

Sizewell Stakeholder Group

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1. Safety performance and staffing

Station safety performance

We measure our safety performance against top tier indicators, including nuclear reportable events, environmental events, and staff and contract partner recordable injuries.

During the period of the report there have been:

- No reportable injuries
- No nuclear reportable incidents
- No environmental incidents

Staffing at Sizewell B

We currently have 643 EDF staff, this includes 13 Visitor Centre staff, 22 Apprentices, 3 Technical Trainees, 1 Internship, 2 Graduates and 300 year-round contracting partners'.

2. Sizewell B and station performance

Ministerial visit highlights plans for Sizewell B's Long Term Operations as the station hits 10TWh milestone

Sizewell B welcomed Lord Patrick Vallance, Minister for Science, Innovation, Research and Nuclear, in December 2025.

Lord Vallance brings a wealth of experience to his role, having served as the Government Chief Scientific Adviser from April 2018 to April 2023, as well as National Technology Adviser and Head of the Government Science and Engineering Profession. His current responsibilities within the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero include nuclear and fusion energy, science and innovation for climate and energy, AI in the energy sector, and research and development.

After visiting Sizewell C, Lord Vallance joined the team at Sizewell B for a tour of the turbine hall. During the visit, he met two of our engineering maintenance apprentices, Mary Cuthbert and Sam Rumbellow, who shared their experiences of joining EDF and choosing a career in the energy sector. Lord Vallance also spent time with Charlotte Sayer, one of our staff trade union representatives, to hear firsthand about the strong partnership approach we take to supporting our workforce.

The visit coincided with Sizewell B passing 10TWh of electricity, marking a significant milestone for the station. Sizewell B went on to successfully deliver its full 2025 business plan target of 10.39TWh, our second highest performance achieved in the station's 31-year history.

Work continues to progress on plans to extend the operational life of Sizewell B to 2055. Achieving this will require shareholder approval and a sustained investment programme of

around £800 million over the next decade. While the technical case for life extension is clear and globally proven, the final investment decision depends on agreeing an appropriate commercial model to ensure long-term viability.

To support this programme of work we have increased our headcount by 10%.

Sizewell B celebrates 31 years of powering the nation

This Valentine's Day marked a special anniversary for Sizewell B — 31 years since the station first connected to the national electricity grid. On 14 February 1995, Sizewell B synchronised for the very first time, beginning its journey as the UK's only Pressurised Water Reactor (PWR) and a cornerstone of the nation's low-carbon energy supply.

Since 1995, Sizewell B has gone on to generate an extraordinary 271 terawatt hours (TWh) of electricity. To put that into perspective:

- It's enough to power every home in the UK for almost three years.
- Or, closer to home, every household in Suffolk and Norfolk for an incredible 101 years.
- Or, to charge every electric vehicle in the UK for 60 years.
- In carbon terms, is equivalent to taking every car off UK roads for around two years.

Beyond electricity generation, Sizewell B has been a significant economic force. Over its lifetime, the station has contributed more than £15.5 billion to the UK economy through:

- Its electrical output
- Highly skilled employment
- Support to the local supply chain
- Investment in local communities and services

This long-term value reflects not just the power Sizewell B produces, but the positive impact it has on people, skills, and the regional economy.

Sizewell B Refuelling Outage 2026

Sizewell B power station will begin its twentieth refuelling and maintenance outage on 22 May 2026, marking another important milestone in ensuring the station continues to operate safely, reliably, and efficiently for years to come. The station will be taken offline as planned, with the reactor outage planned to last 55 days.

Over the outage period, the Sizewell B team, supported by specialist contract partners, will complete more than 12,000 individual work activities. These tasks have been meticulously planned for the last two years and form part of the station's long-term 10-year strategic maintenance schedule.

This year's outage includes an estimated £100 million investment programme, featuring several major engineering projects:

- Replacement of three low-pressure and one high-pressure Turbine Generator rotors
- Reactor Coolant Pump replacement

- Thermal Sleeve inspections
- Inspection of primary circuit pipework
- Resin bed exchange in preparation for the zinc injection programme next outage.
- Refuelling of the reactor

These activities will help ensure Sizewell B remains one of the most efficient and the best-performing nuclear power station in the UK.

As in previous outages, Sizewell B will work closely with both international partners and its trusted local supply chain. Around 1,000 additional skilled workers will join the on-site teams during the outage, boosting the local economy through accommodation, hospitality, and services.

To minimise disruption in surrounding communities, many returning contractors will once again make use of caravan parks located further from the station, supported by dedicated minibus services to reduce road traffic.

With a larger workforce on site, Sizewell B is taking additional steps to manage traffic, reduce congestion, and maintain high road-safety standards during the outage:

- Exploring staggered shift handover times (currently at 7am and 7pm) to ease peak-time pressure
- Continued promotion of car sharing and increased minibus utilisation
- Flexible working options for non-operational staff to limit travel at busy times
- Ongoing Driving Safely Awareness campaigns
- Re-issuing speed restrictions and safe-driving expectations to all site staff
- Increased monitoring and enforcement measures for repeat driving offences

These actions reflect Sizewell B's commitment to being a considerate neighbour during one of its busiest operational periods.

Every refuelling outage is an essential part of the station's long-term operational strategy. By investing in major maintenance and safety upgrades now, Sizewell B continues to contribute reliable low-carbon electricity to the national grid – helping power homes and businesses across the UK.

3. Sizewell B and community news

Waveney MP Jess Asato visits Sizewell B

Sizewell B was delighted to welcome Waveney MP Jess Asato as part of her visit to the wider Sizewell site.

Station Director Robert Gunn, guided her through key areas of the station including our impressive turbine hall where she was able to see how low-carbon electricity is generated. After that she visited the main control room training simulator, where operations staff develop and maintain their skills in a realistic training environment.

Jess was joined on her tour by engineering maintenance apprentices Mary Cuthbert and Reuben Colbridge, who shared their experiences of EDF's apprenticeship programme and their ambitions for the future.

She spent time hearing about the hands-on training they receive and the importance of developing local skills to support the region's energy future.

A key part of the visit included a discussion on skills and education across the Waveney region. Jess heard about the work Sizewell B is doing to help strengthen local opportunities for young people - particularly as demand grows for skilled roles in engineering, science, computing, and project delivery.

The team also highlighted the work of the Sizewell Visitor Centre, which has been active in the Waveney area for over 14 years, delivering STEM workshops, school visits, careers outreach, and community engagement.

Thousands of students and families have taken part in these programmes, helping to inspire interest in clean energy, technical careers, and the role Sizewell plays in the UK's net-zero future.

Throughout the visit, Jess showed great enthusiasm and a genuine interest in the station's operations, training pathways, and contribution to the local community. She shared how much she enjoyed the tour and the opportunity to meet the next generation of engineers and hear directly from staff about the station's work.

We look forward to welcoming Jess back in the future as we continue strengthening our links with the Waveney community and sharing updates on Sizewell B's people, skills programmes, and long-term role in the region.

Future talent shines at Sizewell B: Apprenticeship applications now open after a packed-out open day

The new Sizewell Visitor Centre opened its doors to an incredible 204 young people, parents, and supporters on Saturday 24 January 2026, as we hosted a hugely successful Early Careers Apprenticeship Open Day.

The event marked one of the first major public activities to take place in the new centre - an inspiring space that set the tone for a day dedicated to curiosity, ambition, and the future of clean energy.

Visitors explored five exciting apprenticeship pathways available as part of the 2026 intake, with the chance to meet the people who know the programmes best - current apprentices, hiring managers, and our HR team. Together, they painted a vivid picture of the hands-on experience, qualifications, and strong career progression that an EDF apprenticeship provides.

This year, 12 apprenticeship roles are live on the EDF Careers website:

- Engineering Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship – 6 roles
- Nuclear Engineering Degree Apprenticeship – 2 roles
- Process Computing Group – Degree Apprenticeship – 1 role
- Chemistry Degree Apprenticeship – 2 roles
- Human Resources Apprenticeship – 1 role

Across two buzzing sessions, guests explored interactive exhibits, took part in Q&A discussions, and heard honest first-hand stories about what it's like to train and build a career at Sizewell B.

Our early careers ambassadors and apprentices truly stole the show - sharing their personal journeys, busting myths about the sector, and showcasing the many different routes into engineering, science, computing, and corporate roles within EDF.

Parents praised the openness and welcoming atmosphere, with many describing the day as “eye-opening,” “energising,” and “a great insight into real opportunities for young people in Suffolk and beyond.”

Applications Now Open

All apprenticeship roles showcased at the event are now officially open for applications.

👉 Apply here: <https://careers.edfenergy.com/early-careers>

Amenity and Accessibility Fund

The Amenity and Accessibility Fund, established during the construction of the Dry Fuel Store at Sizewell and managed by the Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape - 2026 Fund is now open – **closes 09 June 2026**. The fund supports environmental conservation and sustainable access.

For more information or to discuss the fund, contact Oka Last at 01473 265558 or grants@suffolkandessex-NL.org.uk.

You can find out more information about the various grants that are open and available at: <https://coastandheaths-nl.org.uk/managing/grants/>

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