

# Sheringham Shoal receives 2018 UK Renewables Award



Image courtesy of Jose Vega-Lozano

● Drones inspecting wind farm blades

Renewable UK's Health and Safety Awards highlight outstanding examples of the development, implementation and sharing of best practice in health and safety across the renewable energy sector, as well as recognising individuals whose long term contribution has made a substantive and positive difference.

For its use of drones to inspect wind turbines at the Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm, Equinor has won the Renewable UK Health and Safety Innovation Award 2018. This is a faster and more cost effective method of undertaking work which was previously carried out using rope access.

The Award was presented to Tove Lunde, Head of Safety, Security and

Sustainability, for Equinor's New Energy Solutions, at the International Health and Safety Conference hosted by Renewable UK in Glasgow in January 2018.

Renewable UK is the trade and professional body for the wind, wave and tidal energy industries. It was founded in 1978 and now has more than 400 corporate members ●

## Statoil becomes Equinor

On 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Statoil, the operator of the Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm, changed its name to Equinor, a name which is formed by combining 'equi', the starting point for words like equal, equality and equilibrium, and 'nor', signalling a company proud of its Norwegian origin.

The name change supports corporate strategy and evolution from an oil company to a broader energy company, which includes offshore wind power generation. The company has earmarked 15-20% of its investments to "new energy solutions" by 2030.



● The Equinor logo

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## Sheringham Shoal – a power success story

The UK generates more electricity from offshore wind than any other country in the world, and the Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm continues to play an important role in this power success.

Since it was fully commissioned in late 2012, this 317MW offshore wind farm has consistently generated sufficient electricity to power more than the 220,000 UK homes predicted when the £1 billion project was given its investment approval.

In 2017 it generated 1136GWh of electricity which is enough to power 270,000 UK homes (DECC Dukes).

Commenting on last year's production success, General Manager Tom James said:

*"I believe Sheringham Shoal's production success is directly related to its maintenance procedures; when the wind blows it is essential that as many as possible of the wind farm's 88 turbines are in full working order and can take advantage of that wind"* ●

## Equitix becomes Sheringham Shoal shareholder

In December 2017 Statkraft announced that its 40% stake in the Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm had been acquired by the infrastructure fund manager Equitix for £558 million.

The sale was made in line with Statkraft's strategy to exit the global offshore wind marketplace due to its limited financial capacity.

Statkraft had been a partner in the Sheringham Shoal project since the original investment decision in 2009. It was the operator of the wind farm from January

2014 to March 2017, when it transferred the operatorship to Equinor in preparation for divesting its investments in offshore wind projects.

Through the joint venture company Scira Offshore Energy Limited, the shareholdings of Equinor and the offshore wind fund managed by Green Investment Group in

the Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm remain unchanged, and Equinor continues as the operator of the 317MW wind farm located between 9-17 miles off the coast of North Norfolk ●



## Local initiatives...

### Supporting North Norfolk community events

Last year the Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm was pleased to be able to provide support for a number of community events/projects and to charitable organisations and their activities in North Norfolk, and in particular around Wells-next-the-Sea and Sheringham; these included:

- *Cromer and Sheringham Arts Festival*
- *Cley 17 Festival*
- *Sheringham Carnival*
- *Wells Carnival*
- *Norfolk Triathlon*
- *Wells Christmas Tide*
- *Wells Pirate Festival*

and further support for community events, projects and activities will be available during 2018 ●



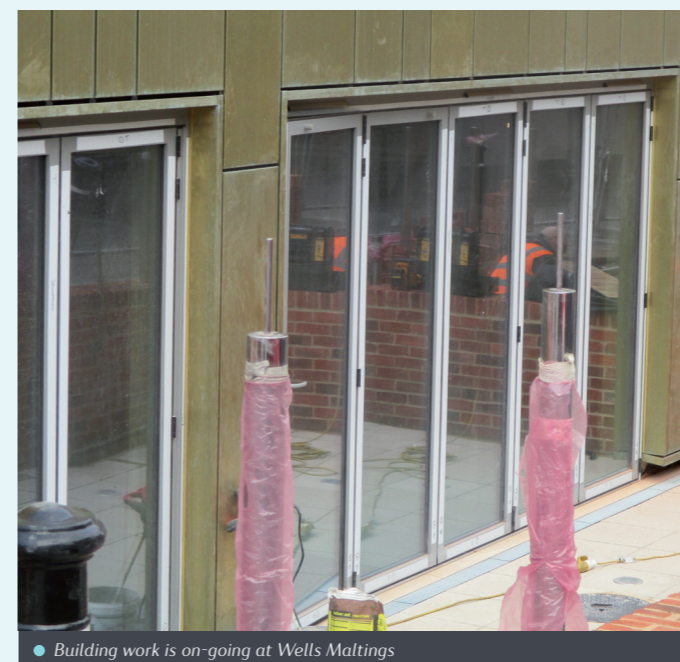
● 2017 Sheringham Raft Race

### Initiative 1

#### The Wells Maltings project

The Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm is pleased to be one of the sponsors of The Wells Maltings Trust, which was established in 2010. Its role is to oversee the regeneration of the Maltings, the Sackhouse and the Granary Theatre and to create a new cultural and community hub for North Norfolk with an exciting and diverse programme of entertainment including theatre, music, comedy, cinema and exhibitions, as well as an immense heritage attraction.

