuclear power station is a complex task, and some disruption is unavoidable. That's why projects like our two park and ride facilities, the Sizewell Link Road, Two Village Bypass, Green Rail Route, and Marine Bulk Import Facility are so important. Once complete, they'll divert traffic away from communities and ease pressure on existing routes. During construction, at least 60% of materials will arrive by rail or sea, and the work we are doing now will reduce impacts on the roads in the longer term. We're in a critical phase, so thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

We're coordinating with other local infrastructure projects to minimise disruption, and we welcome feedback from those living closest to our sites. Whether through local forums, our online Works Tracker, or a visit to our Information Office on Leiston High Street, we're here to listen and help.

We're working as hard as we can to deliver this vital infrastructure as quickly as possible. There's still much work to do, but please rest assured this is a temporary stage - and it will be worth it.

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



## Unlocking youth potential in Suffolk

We're working hard to transform the lives of young people from under-represented communities across Suffolk. The Beyond Boundaries Programme, delivered by our social partner Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality (ISCRE), aims to help 15-21-year-olds unlock their potential and access well-paid and sustained careers, including here at Sizewell C. The two-year pilot scheme focuses on confidence building, skills development, coaching, and mentorship.

"Programmes like Beyond Boundaries will help us learn things that we're not taught in school, like applying for jobs and having more self-belief."

**Lynn, Beyond Boundaries participant**

## New £10m environmental fund launched

We're funding a new £10m grant scheme to support environmental enhancement projects along the East coast. The Natural Environment Improvement Fund (NEIF), established as part of our Deed of Obligation, is aimed at mitigating the project's landscape and visual impacts. An awards panel will oversee the fund, with grants distributed to local community groups throughout the construction phase and the first three years of the power station's operation.

## Sizewell C Youth Council visits Downing Street

Eleven secondary school pupils at Alde Valley Academy in Leiston had a once-in-a-lifetime trip to 10 Downing Street in London, as part of their roles as members of the Sizewell C Youth Council. Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer, with the help of Suffolk Coastal MP Jenny Riddell-Carpenter, promised the pupils a tour during his visit to Ipswich in June, where he announced £14.2bn of funding for Sizewell C. Formed in 2024, the Youth Council gives Sizewell C's leadership insight into local young people's needs and offers students unique opportunities.

"The best thing about being part of the Youth Council is you get to do stuff like this, and it gives us a vision for the future and shows us what we can achieve."

**Ryan, Year 11 member of Sizewell C Youth Council**

# Latest news

## Community bike hire scheme launches in Leiston

We've funded a new community bike hire scheme in Leiston. Introduced by Net Zero Leiston, the Pedal to Zero initiative offers the community an affordable and eco-friendly way to travel around town. The three-year project features a fleet of 18 bikes - including nine electric bikes - available for hire at five locations. All revenue will be reinvested into the scheme, enabling future expansion in Leiston and surrounding areas.

"That was a lot of fun. I really encourage people to give them a go and hopefully this scheme will set an example for other towns."

**Councillor Tom Daly, East Suffolk Council's cabinet member for Energy and Climate Change**



Lynn, Beyond Boundaries



Downing Street visit for Sizewell C Youth Council



Pedal to Zero



Sean, Exhibitor



The 11th century coin hoard found on site



Leiston Careers Fair

## Community art exhibition draws a crowd

Sizewell C colleagues showcased their artistic talents at a vibrant exhibition in Barnby near Lowestoft. Curated by First Light Festival CIC and organised by Sizewell Creative - our community-focused arts initiative - the event featured everything from photography to abstract designs. The exhibition will now tour Suffolk, with stops planned in Leiston, Lowestoft, and Ipswich.

"Sizewell Creative helps to take people away from the day-to-day routine of life. Being able to take part in this project has been fantastic."

**Sean Jarrett, Contracts Manager who exhibited five paintings**

## 11<sup>th</sup> century coin hoard to remain in Suffolk

We've donated a remarkable hoard of over three hundred 11th century silver coins, discovered during excavation work in 2023, to Suffolk County Council's Archaeological Service. Nicknamed 'the pasty' - due to its resemblance to a Cornish pasty - the hoard will now be curated in Suffolk and made available for academic research.

## Hundreds attend careers fair

More than 400 people attended our second careers event of 2025 in our host town of Leiston. Since January, over 1,500 visitors have joined similar careers fairs in Ipswich and Lowestoft - with even more events planned for 2026.

