

AN ESTATE STAFF TRIP TO FALLAGO RIG WIND FARM

The Roxburghe Estate office staff were offered the opportunity in September to visit Fallago Rig wind farm located in the Lammermuir Hills in Berwickshire. The wind farm is situated on the northern reaches of Roxburghe Estates land and was commissioned in May 2013 in partnership with EDF energy.

It was felt that this was a fantastic opportunity for our office team to engage with one of the Estate's larger sustainability projects first hand. With 48 turbines, the site at Fallago Rig can produce up to 144MW of energy which in turn can power up to 86,000 homes. Situated just south of Edinburgh and running alongside Scottish Power's electricity towers which fuel the national grid, Fallago distributes renewable energy directly into Edinburgh homes.

Highlights of the day include being able to access the inside of a turbine and seeing how it operates. Having the opportunity to have the mechanics of the turbine explained while standing below the towering structure was a wonderful experience. The questions we raised to the EDF Team were varied from basic to complex and it was refreshing to have the opportunity to engage in open and honest discussions regarding the impact of reliable, zero carbon energy production.

It was great to spend time outside of the office with co-workers on this day and we wish to thank the on-site team for hosting us. If you are interested in visiting Fallago Rig or any of the EDF sites, visit their website to find out about the various 'doors open days' on offer.

