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Stern Review emphasises urgency of tackling climate change

On 30 October 2006 the Stern Review was published. Carried out by Sir Nicholas Stern, Head of the Government Economic Service and former World Bank Chief Economist, the review concluded, among other things:

- There is still time to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, if we take strong action.
- The cost of acting now is far smaller than the possible economic impact of 'business as usual'.
- A range of options exists to cut emissions; strong, deliberate policy action is required to motivate their take-up.

BWEA agrees with Sir Nicholas' conclusions. Renewable energy is one of the few supply-side options that can make a major difference to reduce carbon emissions in the short term.

Community Support for Carmarthenshire Wind Farm

The five turbine wind farm at Parc Cynog, above Pendine in Carmarthenshire has been running for over 5 years and continues to supply clean electricity into the Welsh system. A postal survey of the area showed that the wind farm has a satisfaction rating of 80% among the local community.

The wind farm generates 3.6 MW of carbon free electricity which is enough to supply 2,250 local homes.

Open Days, to allow the local community a rare opportunity to get up close to the turbines, have attracted over 250 visitors and have helped foster the spirit of good neighbourliness.

Host farmer, Iori Evans, and operator Nuon Renewables welcome educational visits and field trips by arrangement. Seeing is believing for many people who might not otherwise get the chance of a date with a turbine.



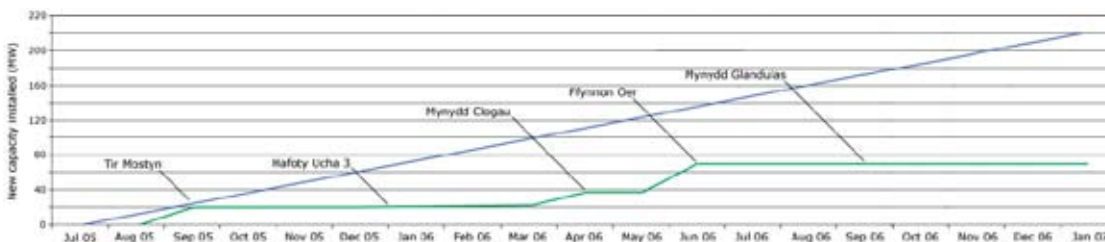
Enjoying the power of the wind. Taken at Parc Cynog Wind Farm © Nuon UK Limited

Progress towards TAN8 targets

The Welsh Assembly Government has set clear targets for renewable energy generation in Wales by the year 2010 and the Welsh Energy Bulletin monitors progress. No additional MW has been generated by onshore wind power since June 2006, meaning that we are 69% behind schedule. Please note a minor correction from the last issue.

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Onshore Wind Energy – progress towards the TAN8 target adopted in July 2005



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