An innovative project that brings the community together by redistributing surplus food has received a £12,117 grant from the Sizewell C Community Fund.

SAX Community Fridge, run entirely by volunteers, collects fresh produce from supermarkets, bakeries and greengrocers, and shares it out at regular community drop-in sessions in Saxmundham.

Held behind The Old Bank, in the Riverside Garden, the sessions offer food that is near or just past its 'best before' date and would otherwise go to landfill.

Those attending are also able to enjoy a free coffee, cake and chat with others, in turn boosting wellbeing and tackling social isolation.



“Coming to the Community Fridge each week has given us a real sense of community, and it’s amazing the difference it has made to our food bill. Everybody has been so lovely, and now when we walk through town we have people to wave at because we’ve met so many wonderful people here.”

Jenna, mother of two who recently moved to Saxmundham from the Midlands



The funding will support the project over the next three years, covering running costs and volunteer expenses.

“We are absolutely delighted to have received a grant from the Sizewell C Community Fund. Now in our fourth year, these sessions, which support between 50 and 100 people, have helped reduce loneliness, support mental health and bring together people from across the area who might not otherwise meet.”

**Martin Thorold, Lead volunteer**

The Sizewell C Community Fund, managed by Suffolk Community Foundation, is making around £2m available each year to projects in the East Suffolk Council area which promote the economic, social or environmental wellbeing of the communities closest to, and most impacted by, the construction of Sizewell C, and which enhance people's quality of life.

SAX Community Fridge was one of eight projects awarded a share of just over £660,000 in the latest round of grants. Others to benefit included Ogilvie Pavilion & Sports Ground in Aldringham-cum-Thorpe, Rural Coffee Caravan, Cohere Arts and an initiative to upgrade Saxmundham adventure playground.

The latest awards take the total distributed since the fund was launched just over a year ago to around £3m.

#### For more information:

About the fund, eligibility criteria and how to apply, visit [suffolkcf.org.uk](http://suffolkcf.org.uk) or call 01473 602 602.

# Landmark collaboration

How landmark collaboration with Sizewell A is cutting carbon emissions and reducing heavy traffic on East Suffolk roads.

We're giving new life to more than 15,000 tonnes of recycled concrete from the former Sizewell A power station - helping to cut carbon emissions and reduce construction traffic on East Suffolk roads.

The turbine hall at Sizewell A was recently demolished as part of its ongoing decommissioning, led by Nuclear Restoration Services (NRS).

Concrete from four large turbine alternator plinths - removed during carefully controlled explosions - has been rigorously tested for safety and transported just up the road to our Main Construction Area. Here, it's being repurposed as sub-bases for foundation platforms.

Working with East Suffolk Council and the Environment Agency, this collaboration is a landmark moment for sustainable construction.



**Damian Leydon, Site Delivery Director, Sizewell C, said:**

“This is another example of how Sizewell C is working with local projects to maximise benefits, not just for us, but for the local community. By reusing this material, we're reducing the number of trucks transporting aggregate through East Suffolk, while further reaffirming our commitment of minimising our environmental impact during construction.”



**Wendy Heath, NRS Senior Project Manager, said:**

“This innovative approach has prevented 28 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by diverting waste from landfill, completing the circular economy for this material. This marks a first-of-its-kind achievement for NRS and showcases how collaborative working is enabling sustainable decommissioning. By reducing waste and minimising traffic on local roads, we're actively supporting the future of clean energy.”

#### THIS INITIATIVE HAS DELIVERED MULTIPLE BENEFITS:



##### Cost Savings

Reduced procurement costs from using locally sourced aggregate.



##### Reduction

Reusing local material avoids the need to transport aggregates from other parts of the country, significantly cutting carbon emissions.



##### Resource Conservation

The reuse of demolition material prevents the need to extract new primary aggregates, preserving natural resources.



##### Local Impact

The material is locally sourced, supporting Sizewell C's UK content and Suffolk spend targets.



##### Traffic Reduction

Almost 800 vehicle movements will be confined to the vicinity of Sizewell A and Sizewell C, reducing construction traffic on local roads.



## 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've made significant progress installing steel sheet piles for the Temporary Sea Defence at the MCA. We're also nearing completion of a new bridge linking the MCA to the TCA. This vital infrastructure will streamline material and equipment transport - cutting carbon emissions while saving time and costs.

We've unveiled plans to build a temporary steel cut-and-bend facility at the ACA. This will allow us to process the steel bars required for concrete reinforcement, reducing reliance on imports.

