



Sizewell C

Community

Newsletter

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Who Works at Sizewell C?

SUMMER 2026

As we move into summer, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on some of the ways we've been connecting with local communities over the past few months.

Our Visitor Centre continues to be a valuable hub for local people to learn more about the project. Since opening at the start of the year, it has welcomed thousands of visitors, including more than 1,100 in March, over 1,000 in April and 876 in May, with residents, families and visitors taking the opportunity to find out more about the work on site and across the wider region.

March was a particular highlight as local schools and our Civil Works Alliance partners helped celebrate the naming of our Tunnel Boring Machine. Students chose the name Ada Lovelace, recognising one of Britain's pioneering mathematicians and creating a lasting connection between young people and this important stage of the project.

We were also pleased to support a visit by the Sizewell C Youth Council to Snape Maltings, where they met our Artist in Residence, Les Bicknell, and toured his exhibition, Power, which offered visitors a unique perspective on the people, skills and stories behind Sizewell C.

In April, we hosted family activities over the Easter holidays and continued regular conversations with local residents through our forums, providing opportunities to listen to concerns, share updates and discuss works taking place on land and at sea.

In May, we attended the Suffolk Show, giving us another valuable opportunity to answer questions and hear directly from communities across the county.

More recently, colleagues supporting Net Zero Leiston delivered Leiston-cum-Sizewell's Great Big Green Week with initiatives including a Repair Café and Pedal to Zero Day. Pedal to Zero has now recorded 295 bike hires since its launch, with new bike racks recently installed at the Sizewell Sports and Social Club, and Beach View Holiday Park. Further expansion will continue into Wild Aldhurst, and Aldeburgh.

Thank you to everyone who has visited the Visitor Centre, attended an event or shared their feedback. We look forward to seeing many more of you over the summer as we continue to listen, learn and engage with our local communities.

Marjorie Barnes
HEAD OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS



VOLUNTEERS' WEEK
During National Volunteers' Week, we recognised the incredible contribution of our colleagues, who volunteered nearly 800 hours in support of communities across Suffolk last year.



POWERING A SUMMER of community events

We're supporting a summer programme of family-friendly events across East Suffolk, bringing communities together to celebrate culture, creativity and the great outdoors. We kicked things off with the First Light Festival in Lowestoft on 20-21 June. Music and storytelling then take centre stage with King Arthur Reimagined at Snape Maltings on 8 July, supported by Sizewell Creative. Next is an open day at our flagship Wild Aldhurst nature reserve on 11 July. Families can also enjoy Cinema in the Park at Victory Road Recreation Ground in Leiston on Saturday 1 August, featuring a free screening of Paddington in Peru and fireworks finale.



More information on our events, and all the latest news from Sizewell C, can be found on our Facebook page.



LEISTON CINEMA IN THE PARK

Back of the net: £210k boost for local communities

Six organisations that support East Suffolk communities by bringing people together have been awarded a share of £210,000 from the Sizewell C Community Fund. Among the latest recipients is Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures, a youth wellbeing programme, which has received an £11,000 grant to deliver football and boxing sessions for young people in Leiston. These latest awards bring the total distributed since the fund launched just over 18 months ago to around £4m.

Paul Knight, Project Manager, Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures, said: "Our project will provide local young people with more opportunities to take part in sport, promoting healthy lifestyles, confidence, teamwork and wellbeing."

Other Sizewell C Community Fund recipients:

DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL, AWARDED £82,688 TO CREATE A NEW VILLAGE GREEN.

WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL, RECEIVED £54,000 TO HELP FUND THE SECOND PHASE OF A REFURBISHMENT PROJECT.

1ST SAXMUNDHAM SCOUT GROUP, AWARDED £17,448 TO BUY NEW EQUIPMENT AND RUN ACTIVITIES.

SAXMUNDHAM MUSEUM, RECEIVED £7,833 TO FUND ONGOING IMPROVEMENTS.

SUFFOLK MIND, AWARDED £36,302 TO FUND COUNSELLING AND ANXIETY MANAGEMENT COURSES.

