UK Energy and Data Centres Weekly

What public Facebook campaign groups posted about wind, solar, batteries, the grid and data centres, 22 to 28 November 2026

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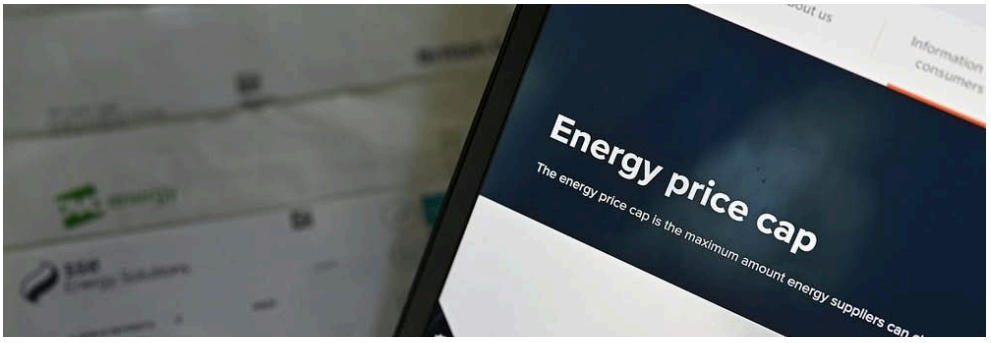
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LEAD STORY

Bills to rise 26% on 1 January, and the £300 promise



An 'Energy price cap' web page, the image attached to the Daily Mail post.

An Our Power post says Ofgem has announced that bills rise by 26% on 1 January: an extra £443 a year, taking a typical bill to £2,166. The group says Scotland produces 82% of the UK's oil and gas and 30% of its renewable power, that average energy debt in Scotland has reached £3,200, and calls for public and community ownership of Scotland's renewables.

Scotland Against Spin shares a Telegraph report that No 10 says its promise to cut £300 from household bills still stands, although bills have risen by nearly £600 since the pledge. A Daily Mail column shared on 28 November says Labour would now have to cut bills by £900 from their 2027 level to keep it.

Two Scotsman letters shared by the group take opposite routes from the same rise: one says it ends the idea of 'cheap' renewable electricity, pointing to grid, balancing and backup costs; the other asks for electricity prices to be cut loose from the price of gas and for drilling at Rosebank.

Our Power; Scotland Against Spin · 25 – 28 Nov 2026

26%
rise in bills from 1 Jan: +£443 to £2,166, per Our Power

11
NESO supply warnings in 2026 by 26 Nov, per The Times

£57m
record daily balancing costs, per The Times

£915.9m
ScotWind and INTOG fees plus interest, per SPICe

ONSHORE WIND

Two Highland committees, a challenge to Carnaig, deadlines in Ayrshire and the Borders

Highland South committee on 2 December: Lynemore and Cnoc Farasd

Communities B4 Power Companies lists the agenda of Highland Council's South Planning Applications Committee for Wednesday 2 December. Lynemore Wind Farm (Galileo 05 Limited): up to 12 turbines of 200 m with a battery, on land 2,000 m south-west of Lynemore, Moy, Tomatin; recommendation: objection. Cnoc Farasd Wind Farm (E Power Ltd): up to six turbines of 149.9 m with a battery, 2 km north-east of The Lodge, Buntait, Glenurquhart; recommendation: refuse.

Communities B4 Power Companies · 25 Nov 2026

Councillors object to the 113 MW Coille Linne



A wind turbine, the image of the Northern Times link in the post. Not the Coille Linne site.

A Scotland Against Spin post, from a Northern Times report, says Highland Council's North Planning Applications Committee agreed on Wednesday 25 November to object to the Coille Linne Wind Farm over its visual impact.

Energiekontor UK plans the 113 MW scheme on a 663-hectare forestry site north of Loch Shin, 22 km north-west of Lairg and 16 km south-east of Altnaharra. It was first called the Fiag Wind Farm.

Scotland Against Spin · 26 Nov 2026

Carnaig: the council to challenge the decision

Communities B4 Power Companies says on 25 November it has been told Highland Council will appeal the Carnaig decision, with details awaited.

A Wind Energy's Absurd report of a local meeting the same day says the clerk told members the council was studying the Reporter's wording and whether a judicial review was possible, with a decision soon.

Communities B4 Power Companies; Wind Energy's Absurd · 25 Nov 2026

Dalfad: objections to the ECU close on 1 December

A Communities B4 Power Companies post says Brockwell Energy has made its formal application for the Dalfad Wind Farm in East Ayrshire: 14 turbines up to 200 m and a 40 MW battery, near Lugar, Cronberry and Logan. Objections close on Tuesday 1 December; earlier objections must be sent again.

The post says the EIA assumes an 8 km overhead line to Glenmuckloch substation while the real connection point, route and date are not yet known.

Communities B4 Power Companies · 27 Nov 2026

Mid Hill: 50 people at Roberton; councillors decide in February

Scotland Against Spin posts say more than 50 people came to the Borthwickwater Landscape Conservation Group's meeting at Forman Hall on Tuesday. Invenergy UK proposes 13 turbines of 200 m tip height, a battery, over 19 km of new access roads, a control building and a substation near Hawick.

The council's planning committee decides in February; if it objects, a Reporter takes the case.

Scotland Against Spin · 25 – 27 Nov 2026

New plans: Teviot, Cruach Bhreac, a mast at Moniaive

Teviot Wind Farm, at pre-application stage: 23 turbines up to 240 m, about 188 MW, with a 100 MW battery, 8 km south-west of Hawick. Cruach Bhreac Wind Farm, at consultation: up to 12 turbines of up to 200 m, south of Loch Fyne on the Cowal peninsula.

Dumfries and Galloway Council approved a met mast for the Dalmacallan windfarm: up to 91 m, for up to five years, at Craes Hill 4.7 km south of Moniaive, after 115 objections.

Scotland Against Spin; LEAVE OUR HILLS ALONE! · 23 – 26 Nov 2026

SCHEMES IN THESE POSTS

Scheme	Place	Size	Stage, as the posts give it
Lynemore	Moy, Tomatin	Up to 12 turbines, 200 m	Committee 2 Dec; objection recommended
Cnoc Farasd	Glenurquhart	Up to 6 turbines, 149.9 m	Committee 2 Dec; refusal recommended
Coille Linne	North of Loch Shin	113 MW	Council objected 25 Nov
Dalfad	East Ayrshire	14 turbines, 200 m; 40 MW battery	ECU objections by 1 Dec
Mid Hill	Near Hawick	13 turbines, 200 m	Council committee in February

OFFSHORE WIND, SOLAR AND BATTERIES

Turbine parts off Findhorn, ScotWind's money and two solar schemes

Moray Flow-Park: a consultation on parking turbine parts off Findhorn



Beach huts at Findhorn, the BBC News image in the post.

Scotland Against Spin shares a BBC report that an eight-week public consultation has opened on Offshore Solutions Group's plan to park parts of floating wind turbines in the Moray Firth off Findhorn. About 150 people protested in the village earlier this year; a second site off Nairn was dropped in November last year.

Scotland Against Spin · 26 Nov 2026

ScotWind: £915.9m raised; where it has gone

Wind Energy's Absurd summarises a SPICe article of 26 November: ScotWind raised £755.2m in option fees and INTOG £65.1m more, £820.3m in all, with £95.6m interest by the end of 2025-26, £915.9m in total.

As the post gives it, ministers drew £103m in 2022-23, the 2026-27 budget takes £80m more, £507m is planned for 2026-27 to 2029-30, and Audit Scotland expects around £300m to be left by 2031.

Wind Energy's Absurd · 26 Nov 2026

Kishorn: a factory for floating wind foundations

A Scottish Electricity Generating Stations post says Slipform Engineering proposes a factory at Kishorn, Wester Ross, called Slip4Wind, able to make up to 36 concrete floating offshore wind foundations a year.

Scottish Electricity Generating Stations · 24 Nov 2026

Gate Burton: EDF drop-in on 4 December

7000 Acres Group says EDF power solutions holds a public drop-in on the consented 500 MW Gate Burton Energy Park, solar with battery storage, on Friday 4 December, 4pm to 7.30pm, at Marton and Gate Burton Village Hall. Enabling works are planned from early 2027 and construction from autumn 2027.

7000 Acres Group · 28 Nov 2026

Craigo Glenskinno: nature reserve chiefs object

Scotland Against Spin shares a Courier report on the 120 MW Craigo Glenskinno solar and battery scheme near Montrose: Montrose Basin nature reserve chiefs and campaigners object over migrating pink-footed geese.

Scotland Against Spin · 28 Nov 2026

A council's solar farm challenge goes ahead

Scotland Against Spin welcomes a BBC report that a Northamptonshire council's legal challenge to a solar farm is moving ahead.

Scotland Against Spin · 24 Nov 2026

GRID AND PYLONS

An inquiry offline, two substations and a line through East Anglia

Spittal to Beauly inquiry: landscape day lost to buffering

Wind Energy's Absurd says it set the day aside on 24 November to follow the Spittal to Beauly line inquiry's one-day landscape and visual session, but the live stream kept buffering. The lead Reporter said the DPEA website was offline from 20 to 30 November because of Scottish Government IT changes, and offered extra time to anyone who needs documents.

Wind Energy's Absurd · 24 Nov 2026

Two substations: Knocknagael withdrawn, Guardbridge appealed

Communities B4 Power Companies shares an Inverness Courier report that SSEN Transmission withdrew its plan to extend Knocknagael substation on Essich Road, Inverness, on the council's advice; a new application will come with an Environmental Impact Assessment. The extension was for the grid link of Statkraft's Loch na Cathrach pumped storage hydro scheme, consented in 2021, 14 km south-west of Inverness.

A Guardbridge residents' post says SP Energy Networks has appealed to the Scottish Government's appeals division over its proposed substation in the village, and that objectors to Fife Council will be asked to respond.

Communities B4 Power Companies · 25 – 26 Nov 2026

Norwich to Tilbury: surveyors at Coggeshall

An Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons member objects to the Rebuilding Nature alliance taking National Grid as a member, saying the 118-mile line could be put underground with HVDC or offshore. A member reports surveyors marking trees and hedges where the route crosses the A120 at Surrex, