

The community wind turbine is now in its fourth year of operation under the ownership of the HoTTWind@Longley Community Benefit Society.



This newsletter summarises the progress on the community wind turbine scheme since the last newsletter, which was circulated to Members in June 2019, and covers the Year 4 Quarter 3 financial reporting period from April to June 2019.

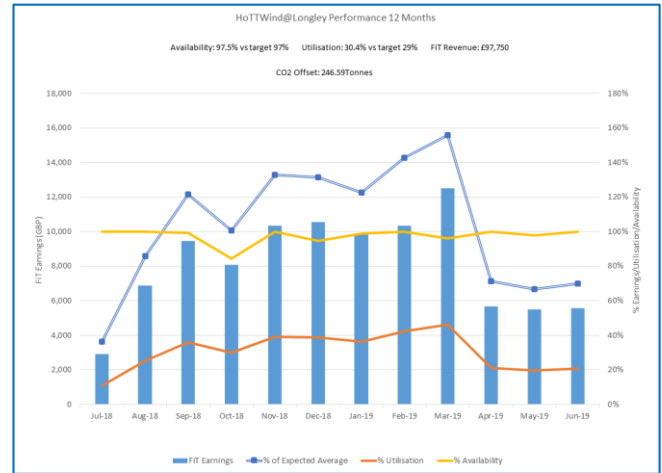
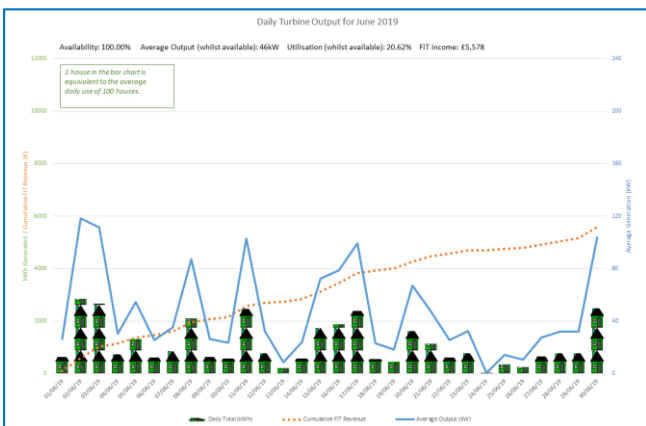
24.1 Wind Turbine update

Availability of the turbine in the quarter was 99.3% overall against a target of 97%, with a utilisation of 20.2% against a target of 29.1%

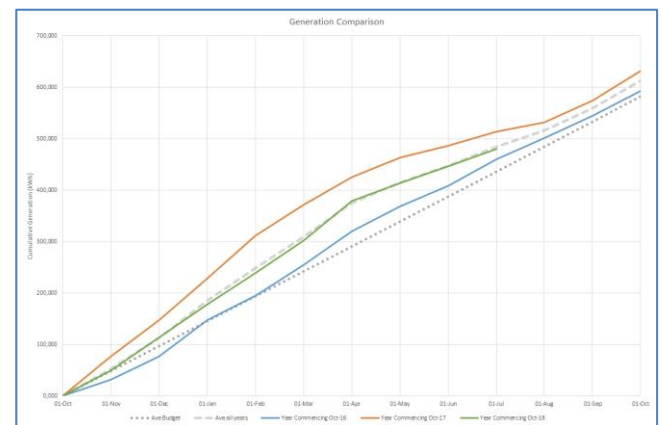
Generation over the quarter was 97,954kWh against a budgeted quarterly average of 142,997kWh.

Carbon savings in the quarter were estimated at about 40 tonnes, based on the current DEFRA emissions coefficient of 0.412kg/kWh.

The wind turbine performance is indicated by the following charts:



A comparison with previous calendar years is given as follows, compared with the budgeted long-term yearly output for the wind turbine.



Output has been low this quarter due to lack of wind, although overall performance is still on course to meet the budgeted yearly output.

There were no unplanned outages in the quarter.

Natural Generation have now taken over the maintenance services from Ainscough carrying out their first 12 month service in the quarter. Statutory inspections on the fall arrest system and fire extinguisher were also carried out.

Overall the turbine is performing well with generation and income on budget for Year 4 as planned.

24.2 HoTTWind website

The website has been updated with current information – take a look: <http://www.hottwindlongley.co.uk/>

24.3 Community Benefit Society

Members are given notice that the 2019 AGM will be on Wednesday 4th December 2019.

The Board will shortly be considering next year's Repayment of Members investment shares; **you will receive a communication in early September asking if you want to consider voluntarily redeeming some or all of your shares.** The Board will then decide and plan for the repayment of Members investment shares in the year 5, the financial year 2019/20. The planned interest payments and share redemptions will be advised by the Board at the AGM in December 2019.

As advised in the last newsletter, the Board are going to put a proposal to Members at the AGM for setting up a grant scheme next year for green projects run by commercial businesses based in the Holme Valley, to run alongside the BGCT funding – the Bright Green Business Fund (BGBF)

The Bright Green Community Trust funding administered by the One-Community Foundation can only fund awards for green projects run by 'not-for-profit' community organisations. The Board considers that commercial businesses can equally well deliver green projects which reduce carbon emissions in the Holme Valley, hence the BGBF proposal

However, due a very generous private donation, it has now been possible to set it up and offer a £10,000 business grant this year - see the Bright Green Business Fund flyer.



Please circulate this information to your friends and colleagues in the Holme Valley, asking local businesses to register their interest with us. Details of the fund are on the BGBF flyer.

24.4 The Bright Green Community Trust

The community wind turbine, HoTTWind@Longley, donates its community fund contribution to the **Bright Green Community Trust (BGCT)** which uses these funds support green projects that reduce carbon emissions and contribute towards a more sustainable future for the Holme Valley South community.

Applications are still being invited for grants for one large project of up to £10,000 and for other smaller projects for up to £3,000 each, for local projects which are:

- **community-based,**
- **reduce carbon emissions and**
- **contribute towards a more sustainable future for the Holme Valley community**

The 2018 BGCT application invitation process closes on 1st October 2019 – applications have to be made online via website link below:



Details of the Bright Green Community Trust fund, eligibility and the application process can be found on the One Community website: <http://www.one-community.org.uk/looking-for-funding/bright-green-community-trust.php>

Please pass on this information to any individuals or local Holme Valley not-for-profit organisations or groups who may be interested in applying for BGCT funding.

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