



Making a difference in Scotland

Delivering a greener, cleaner and more vibrant future



Foreword

As one of the longest standing renewable energy developers in the UK, Fred. Olsen Renewables is committed to responsibly developing and operating projects that help to create a sustainable future.

As a company we make a positive contribution both nationally and locally:

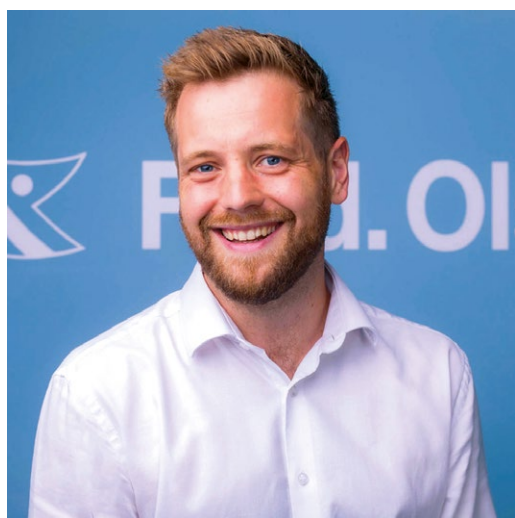
- **At a national level**, we play a significant part in helping to increase the UK's energy security and develop a cleaner, greener economy – contributing £465 million to the Scottish economy alone.
- **At a local level**, we work in partnership with those closest to our projects – helping to empower and create sustainable communities.

We are – and have always been – committed to collaboration, creativity and innovation. With more than 25 years' experience, we:

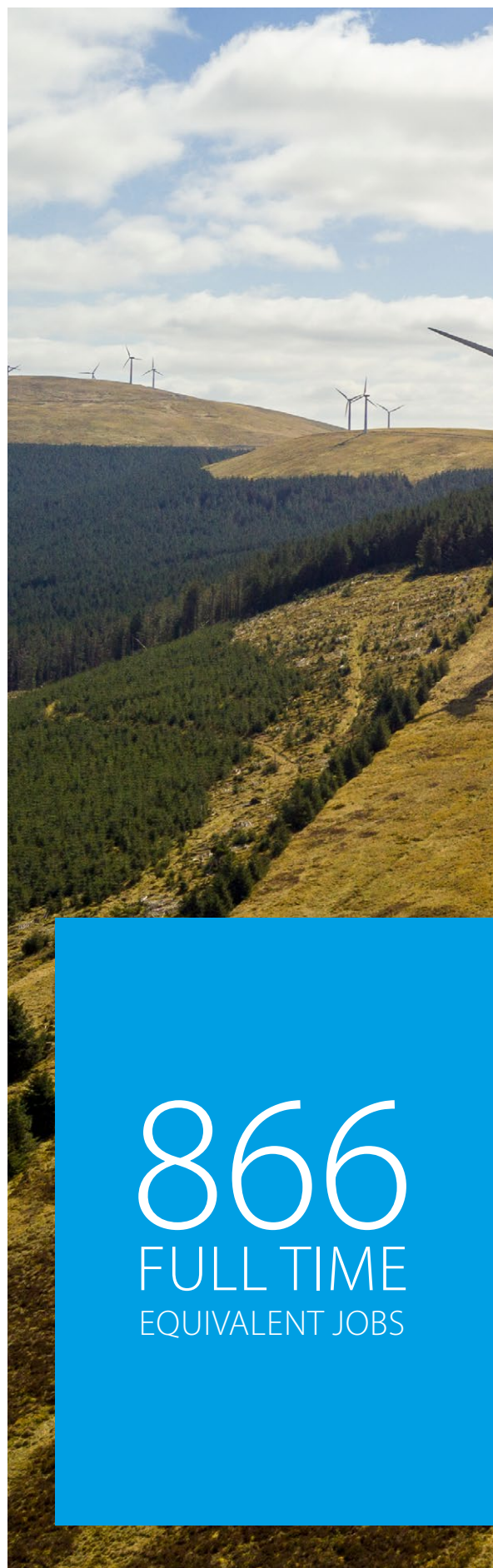
- Maximise use of the domestic supply chain
- Support local companies
- Deliver high-value community benefit

It is a track record we can be proud of, and I hope that this report demonstrates the difference that we are helping to make at every level.

We are excited about the future and the opportunities that renewables can continue to deliver UK-wide. We look forward to continuing our work with stakeholders, communities and governments – helping to shape a sustainable future for us all.



FINLEY BECKS-PHELPS
UK Development Director
Fred. Olsen Renewables



866
FULL TIME
EQUIVALENT JOBS



Our impact to date

£6.2
MILLION
DELIVERED
IN COMMUNITY
BENEFIT

£465
MILLION
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION
TO SCOTTISH
ECONOMY

£920
MILLION
OF CONTRACTS
AWARDED TO
SCOTTISH BUSINESSES

About Fred. Olsen Renewables

Fred. Olsen Renewables is one of the longest standing renewable energy developers in Scotland.

Our UK portfolio consists of 258 operational turbines, alongside a further 75 consented.

This, combined with our projects in Norway and Sweden, brings our total operational capacity to 787.7 MW – providing enough power for 586,190 homes.

With over 25 years' experience in consenting, developing and operating wind farms, we are one of very few developers that take a project all the way from initiation and development, through to operation and ultimately decommissioning or repowering.

OVER
500MW
INSTALLED CAPACITY

POWERING OVER
409,416
UK HOMES



Our nine onshore wind farms help to meet the growing electricity demands of the UK

ROTHES

-  **92 MW**
-  **40 turbines**
-  providing electricity for **50,000 homes**
-  **£1.9 million** in community benefit over the lifetime of the project

PAUL'S HILL

-  **64.4 MW**
-  **28 turbines**
-  providing electricity for **34,500 homes**
-  **£1.1 million** in community benefit over the lifetime of the project

MID HILL

-  **75.9 MW**
-  **33 turbines**
-  providing electricity for **31,000 homes**
-  **£1.9 million** in community benefit over the lifetime of the project

WINDY STANDARD

-  **83.1 MW**
-  **66 turbines**
-  providing electricity for **44,500 homes**
-  **£4.1 million** in community benefit over the lifetime of the project

CRYSTAL RIG

-  **214.3 MW**
-  **91 turbines**
-  providing electricity for **116,500 homes**
-  **£5.25 million** in community benefit over the lifetime of the project

Our contribution

To national strategies

The UK Government has set a target to decarbonise the power sector by 2035. In Scotland, the Scottish Government's 2030 target to generate 50% of all power from renewables sources is fast approaching.

The clean power that our wind farms are producing is helping to deliver these targets, while at the same time supporting the ambition of the recently signed Scottish Onshore Wind Sector Deal.

In its National Economic Strategy, the Scottish Government recognises the importance of sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

We are helping to achieve this vision by prioritising the Scottish supply chain, having already awarded contracts worth £920 million to local businesses to date.

The further development of the supply chain for onshore wind in Scotland is critical for sustainable economic development.

We take pride in our contribution, and will continue to build on this success, working in collaboration with industry and government to deliver maximum benefit across the country.





To local priorities

Fred. Olsen Renewables pioneered community benefit funds, delivering the first in Scotland in the 1990s. Since then we have been working closely with our community benefit fund recipients and these relationships are pivotal to our success.

Our experience has helped us to deliver an approach that is focussed on:

- Being flexible and responsive to community needs
- Understanding and supporting community ambitions
- Being present in the communities that we operate in

We believe the success of the communities we work with is down to their commitment, and we appreciate the effort these communities put into project delivery. We place great importance on helping groups build capacity and empowering communities to make important decisions about the future of their local areas.



