

## Turbines start generating



*Turbines at Fullabrook Wind Farm*

**After years of planning and almost 12 months of construction, electricity is finally being generated at North Devon's Fullabrook Wind Farm.**

The last of the 22 turbines was erected in July at the site which surrounds Fullabrook Down, between Barnstaple and Braunton.

Although the wind farm is not due to be fully operational until October, the testing phase – which lasts about three months – started in July. During this period the turbines started generating electricity for the first time.

Once the turbines are all fully operational Fullabrook will be the largest onshore wind farm in England, generating enough green electricity to meet the needs of three-quarters of homes in North Devon.

Erection of the 22 turbines began on-site in mid-April, with two turbines erected each week...depending on the often windy

conditions at Fullabrook Down. The final turbine was erected at the end of July.

Once construction of the turbines was complete, on-site reinstatement works began in August. These works included dismantling and removal of site fencing, installation of gates, construction of stone quoins, regulation of access tracks, re-grading and re-profiling lands back to their original state (soiling and seeding) and finally, the dismantling and removal of all temporary buildings.

At the same time an intense period of testing of the turbines began, which involves checking each of the turbines for reliability and connectivity to the electricity grid.

Once the testing period is complete in October the wind farm will become fully operational.

# First wave of community fund applications received

**Formal applications for funding have started being made to the Fullabrook Community Interest Company (CIC).**

The CIC was set up as an independent organisation to allocate grants from the Community Fund which Devon Wind Power established to invest in community projects in the area.

At the CIC's first public annual general meeting (AGM), that was held on 27 June 2011 at Braunton Community College, over 150 people came along to find out about the progress of the CIC and the funding process. At the AGM, Jo Hibberd was also elected as a new director to the CIC.

Paul Ginnings, one of the directors of the CIC, said, "We have been delighted by the range of organisations that have approached us regarding funding. This has included schools, ecological groups, churches, play areas, community transport groups, sports clubs, tourist attractions and community shops.

"The CIC has ensured all informal enquiries have received a comprehensive reply to help them decide the best project to put forward for funding and the next step to take."

Since the first payment was made to the Community Fund by Devon Wind Power in August, a part-time administrator is being sought by the CIC. This part-time post will help speed up the internal procedures so the directors, who are involved in a voluntary capacity, can concentrate on ensuring grants are being made in a timely way. The CIC is hopeful that the first few grants will be made by the end of the year.

For details about the CIC and how to apply for funding, see its website [www.fullabrook-cic.org](http://www.fullabrook-cic.org)

# In the Community

## Pilton Bluecoat goes Green

**Pupils at Pilton Bluecoat Junior School learnt how to build their very own wind turbines after their teacher invited Fullabrook Wind Farm owner Devon Wind Power to come and tell the children all about green energy.**

The year four students were learning about wind power as part of the school's summer term project 'Don't let our planet go to waste'.

The youngsters' teacher Mr Rees invited Devon Wind Power to come and tell the children about the wind farm and how it works, during which the children made their own turbines out of cardboard.



Children at Bluecoat

## → How to get in touch

For general community and media enquiries about Fullabrook Wind Farm, please contact PPS which manages all enquiries on behalf of Devon Wind Power. You can do this by:



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