Turning the page on literacy in Suffolk

We're supporting the 2026 Ipswich Book Festival as part of our push to get more people reading during the National Year of Reading. It builds on our support for the Leiston Book Festival in September, and our work with the East Anglian Daily Times on their Born & Read in Suffolk campaign, which includes free books for schools, writing competitions and meet-the-author events.

For us, it's about supporting young people. Reading isn't just about books - it builds confidence, sparks creativity and opens doors. In an area with lower literacy skills, we want to help make reading fun, accessible and something everyone can enjoy.



Pitching in to enhance sports facilities in Leiston

We're funding a major new sports development at Alde Valley Academy in Leiston, including a FIFA-approved 3G football pitch and a Multi-Use Games Area. Completing later this summer, the floodlit, fully-fenced facilities will provide year-round opportunities for the whole community.

CONTRACTORS CORNER

In our last community newsletter, we introduced the Site Social Benefits Forum - an initiative bringing together supply chain partners and local organisations to share resources, skills, and expertise. The forum continues to grow, delivering lasting benefits across the community.

Recently, Lynch and Heidelberg, part of the Sizewell C Civil Works Alliance, improved access along the Warden's Trust's main track in Sizewell creating a safer, more reliable route for visitors.

TCi also supported the "Legend on the Bench" installation in Leiston by restoring a weathered pergola, enhancing this important space dedicated to mental health awareness.

Meanwhile, Breheny improved the duck pond at Pathways Care Farm in Lowestoft with new safety fencing and materials, creating a safer and more welcoming environment for the farm and its users.



Investing in a thriving visitor economy

With summer in full swing, we're shining a spotlight on the vital role of the Sizewell C Tourism Fund in supporting East Suffolk's vibrant visitor economy. At Sizewell C, we are investing £12m over 14 years to help mitigate potential construction impacts while maximising long-term benefits for local tourism.

Managed by East Suffolk Council, as part of our Deed of Obligation, the fund focuses on building resilience, encouraging year-round economic growth, increasing overnight stays, and strengthening East Suffolk's identity as a must-visit destination.

As part of this, the fund is supporting a major media and public relations campaign to attract more visitors by showcasing the fantastic locations, events, attractions, high streets and food and drink venues across the county. In addition, grants of up to £100,000 will soon be available to businesses and organisations that can boost the area's profile or

“Very few places anywhere in the country are being given the opportunity to invest in their visitor economy at this scale, over this length of time. We at East Suffolk Council recognise the challenges that the tourism industry is facing due to global, national and regional impacts, therefore our roles are to make sure this funding leaves a lasting legacy - helping the area remain confident, resilient and thriving throughout the Sizewell C construction period and beyond.”

Alexis Corless, Sizewell C Tourism Programme Manager, East Suffolk Council.

enhance the visitor experience. More than £300,000 was awarded to East Suffolk-based events and event venues in 2025.

Alongside this, we are funding free parking at Sizewell Beach for a further year following a successful trial. We are also supporting a range of community events throughout the summer. You can read more about these in the local news section of the newsletter.

Together with East Suffolk Council, we are helping to sustain and grow a thriving tourism sector for years to come.

More information can be found at www.eastsuffolkmeansbusiness.co.uk



Images courtesy of Sizewell C Tourism Fund

Putting young people at the heart of our project

HOW WE'RE OPENING DOORS, BUILDING SKILLS, AND SHAPING FUTURES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.

We're immensely proud of our ongoing work to support young people across Suffolk, helping them build skills, confidence and ambition for the future. As we deliver one of the UK's most significant infrastructure projects, we are equally committed to creating opportunities that leave a lasting, positive legacy for local communities.

We are working closely with education providers across Suffolk, and have recently signed three Memorandums of Understanding with East Suffolk College, Suffolk New College and the Eastern Education Group. These partnerships focus on boosting skills by aligning courses with industry needs, creating clear pathways into careers, and offering opportunities such as apprenticeships, work placements and mentoring. Our aim is to ensure young people can see a future for themselves right here in Suffolk.

