

Wind power pioneer maintains proud heritage

Home to some of the UK's first wind farms, Cornwall has always been a renewable energy pioneer, making St Austell an ideal base for Scott Wilson Oceans. Originally established in 1987, it now provides general engineering consultancy as well as project and construction management for clients worldwide.

The company is one of the country's biggest renewable energy consultancies and has worked on wind farms with just a single turbine through to those in California that have almost five or six thousand.

Workforce

Scott Wilson Oceans employs 18 people, most of them local. "Several of our staff worked on the early Cornish wind farms, so their knowledge and expertise can't be beaten," says Managing Director Neil Harris. The company is part of the wider Scott Wilson group, one of the world's leading engineering consultancies that employs around 3,500 people worldwide.



Clients

Clients include Powergen, Scottish Power and all the UK's big power companies, as well as National Wind Power, GE Wind Energy and renewable energy developers around the world. In other engineering consultancy areas, the company works with Imerys Minerals, the Regional Development Agency and Cornwall County Council among others.

Technology

With its work on large-scale wind farm projects off the west coast of Ireland, Scott Wilson Oceans has pioneered proprietary structural analysis software to develop innovative construction solutions - maintaining the pioneering heritage of Cornwall in the field of renewable energy.

"I've been living and working here for the past 15 years," Harris says. "For me it's the perfect business location - wages, rates and rents are very competitive and we've got good air links with Gatwick and from Bristol, so travelling is no problem.

"I also get tremendous satisfaction from knowing that we have helped put Cornwall on the map in an expanding sector that has such a beneficial impact for the whole planet."