Phase 1 of the project has been completed, and phase 2 to repair, restore and develop the historic Maltings building on Staithe Street in Wells-next-the-Sea began in early 2017. Having raised sufficient funding to deliver the building work, the Trust is now looking to raise funds for the fit-out programme ●



● Building work is on-going at Wells Maltings

### Initiative 2

#### Holt Hall... and its Friends

Holt Hall is located just 4 miles inland from the North Norfolk coast; it is home to Norfolk County Council's Environmental and Outdoor Learning Team which specialises in using the outdoors and environment to develop student skills and raise achievement.

This important educational work is supported by an independent charity, The Friends of Holt Hall, which fundraises in order to be able to assist and extend opportunities for more young people to benefit from the learning experiences offered by Holt Hall.

Sheringham Shoal has supported the work of Holt Hall over a number of years, particularly in relation to its Bright Futures programme. This is a specialist residential programme for secondary schools that focuses on leadership, mentoring and team building using the energy industry as a theme, and involving input from undergraduates ●

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Offshore Wind Farm  
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at The Mo

An educational, interactive and fun exhibition; accessible to everyone, group visits welcome.

- Learn about climate change and renewable energy
- Understand the historic importance of wind energy to North Norfolk
- See the development and construction of the wind farm unfold before you
- Learn about the daily operation and maintenance activities at the wind farm

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1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018: Tue - Sat: 10am - 4.30pm; Sunday: Noon - 4pm  
Mondays from June throughout September and school holidays

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# The Sheringham Shoal Community Fund...

Since its establishment in 2010, the Sheringham Shoal Community Fund has made grant awards totalling over £547,000 to various community groups, charities and schools in North Norfolk.

The fund criteria relate to renewable energy, marine environment and safety, sustainability, or education in these areas. The fund is operated by Norfolk Community Foundation, and a panel made up of local representatives from the community, business and education sectors, sits twice a year to consider applications and award grants. Panel meetings are held in May and November.

## Case Study 1

### Support for projects at Wells Community Hospital

As a result of a grant from the Sheringham Shoal Community Fund, Wells Community Hospital will be delivering an enhanced range of well-being activities during 2018, which will help to further strengthen the role played by this important facility in the port town of Wells-next-the-Sea in North Norfolk.

The Hospital's Community Well-Being Hub is an initiative which provides training services to businesses in and around Wells-next-the-Sea, and it recognises that the local economy is primarily driven by marine activity, tourism and agriculture. Courses covering food hygiene, health and safety and first aid already help local businesses comply with their statutory requirements, and 2018 will see the introduction of safeguarding training in respect of both children and adults.

*"The grant from the Sheringham Shoal Community Fund will make a huge difference to the development of the Community Well-Being Hub, enabling my team to focus on the marketing and delivery of our enhanced range of training services,"* said Samantha Taylor, General Manager of Wells Community Hospital.



● Samantha Taylor and volunteers supporting dementia awareness at Wells Community Hospital

An earlier grant (June 2015) from the Sheringham Shoal Community Fund enabled Wells Community Hospital to install a 20kWp solar PV energy system on the hospital roof, and by the end of last year the Feed-In Tariff Scheme (FIT) had provided over £4,000 of financial assistance to the hospital ●

## Case Study 2

### Trimingham Village Hall's heating system

The coastal village of Trimingham in North Norfolk now has a new Village Hall to replace the small Pilgrim Shelter which has served as the village hall since 1935.



● Trimingham's new Village Hall

Being sited close to the cliff edge means the Pilgrim Shelter is in risk of being lost to coastal erosion, so local residents have spent the last seven years raising funds to build a replacement hall.

Their fundraising campaign resulted in a ground breaking ceremony taking place early in August 2017, and the eco-friendly design of the building has enabled the Sheringham Shoal Community Fund to provide a grant of £32,224 to fund the building's ground source heating system, this being the largest single grant that the Community Fund has awarded to date.

*"We are delighted with the generous support that the Sheringham Shoal Community Fund has shown to the Village Hall project,"* said Terry Brown, Chairman of Trimingham Parish Council.

*"The fascinating sight of the Sheringham Shoal wind turbines on the horizon on clear days will be a constant reminder of that generosity to the many people who will use the building over the coming years."* ●

## Meeting the business community at SNS 2018

Representatives from the Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm welcomed a constant flow of visitors to its stand at SNS 2018 (Southern North Sea Exhibition and Conference) hosted by the East Of England Energy Group (EEEG) on 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

*"Once again, our presence at the annual SNS event enabled us to make many useful business, education and wider community contacts,"* commented Sheringham Shoal's General Manager Tom James ●

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Sheringham Shoal is owned by Equinor, Equitix and the Green Investment Group through Scira Offshore Energy Ltd. Equinor is the operator for the Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm. Scira Offshore Energy Ltd is the legal entity.

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