

November 2011

# DO YOU WANT THIS TO HAPPEN TO YOU?

Please take just 5 minutes to read this.....



Delivery of a wind turbine through the tiny streets of a small British town—imagine this in Shebbear!

**This newsletter is brought to you by SPPG - a local group set up to protect Shebbear and surrounding parishes from wind turbines, commercial and other industrial developments that could inflict permanent damage upon the character, peace and tranquility of the area.**

**We recently held an open meeting followed by a Shebbear Parish Council meeting where members of the public were welcomed to hear about local proposals for wind developments in our area.**

**Here are some more facts along with the opportunity for you to help to prevent this beautiful, tranquil corner of Devon from being spoilt for ever.**

## SPPG CONTACTS:

Tessa Osborne —281435  
 Tony Wells —281105  
 Mac McNab —281911  
 Pam Mawby —281161  
 Steve Harrup —281903  
 Jenny Perkins —281994  
 Jackie Hammans—281418  
 Peter Owens —261154

## Best Place to live and bring up a family?

Shebbear was recently shown to be the 6th best place in the country to bring up children. The survey looked at 2,400 postcodes and ranked them according to their suitability for family living.

Quantity and quality of early years care, along with access to green spaces, local leisure centres, museums and theatres were considered. The results were then aggregated and weighted to generate scores for each postcode.

Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2041828/Winkleigh-Devon-Best-place-Britain-raise-family.html#ixzz1bsSBLkyE>

**Some residents of Shebbear and neighbouring parishes are extremely concerned that the development of industrial sized wind turbines will start to erode the area with noise disturbance and significant falls in house prices. It could also set a precedent for further industrial developments.**

Arthur and Patricia Paulton cannot sleep at night due to the noise of the turbines recently erected less than 500 metres from their bungalow at Darracott. "I can hear the turbines through my pillow at night," said Mrs Paulton, 70.

"It's a droning whooshing sound and as the blade passes the upright, the windier it gets, the noisier it gets.



I have to close the window but you can still just about hear it through the double glazing."

Read more: [http://www.northdevongazette.co.uk/news/our-sleepless-nights-with-the-wind-turbines\\_1\\_914875](http://www.northdevongazette.co.uk/news/our-sleepless-nights-with-the-wind-turbines_1_914875)

Nick Williams lives at Fullabrook with six of the turbines near his house. He claimed the wind farm had destroyed the area he lives in as well as his life.

He said: "It is like having tumble dryers in my bedroom and so I mostly have to sleep on the sofa in my front room – why should I be forced out of my bed?"

Read more <http://www.thisisnorthdevon.co.uk/turbine-noise-destroying-lives/story-13380064-detail/story.html>

**THE WIND TURBINE PROPOSED BY SHEBBEAR COLLEGE WILL BE ABOUT 200 METRES FROM THE NEAREST PROPERTY AND WILL BE 46 METRES (150 feet) HIGH.**

**ONCE THESE TURBINES ARE BUILT THERE IS NO GOING BACK**

**YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.**

## Fund Raising

The support of the residents of Shebbear and surrounding parishes will be needed in order to make any valid objection to unacceptable wind turbines, or other industrial and commercial planning applications, that would damage the tranquil environment for people living in the area.

**We cannot do this on our own. We will need to employ experts to help us oppose this development— so will need your help.**

**PLEASE make a donation. You can do this by giving a cheque to anyone on the committee made payable to SPPG**

**ALL DONATIONS MADE WILL BE USED FOR THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT THIS BEAUTIFUL CORNER OF DEVON FROM INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**

We will be holding a number of fund raising events over the next few months starting with an update meeting at Shebbear Village Hall on Saturday December 3rd 2011 at 2.30pm followed by a Wine and Wisdom with a mini auction on Saturday 21st January 2012. More details will be posted around the villages nearer the time.

