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Autumn Winds Keep Investment Spinning

A powerful wind turbine has started to make free electricity at Samples Farm, Ashfield Green, Wickhambrook, Suffolk. The new acquisition this autumn, is an investment that should provide the farm with all its electricity for the future.

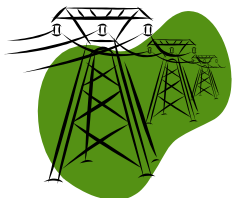


The owners are delighted with the new addition to their home: "This is part of a big renovation project making Samples Farm self sufficient for all of its electricity needs. We regard the turbine as a long-term investment that will safeguard us against energy price rises and also bring us an income by selling the surplus back to our energy provider. We are now hoping for a windy autumn rather than an Indian summer, it is wonderful to see the turbine going round."

Local company Mosscliff Environmental worked with turbine suppliers Segen, to install and commission the 20kW Westwind turbine. "We are very excited about this installation," said Andrew McLintock of Earl Soham based Mosscliff Environmental. "This is the first Westwind that we have installed in East Anglia. The turbine is ideally suited to the more power hungry needs of large houses and farms, generating approximately 30MWh a year, sufficient to power nine average domestic properties."

Lancashire

Grant Incentive



The Lancashire Small Scale Renewables Scheme is offering SME businesses grants of up to 50% towards the cost of installing a wind turbine, solar PV or micro-hydro power.

Managed by Lancashire County Developments Ltd (LCDL), the fund offers grants up to 50% of eligible costs, up to a maximum of £20,000.

Contact [Segen](http://www.segen.co.uk) for further information.



The [Westwind 20kW](#) costs between £50,000 and £60,000 to install, depending on its location. Grants are available for both commercial, not for profit and domestic installations.

School Work for Segen Team

Segen School & Community Team has completed two small wind turbine installations at schools in Lancashire, providing a unique, one stop advisory, planning, installation and grant assistance service that helps schools and community organizations seeking to install clean energy systems.

Central Lancaster High School contacted Segen about installing a small wind turbine as part of its ongoing sustainability agenda. They already have a successful recycling scheme and regularly monitor their energy and water use. The turbine will be a further reminder of the importance of conserving energy. Their facilities are used outside of school times, meaning that the electricity and environmental awareness generated by the turbine will benefit the wider community.



The Segen team helped the school secure a 100% grant to cover the £22,300 installation cost, from the Low Carbon Buildings Programme and Scottish Power Green Energy Fund.


Segen School & Community development manager, Sam Usiskin said: "This is the second school in the area to install a wind turbine and we look forward to helping them get the most out of it, educationally, environmentally and financially."

Pilling St John's Primary School near Wyre, Preston contacted Segen to organise the installation of an Iskra 5kW wind turbine as part of this eco-school's ongoing sustainability work. As well as reducing their carbon footprint the turbine will be used to teach children about climate change and how the problem can be tackled at a local level. The school is planning to share its facilities with other schools so that the educational benefits of the turbine can be maximised.

Segen School and Community helped secure 100% grant funding to cover the £23,700 cost from the Low Carbon Buildings Programme, Scottish Power Green Energy Fund and other funds.

Liz Horn, development manager, Segen School & Community said: "Pilling St John's is an inspirational Eco-school with a strong environmental ethos. The wind turbine is testament to their determination to 'think global and act local.'"

Picture shows: Pilling St John's Primary School



Wind Turbine

Pilling St. John's Primary School

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Notes from the Northern Office

By Michele Robertson, Northern Area Manager

Things may be quiet for the housing market, but it certainly has not gone quiet in the renewables market.

Since we opened our Northern Office earlier this summer, our team has been going from strength to strength. Jonathan Mann held an Iskra Open Day last month in Powys that saw people flooding through the gates, whilst Jim Robertson organized an Open Day near Dunblane, Scotland with around 75 people attending. It was a beautiful, windless, sunny day, every one enjoyed themselves and the turbine didn't move once!

Next month we have our official, first ever Skystream open day at Great Eccleston, Lancashire (15th November 2008). The phone has been ringing hot from 8am-8pm with people wanting to attend, so we have had to slip in a second Open Day this month for locals.

Back in the office, James Hoople is so busy organising site surveys that his phone seems permanently attached, whilst Zoe Robertson, just one year out of university, has become a vital and popular link for customers, the sales team and all new Northern staff.

Meanwhile, we have had people from all over the North, including Scotland, visiting our new offices in Bolton. It is good to be able to introduce customers to our installation teams and show them around the warehouse where PV panels and turbines are stored before installation. This is a great facility that really ensures an efficient service for all.

I would like to thank my team for its excellent work, we feel like we are making a huge difference to many people's future.

Credit to Segen Service

At Segen we take pride in our installation and sales teams who work hard to ensure the customer understands what is required, when it will happen and what the result will be. We guide customers through the planning and grant process and ensure all questions are answered.

The response to our service can be summed up by Harold Hosker's email following the installation of his new turbine: "Michele (Robertson) has been so supportive, enthusiastic and knowledgeable, and has guided us through the whole process with great skill and efficiency. The speed of the process from initial enquiry to commissioning was much faster than we'd expected. We are indebted to her.

"Jon (Kemp) did a fantastic job in installing the turbine and the electrical apparatus, working very late and very hard to get things functioning optimally. They are both a real credit to your organisation." Harold Hosker and Gail Jones.

Our thanks in turn goes to Harold for opening his gates to the public this month, near Keighley, West Yorkshire, offering visitors the opportunity to see a new Iskra 5kW turbine in action and to ask Segen representatives in depth questions about the installation process and costs. These Open Days are held regularly around the country, courtesy of our customers, check our [Events Page](#) for further details.



Segen Grows to Meet Customer Needs

More people than ever are turning to Segen for their future clean energy needs. In turn, we are developing to ensure our customers, past and present, receive the efficient service they require.

How we have grown

- In the last year our staff numbers have grown from 18 to 38, we now have 13 engineers working around the country installing and servicing micro hydro, small wind and solar PV.
- Originally solely based in Aldershot, we now have additional offices in Stroud, Lancaster and Bolton, including a northern warehouse to streamline our installation process.
- Our range of small wind turbines has increased in the last year to include the popular South African Kestrel and American Skystream models.
- This summer saw the launch of Segen School and Community, a new dedicated team, assisting schools and community organisations through the different stages of installing renewable energy systems.

New Faces



This month we welcome engineer Martin Dowley, based in Stroud who joins us as the Technical Manager, overseeing the technical engineering team. Martin comes from an electrical manufacturing background and brings with him a huge amount of experience and enthusiasm in renewable energy.



Kate Montgomery (pictured right) and Anette Levin also join us in the Stroud and Bolton offices respectively. Both take on crucial office support roles in their areas, with the organisation of Segen's installations from explaining the process to customers through to supplying all paperwork needed for claiming their grants.

Open Days

Skystream Open Day

Great Eccleston, Lancashire
Saturday, 15th November

Segen and Sustainable Energy Systems Ltd will be holding a joint open day at Brook House, Hall Lane, Great Eccleston on Saturday, 15th November, 11am - 2.30pm to demonstrate the new US built Skystream 1.9kW to visitors. Further details from [Sustainable Energy Systems](#)

Iskra Open Day

Threeholes, Wisbech, Norfolk
8 November 2008

Segen has kindly been invited by John Blake and family to hold an open day at their house near Wisbech in Norfolk to view their fully installed Iskra AT5-1 5kW small wind turbine. Visitors are invited between 11am– 3pm to view the turbine and to meet with John and Segen to discuss the installation. To register contact Sophie Furlong on 01252 401027 or by email on [Sophie Furlong](#)

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