Harwell Site Stakeholder Group

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For all our futures



NDA update: we're growing!

We are pleased to say the successful transfer of Hinkley Point B from EDF into the NRS fleet was completed on 01 October 2026.

Looking further ahead, Dungeness B, Torness, Heysham 1 and 2, and Hartlepool are scheduled to join the fleet over the next decade, further strengthening our role in delivering the UK’s nuclear decommissioning mission.



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Our Big Wins

LETP Remediation Complete

A major chapter in Harwell's environmental restoration has been completed, with NRS finishing its largest ever land remediation project.

The former Liquid Effluent Treatment Plant (LETP) and Sewage Farm Area have been remediated, and final regulatory steps are now underway.

The project has also delivered a new sustainable drainage pond, avoided around 2,700 vehicle movements through the reuse of material.

Public access to Icknield Way has been reopened!

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Over 97,000 tonnes of material has been removed across the 4.2-hectare site... more than the fully loaded weight of HMS Prince of Wales!


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Harwell featured on ITV News

The mini-series showcased the site's pioneering history and decommissioning mission to a wide external audience.

NRS featured alongside members from the wider Harwell Science and Innovation Campus.

- 2 prime-time news features on ITV Meridian
- 33,000+ YouTube views



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Updates from the site

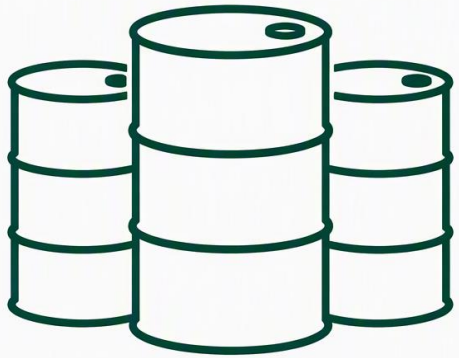
Nuclear Materials Transfers

- 2 of the 3 waste streams at Harwell will complete this financial year.
- Dragon fuel waste stream will continue but is now 73% complete.
- 77% of activity removed from Harwell.





Nuclear Materials Project completion is now tracking into late 2028 due to delays outboarding Dragon fuel.



6,473
drums shipped to date

148
drums shipped this year

97%
of the total

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Remote Handled Intermediate Level Waste (RHILW)

Significant efforts have been put into ILW Retrieval:

- 2 tonnes of historic radioactive waste retrieved this year
- Currently preparing to retrieve waste from the very last storage tubes!
- 566 of around 1,000 drums encapsulated in grout, including 68 this year, making the waste safe and stable for long-term management





New equipment is being developed to allow the storage tubes to be thoroughly cleaned once the waste has been removed, preparing these areas for the next stage of decommissioning.

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Managing waste responsibly

Work continues to allow the Harwell Interim Box Store to receive both empty and filled boxes.

Empty boxes have started to arrive. There are several hundred to import over the next year.

The first filled active box is expected in 2027 from Winfrith.

Harwell Interim Box Storage (HIBS)



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Environment

In July we had an EA Inspection, looking at management and monitoring of liquid active effluent disposals – no non-compliances.

A partial permit surrender application for West Measehill is in the process of being reviewed by the EA, who have a deadline to respond on this is May 2027.

A Local Enforcement Position (LEP) has been agreed with the EA to facilitate the remediation of some off-site soakaway infrastructure near the LETP. These works will be completed by the end of 2026. Close working with the EA has allowed this positive and proportionate outcome.

No events of regulatory significance.

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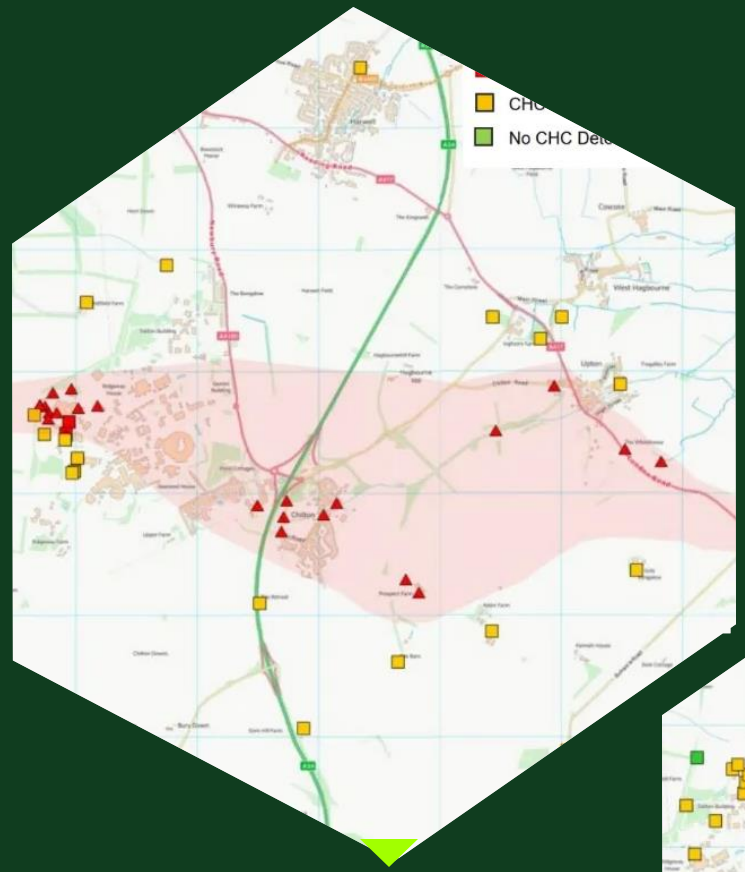


Ground water treatment

The groundwater treatment plant was shut down over summer, after successful groundwater clean-up of organic solvents.

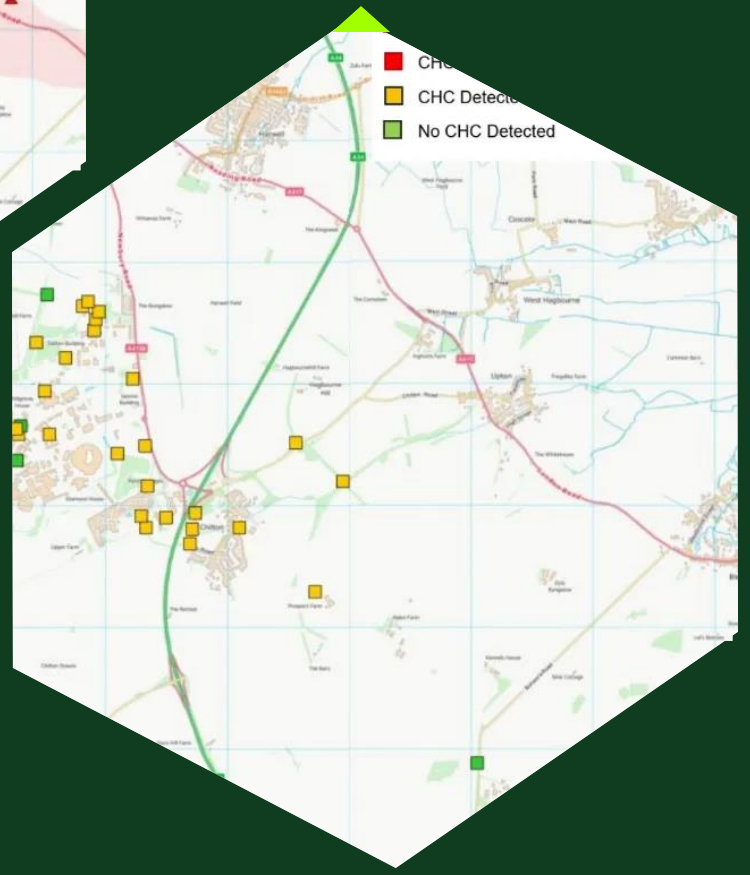
There is an on-going programme of intensive monitoring which will establish whether any further smaller scale clean-up of groundwater is required.

The EA are involved with this and are happy with the programme, specifically as discharges remain well within permitted limits.



1990 - 1994

2020 - 2024



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Community Engagement

Harwell socio-economic fund 2026-2027

3 large projects have been supported, totaling £112,766



SOFEA - £90,000

- SOFEA helps vulnerable young people build skills, confidence and pathways into education, employment and training, while also tackling food insecurity through its FairShare food redistribution network.

Oxford Wood to work - £17,410

- Oxford Wood Recycling's *Wood to Work* programme helps people facing barriers to employment gain practical skills, work experience and confidence. Funding will support the introduction of an accredited employability scheme, strengthening participants' skills and progression into work.



Didcot Train – Inspiring young people £5,356

- Youth Clubs in Didcot – A Catalyst for Change supports vulnerable young people through safe youth club sessions that improve wellbeing, resilience and engagement in education.

For further information visit: NRS working with our communities - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Harwell Good Neighbour 2026-2027

4 small projects have been supported, totalling £4,183







Grove Challengers Football club £1,065

- For a new team gazebo to replace one previously destroyed in bad weather – proving shelter and a meeting point on matchdays and at tournaments.

Curridge Primary School £1,643

- For equipment to help enhance Forest School sessions and get children engaged with both wildlife and nature.

30th Abingdon Scouts £975

- Improving electronic and digital activities so young people can get hands on with technology.

Didcot Casuals Youth Football Club £500

- Football Kit for under the 10's team, so all playing can feel united and involved.

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Any questions



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