We have also recently signed the Power of Youth Charter, a national movement that commits us to listening to young voices and involving them in decision-making. This has been supported by the Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality (ISCRE), our social partner. We support ISCRE's Beyond Boundaries programme, which helps young people from underrepresented communities progress into training and long-term careers.

Alongside this, our Young SZC programme engages schoolchildren through outreach, interactive sessions and careers activities. And our Sizewell C Youth Council also provides a unique opportunity for a group of students from Alde Valley Academy in Leiston to share their views and help shape project-related decisions.



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MAIN DEVELOPMENT SITE



Works on the temporary sea defence sheet pile wall are almost complete, while tunnelling works are progressing well.

Temporary Construction Area (TCA)

Civil works for the concrete batching plant are now complete. Once operational, the facility will supply over one million cubic metres of concrete, removing the need for HGV deliveries to site. The four batching units remain on track to be completed later this year, ahead of major concrete foundation works in 2027.

RAIL SCHEMES



As part of our Sizewell Rail Programme, Network Rail has been upgrading the East Suffolk line between Lowestoft and Ipswich to prepare for an increase in freight deliveries to site. The new safety features will benefit both freight and passenger services in the future, and are part of our commitment to transport 60% of our materials by sea and rail.

We thank passengers for their patience as these vital upgrades are carried out.

The Green Rail Route, which connects the Sizewell branch line to our temporary construction area, has now been installed, including a new rail crossing at Abbey Road. The line is expected to be fully operational later this year.

MORE INFO ON OUR CURRENT ACTIVITY

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

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

SEA SCHEMES



Offshore piling work for our Marine Bulk Import Facility, which extends 500 metres into the North Sea, is now complete. Construction of the facility is continuing, with the first delivery expected in the autumn.

Sizewell beach remains open, although short-term closures may be needed to ensure safety. Marshals will be on hand to guide walkers and other beach users when required.



PARK AND RIDE SCHEMES



More and more workers are using our park and ride sites at Darsham and Wickham Market, helping to take hundreds of cars off East Suffolk's roads. Work on the A12 to connect the new Darsham roundabout is due to be completed in the coming months, with both sites expected to be fully operational by the end of the year.



MAJOR ROAD SCHEMES



Yoxford and Friday Street Roundabouts

Having worked hard to open these two key junctions in time for Easter, work continues to remove the old sections of the A12 and build new footways. We'll soon turn our attention to landscaping, with planting of new hedgerows, trees and grass to begin in the autumn.

Two Village Bypass and Sizewell Link Road

The main construction phase of our Two Village Bypass on the A12, which will take traffic away from the villages of Stratford St Andrew and Farnham, is now in full swing. Most of the work is being carried out offline, helping to keep disruption to a minimum.

We're also carrying out preparatory and enabling works on the 6.5km Sizewell Link Road, which will connect the A12 to our construction site. The main phase of construction is due to begin this summer.



Who works at Sizewell C?

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

I work closely with clients, subcontractors and project teams, managing risk and supporting delivery of infrastructure that benefits both the project and the wider community.

Since early 2025, I've been part of the team delivering the Friday Street and Yoxford roundabouts. Opening both ahead of Easter, removing accident hotspots and improving journeys for local people, has been a real highlight.

What stands out most is the strong sense of teamwork and collaboration, both within project teams and with the local community, helping to create a lasting legacy.

For example, I recently led a project to improve the duck pond at Pathways Care Farm in Lowestoft on behalf of Breheny, which I found highly rewarding.

Chris Frost, Contracts Manager, Breheny Civil Engineering.



I work closely with Sizewell C and partners to deliver lasting benefits for local communities.

A big part of my role is supporting charities, creating opportunities, and inspiring people of all ages to explore careers in construction and engineering - helping create long-term opportunities at Sizewell C and across the wider sector.

Having lived in the area for many years, it's important to me that this project genuinely benefits Suffolk. A highlight has been launching the Women in Construction Anglia Ambassador Programme, inspiring the next generation of female talent and showcasing the vital role women play in shaping the industry's future.

I love Suffolk's strong community spirit. Outside work, you'll find me walking my dogs in the countryside or spending time along the coast.

Nicky Paine, Social Impact Manager, Civil Works Alliance.

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