**PTO**

## THE CURRENT POSITION

There are 5 wind turbines proposed for the Shebbear area which, although individual applications, is the equivalent of a wind farm. On closer look at the applications the situation is far more serious than we had envisaged. The proposals are as follows:

Shebbear College 1 turbine **46 metres (150 feet)**, developer CMS, Grid ref. E244986, N109528

Battledown Farm 1 turbine **67 metres (219 feet)** ( a larger one had been considered), developer Murex/Aardvark ref E243493, N132552

Durpley Farm Stibb Cross/Newton St.Petrock 1 turbine **74 metres (243 feet)** (estimate), developer currently unknown

Alscott Farm 2 turbines of **100 metres (328 feet)** , developer Infinergy . Grid ref. E245505, N111705 and E245819, N111967

These 5 proposed erection sites are within a small square mileage so although proposals are submitted by individual landowners they are equivalent to a wind farm with Shebbear almost in the middle.

There is already a strong group of Shebbear and associated parish residents working to protect our area. Please do join us. Contact information is on the front page.

### This illustration shows the height of the five turbines proposed for this area in proportion to Shebbear Parish Church.

#### Yes but what can I do?

1/ Join SPPG—call Tony Wells on 281105

2/ Give a donation to help us protect Shebbear and surrounding parishes

3/ Join us on Sat Dec 3rd at 2.30 for an update—an event to give you the story so far. Tea and cakes will be available.

4/ Contact Torridge District Council and/or Devon County Council Planning Departments when the planning permission is in—seek guidance on this from a member of the SPPG committee as there are some aspects that will work more strongly in our favour than others

5/ Research research research—see if you can find anyone who is happy (other than the land owner!) living next to a wind turbine!

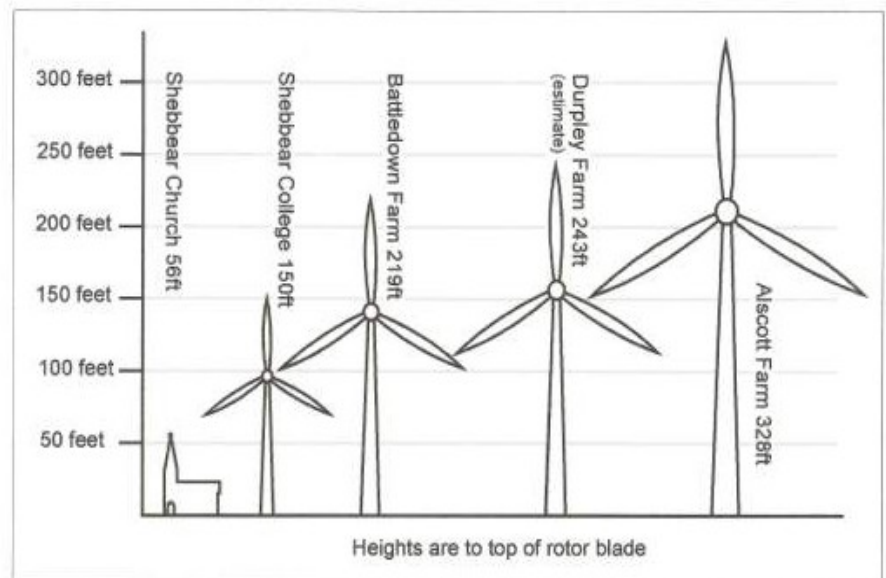
Left to Right:

Shebbear College

Battledown Farm

Durpley Farm

Alscott Farm



## PLEASE ACT NOW BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

SPPG urge all local residents to act now before it is too late. You may like to do some more research for yourself. Some excellent websites are now available including:

[www.dunslandcrosswindfarm.net](http://www.dunslandcrosswindfarm.net)

This is a very good site. Go to their objection report which shows clear evidence of falls in house prices, TV interference, noise and health concerns, effects on tourism among others. WELL WORTH READING.

[www.denbrookvalley.co.uk](http://www.denbrookvalley.co.uk) is the website of the recent battle with RES that was the subject of a TV series in the spring of 2011.

[www.nhwag.co.uk](http://www.nhwag.co.uk)—again a very informative site with a table of real experiences from people around the world affected by wind turbines.

**Show your support by making a donation—contact any SPPG committee member or do a bank transfer—details below.**

#### Recommended Reading

**'THE WIND FARM SCAM'**

Available through bookshops and on-line

ISBN:978 1905299 83 6 \*

[www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)

You can make a donation— just send a cheque made out to SPPG or give a cash donation to one of the committee members.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

