

Overview of conventional onshore UK Oil and Gas – May 2019

This is a summary overview of developments in the conventional onshore UK Oil and Gas, it includes planning, operations and business activities as well as objections and protests.

This review is based on a variety of sources and no guarantee can be given as to the accuracy of this information, links to references and further information are included.

East Midlands

Egdon Resources has [applied](#) to Lincolnshire County Council to vary the conditions for their application to drill at North Kelsey.

Protestors continue to [demonstrate](#) at Rathlin Energy's West Newton site.

[Proposals](#) by Angus Energy to use funds intended for abandonment to reconnect a gas field in the north of England have been [criticised](#).

[Interview](#) with Hugh Mackay, CEO of Europa Oil plc discussing their plans.

South East

The Environmental Agency [announced](#) that they have accepted the surrender of the permit for Holmwood wellsite from Europa Oil & Gas.

Frack Free Isle of Wight sends an [open letter](#) to landowners in the Isle of Wight about potential implications of leasing sites to oil and gas companies. UK Oil & Gas (UKOG) later [replied](#) to the open letter.

Angus Energy [reported](#) that they have successfully re-perforated their BRX4Z sidetrack at Brockham and after recompleting the well they [demobilised](#) the rig.

Angus Energy [announced](#) an Open Offer to existing shareholders with the intention of raising £457,000. This [raised](#) £31,240 which will be used for working capital.

The British Geological Survey (BGS) [recorded](#) a [2.5 magnitude](#) earthquake between Newdigate and Charlwood in Surrey, this was followed a few days later by a [0.6 magnitude tremor](#).

Drilling application meeting for Horse Hill was [cancelled](#) by Surrey County Council for the second time and the decision has been [delayed](#) to at least July. Later protestors [halted](#) a Surrey County Council meeting.

Union Jack Oil [announced](#) a loss of £1.1m in its accounts for 2018, this is mainly due to the refusal of the environment secretary to renew the lease on the Holmwood exploration site.

UKOG [announced](#) that the Horse Hill field has produced over 20,500 barrels of oil and is continuing to produce at a stable rate of over 220 bopd.

Brockham Oil Watch organised a public meeting on earthquakes and unconventional drilling in the Weald Basin, this included a talk by David K. Smythe, Emeritus Professor of Geophysics, University of Glasgow, see [video of talk](#).

Other news

A Committee on Climate Change [report](#) recommends that the UK achieves net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

[Article](#) by Natascha Engel, former shale gas commissioner on the myths about fracking.

Former energy secretary Sir Ed Davey [calls](#) for the Parliamentary Pension Fund to stop investing in fossil fuels.

Cross party group of MPs launch [enquiry](#) on Carbon Capture Storage (CCS), evidence will be heard on 13 June 2019.