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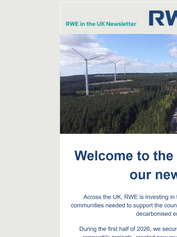

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter

Across the UK, RWE is investing in the energy infrastructure, skills and communities needed to support the country's journey to a secure, affordable and decarbonised energy network.

During the first half of 2026, we secured Contracts for Difference for major renewable projects, created new routes into energy careers, celebrated colleagues delivering a positive impact across the UK and continued to support the communities we work with.

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Building the next generation of renewable energy

Securing the next generation of renewable energy

In the Government's latest Contracts for Difference Allocation Round (CfD AR7), RWE and partners secured 20-year CfDs for five UK offshore wind projects: Vanguard East, Vanguard West, Dogger Bank South East, Dogger Bank South West and Awel y Môr, totalling 6.9 GW of capacity. A further 290 MW of contracts were secured for solar and onshore wind projects. This represents an important step forward for projects that will contribute to a more secure and affordable electricity system.

Progress is already being made on these projects. In February, RWE confirmed an agreement with Vestas to supply turbines for the Norfolk-based Vanguard West and East offshore wind projects. The Vanguard developments will build on more than 25 years of offshore wind in the UK and underline the scale of RWE's continuing commitment to delivering new energy infrastructure.

Explore RWE's Allocation Round 7 results and the latest progress on Vanguard East and West.

All 100 turbines installed at Sofia Offshore Wind Farm

RWE has completed the installation of all 100 turbines at Sofia Offshore Wind Farm - a major step towards bringing one of the UK's largest offshore wind projects into operation.

Located more than 200 kilometres off the north-east coast, Sofia will have a generating capacity of 1.4 GW, enough to power around 1.2 million UK homes.

Half of the turbines feature specialist recyclable blades, manufactured by Siemens Gamesa at its factory in Hull. By supporting domestic manufacturing, it is estimated that the project has delivered a combined economic benefit of £180.9m in GVA to the wider Yorkshire and Humber region.

Follow Sofia's progress.

Creating opportunities

Opening 31 new routes into energy careers

The energy transition depends on people with the right skills to build, operate and maintain critical infrastructure.

During National Apprenticeship Week, RWE launched its 2026 apprenticeship programme, offering 31 new early career opportunities across the business. These include:

- 20 offshore wind technician apprenticeships.
- 6 engineering roles.
- 3 health, safety and environmental roles.
- 2 positions within RWE Supply & Trading.

The apprenticeship programme provides opportunities to gain practical experience while developing the technical and professional skills needed for a long-term career in the energy sector.

To mark the launch, RWE spoke to colleagues already undertaking apprenticeships across the business. This included Dilraj Singh, an offshore technician at London Array Offshore Wind Farm, and his daughter, Gurnoor Sekhon, who is following in his footsteps as an offshore wind turbine technician apprentice.

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Working with communities

Investing £5.7million into community funds in 2025

In 2025, RWE's renewable energy projects invested nearly £5.7 million into community funds including £911,500 in Scotland, £1,497,000 in England, £3,337,000 in Wales.

These flexible funds have supported a wide range of local initiatives, such as installing solar panels at Pickleneash Junior School to lower costs and emissions, funding vital rural services like Meals on Wheels in South Denbighshire, and expanding affordable community-run electric car sharing in West Wales through Dolen Teifi.

Highlights of the 2025 report:

- 3,896 volunteering opportunities fostered
- 4,563 education and training opportunities
- £5 million match funding unlocked
- 54 jobs created and 110 jobs safeguarded.

Discover how RWE's operational projects are supporting local communities across the UK.

Celebrating our people

Katy Woodington recognised with an MBE

The work RWE delivers across the UK is made possible by the expertise, commitment and leadership of its people. We are delighted that Katy Woodington, RWE's UK community investment lead, was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire in the New Year Honours List.

The award recognised her contribution to the charitable and energy sectors, including her work supporting communities connected to RWE's projects.

Learn more about Katy's work and the contribution recognised by her MBE.

RWE apprentice selected to represent the UK at the "Skills Olympics"

RWE apprentice Madeleine Warburton has been selected to represent the UK at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026, an international competition often described as the "Skills Olympics".

Madeleine is in the third year of her wind turbine technician apprenticeship and works on the Sofia Offshore Wind Farm project from its operations base in Grimsby. She will compete for Team UK in the renewable energy category against young professionals from more than 80 countries.

Her selection follows several years of regional and national competitions, alongside intensive technical and performance training. It also highlights the opportunities available to young people entering the renewable energy industry through apprenticeships and early-career programmes.

The competition will take place in Shanghai from 22 to 27 September 2026.

Meet Madeleine and learn more about her journey to Team UK.

Environmental stewardship and heritage

Bringing Norfolk's Roman history to life

Archaeological investigations carried out along the onshore cable route for RWE's Vanguard West, Vanguard East and Boreas offshore wind projects have revealed evidence of thousands of years of activity across Norfolk.

Among the most significant discoveries was a previously unknown Roman villa estate, including a bathhouse, which provides new information about life in the region nearly 2,000 years ago.

RWE shared the findings with local communities at two public events at Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse. Visitors could view recovered artefacts, speak to the project archaeologists and explore an augmented-reality reconstruction of the villa based on evidence gathered during the investigations. The free app can be downloaded from the Apple and Google Play app stores.

Discover the archaeological findings uncovered by the Vanguard projects.

Celebrating 120 years of renewable power at Cwm Dyli

RWE has marked 120 years of continuous generation at Cwm Dyli Hydro Power Station in Eryri, making it one of the UK's longest-operating power stations.

Built in 1906, Cwm Dyli was the first power station in the UK to generate electricity using alternating current, the technology that later became the global standard for electricity transmission.

The station continues to use water from Llyn Llydaw to generate renewable electricity today. RWE has recently completed major maintenance on the two-kilometre pipeline that supplies the station, using specialist helicopter lifts to move equipment across the steep and remote mountain terrain.

The work will help preserve an important part of the UK's energy heritage, while enabling Cwm Dyli to continue generating renewable power for years to come.

Explore the history and engineering behind Cwm Dyli.

Looking ahead

Over the coming months, RWE will continue to progress projects across its renewable and flexible generation portfolio, invest in the people needed to deliver them and work with communities across the UK.

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