### Temporary Construction Area (TCA)

Off-site manufacturing of our desalination plant, which will convert seawater into fresh water to support our construction activities, is ongoing and we're preparing the site ahead of installation.

## Rail schemes

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

Our rail schemes, linking key project areas to the upgraded Sizewell branch line, are progressing well.



We've also started building our concrete batching plant which will reduce the need to transport nuclear-grade concrete by road.



We're prioritising construction of the Green Rail Route to the TCA, aiming to have trains running early next year. At the ACA, ballast laying is complete, and track installation has begun. These milestones demonstrate our commitment to moving at least 60% of construction materials by sea and rail.



## Sea schemes

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

We've begun work on our Marine Bulk Import Facility. When finished, this 500m temporary pier will enable bulk materials to arrive by sea, reducing the need for tens of thousands of truck journeys. For safety, from January the beach around the area we're working will close on weekdays but remain open at weekends, allowing Sizewell parkrun and other activities to continue.



## Park and Ride schemes

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

Our Northern Park and Ride at Darsham has partially opened to colleagues, helping to reduce the number of cars travelling to Leiston. A new roundabout connecting the site to the A12 is expected to be fully operational by the end of the year. In the meantime, temporary traffic lights will manage vehicles entering and exiting the facility.

We're expecting to partially open the Southern Park and Ride in early January. A key priority is building the entrance to the site, just off the A12 at Wickham Market.



## Major road schemes

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

### Yoxford Roundabout

Construction of the new roundabout, being built offline alongside the A12, is progressing well and is on track to open in early 2026.

### Two Village Bypass

Traffic management will be required over the coming months as we prepare to link both ends of the 1.8km bypass to the A12. The Friday Street roundabout is taking shape nicely, while work on the southern roundabout at Stratford St Andrew is progressing well.

### Sizewell Link Road

Preparation for construction of the 6.5km permanent road continues. Traffic management and road closures will be required along the route for utility works and road realignment.



### 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.

# Who works at Sizewell C?

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

## Jake Galea-Pace, Quality Engineer

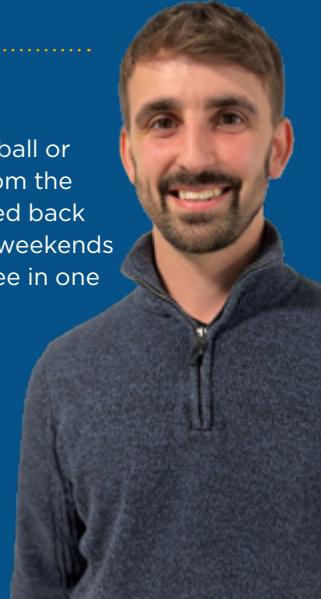
“That sense of purpose still drives me today.”

My journey to Sizewell C began after attending a presentation in my previous job that really struck a chord. It showcased the project's commitment to local businesses, community engagement, and the future of clean energy. That sense of purpose still drives me today.

As a Quality Engineer, I support our leads in tackling complex challenges. Recently, I had the chance to give back by volunteering at Farlingaye High School, helping Year 10 students prepare for mock interviews. It was a really rewarding experience.

Outside work, I'm either playing football or cheering on Ipswich Town - either from the sofa or the stands. I've recently moved back to Beccles from Norwich and spend weekends exploring Suffolk, usually with a coffee in one hand and a pushchair in the other.

As a new dad to a one-year-old, I really value the emphasis on work-life balance here. It's something my team and the wider project genuinely support - and it makes a real difference.



## Jack Raven, Senior Regional Sustainability Project Manager

“Sizewell C is more than just a workplace - it's a place where careers can grow and thrive.”

My role centres on building strong, lasting relationships with local communities throughout the construction of Sizewell C. I lead initiatives focused on both people and the environment, ensuring the area benefits from the project. One of these is Net Zero Leiston, which empowers the community to take meaningful action on climate change.

Since joining in 2019, I've witnessed the project evolve and grow - it's been an exciting journey. A standout moment for me was signing an agreement that commits us to working with

social partners to make a genuine, positive impact locally. Seeing these initiatives take shape has been incredibly rewarding.

Having family in the area makes my work even more personal. I want Sizewell C to be a good neighbour, contributing positively to the place many call home. The local environment is stunning, and I love exploring it with my wife and daughter.

Sizewell C is more than just a workplace - it's a place where careers can grow and thrive. I'm proud to be part of it.



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