The difference we make to Scotland's economy

The economic benefits that our developments bring to Scotland are vast. We use guidance from the UK Treasury to measure our impacts in three ways:

- **Employment impacts:** the number of additional jobs that the investments have helped to bring to Scotland's economy
- **Gross Value Added (GVA) impact:** the contribution that the investments have made towards total national output
- **Community benefits:** the amount we have paid out to community-based organisations

To date, the development, construction, operation and maintenance of our wind farms has resulted in:

£920

million of
contracts
signed with
Scottish businesses



546

construction
jobs

(Full Time Equivalent)



5,460

construction
job years

(Per Year Equivalent)



**320**

operational
and maintenance
jobs

(Full Time Equivalent)

**£14.6**

million funding
for the local
community throughout
the lifespan of our wind
farms

**£465**

million
contribution
to Scottish GVA



Making a difference in local communities

Over the lifetime of our existing operational projects, local communities will receive a total of £14.6 million in community benefit.

To date, we have delivered over £6.2 million in community benefit across Scotland, which has supported a range of projects and initiatives, including:

- Energy efficiency measures in public buildings
- Home energy discount schemes
- The delivery of childcare and family support facilities
- The installation and restoration of paths and networks
- Habitat enhancements
- Winter fuel support

We don't take a one-size-fits-all approach to the distribution of community benefit funds. We listen to, and engage closely with, the communities that we are active in. We work with them to support the projects and initiatives that are a priority locally.



**IMPACT IN ACTION****Crystal Rig**
Winter Fuel Support Scheme

In response to the cost-of-living challenges faced by residents within the Abbey St Bathans, Bonkyl and Preston Community Council (ABPCC) area, the group developed and facilitated a local Fuel Support Scheme in partnership with Fred. Olsen Renewables.

Utilising funding from Crystal Rig Wind Farm, the community council engaged residents and encouraged them to apply for a £100 grant to help with the costs of heating their household. The group promoted the funding by postcard to every property in the catchment area, and by word of mouth, to ensure residents were aware of the scheme.

Anyone that lived in the area was invited to apply. Recipients were asked to “opt in” to the scheme by emailing or telephoning the ABPCC secretary. The scheme was expanded to include those who do not live in the area, but whose main employment was in the ABPCC catchment area. This operated on the basis that they make a significant contribution to the community, and their travel costs have greatly increased in recent months.

In response, over 150 households took part in the scheme and benefitted from the winter fuel support. The scheme also helped to strengthen the relationship between ABPCC and the community it represents, with a 23% increase in subscription to their mailing list.

Victoria Dobie, Vice Chair of ABPCC said:

“Thank you to Fred. Olsen Renewables for approving this use of the Crystal Rig Benefit Fund and of course for making the benefit fund available to our community.”

IMPACT IN ACTION



Windy Standard Wind Farm Bairn Banter

Bairn Banter, a volunteer-run play group, offers families from Carsphairn and beyond the opportunity to get together on a Saturday morning for a stay and play session. The session is delivered free of charge, although small donations are welcomed should families be able to.

The group has received support from Windy Standard Wind Farm to help with overheads, running costs, as well as installing new furniture, securing essential insurances/memberships to Early Years Scotland and other training opportunities.

Everyone is welcome at Bairn Banter. Activities are provided for children – ranging from soft play to messy play to parties, songs/games, and outdoor learning opportunities. For adults, it provides some much needed ‘me time’, helping to prevent social exclusion in a remote rural community and social experiences for young children and families. The group also offers a nutritious mid-morning snack for both children and adults. Members of Bairn Banter hope to help support important healthy eating practises and to help support families facing a potential food poverty crisis. The children sometimes also get hands on with the preparation and baking of snacks.

Melissa Ade from Bairn Banter commented:

“Bairn Banter provides local families with a welcoming, fun, safe, space to relax, play and socialise within. This is a unique free experience that is proving to be popular with parents and carers from across the Glenkens.”





Looking to the future

Working in partnership with industry, government and communities, we can continue to deliver sustainable economic growth and social benefits.

There are many opportunities associated with our existing portfolio and pipeline of projects – making a positive difference in local communities, supporting economies and delivering against government targets.

Onshore wind will be at the heart of our fight against climate change. It will support economic growth and drive innovation – unlocking the UK's potential.

Fred. Olsen Renewables' existing portfolio provides the opportunity for us to be at the forefront of repowering projects in Scotland. In doing so we will also continue to lead the charge on the recycling and repurposing of turbine blade materials.

Our pipeline also allows us to explore the potential for co-location of renewable technologies across all of our sites. Doing so maximises our grid connections and bringing forward efficient developments.

Along the way we will continue to work collectively with stakeholders and governments to help address industry challenges, create a supportive policy environment and build on the progress we have made to further the UK's net zero economy.





Fred. Olsen Renewables: a growing company

As we enter 2024 we are progressing with the construction of a number of our consented projects.

Our consented sites will bring:



75
additional
turbines



A further
300MW
of installed capacity



Power for an extra
160,000
homes



Around
£100m
in community benefit

The difference we make in Dumfries and Galloway



To the local economy

To date, the development, construction, operation and maintenance of Windy Standard Wind Farm has resulted in:



£186

million of contracts
signed with Scottish businesses



116

construction jobs
(Full Time Equivalent)



1,158

construction job years
(Per Year Equivalent)



73

operational and maintenance jobs
(Per Time Equivalent)



£4.1

million funding for the local
community throughout the
lifespan of the wind farm



£92

million contribution to
Scottish GVA

To local communities

To date, we have allocated over £600,000 to the communities closest to Windy Standard Wind Farm - including reaching into East Ayrshire.

Funding has supported a raft of local projects, including New Cumnock Development Trust and helping to deliver an energy discount scheme in Carsphairn, Dumfries and Galloway.

IMPACT IN ACTION

Carsphairn Local Energy Discount Scheme

Carsphairn Local Energy Discount Scheme (LEDS) has been operational since 2018. One of the first schemes of its kind in Scotland, it is administered by Carsphairn Community Council and is fully funded by Windy Standard Wind Farm.

The initiative supports local residents to pay their energy related bills and addresses the challenge of energy costs, helping the fuel poor and minimising fuel poverty.

The scheme is open to all properties that are lived in full time (excluding holiday homes and second homes). Since its



inception, the scheme has provided over £127,000 in direct payments.

Liz Holmes, Chair of Carsphairn Community Council, commented:

"The scheme has been very well received by the community and has helped residents to meet their energy costs, which has become increasingly important with the huge increase in these over the last few years.

"The scheme helps to demonstrate the positive impact that wind farms can bring to the area, reaching residents who might not benefit from funding otherwise."

Looking to the future

We are bringing forward a range of projects in Dumfries and Galloway, these include:



Balgray Wind Farm

We are proposing to develop Balgray Wind Farm, located approximately 6km north-east of Lockerbie.

We expect the development to consist of seven turbines, delivering 40MW of onshore wind, alongside 40MW of battery storage.

We are working with the community regarding our proposals and exploring how we can best utilise the associated community benefit of £8m over the lifetime of the wind farm.

Windy Standard Wind Farm

Windy Standard Wind Farm is Scotland's first consented wind farm. It is located 8km north-east of Carsphairn and 10km south of New Cumnock and has been operational for over 25 years.

We have a range of activity taking place at Windy Standard.

Windy Standard Repower

We have applied to the Scottish Government for permission to repower the earliest phase of the wind farm.

The plans would see the removal of 36 turbines and eight wind turbines up to 200m to tip erected in their place.

If approved, the plans will bring forward innovative partnerships which will create jobs in Dumfries and Galloway, make a substantial contribution towards net zero targets and help to support the circular economy.

Windy Standard III

In March 2021, we received approval from Scottish Ministers to develop Windy Standard III.

The 20-turbine project is an extension to Windy Standard I and Windy Standard II. These three projects combined will deliver enough electricity to power the equivalent of 131,286 homes annually and deliver over £15m in community benefit funding.

We expect to be commencing construction of Windy Standard III shortly.



Find out more

The difference we are making on a national and local scale has not been achieved alone. We are connected and engaged in everything we do.

If you wish to contact us to find out more, discuss an opportunity or for any other reason we would love to hear from you.

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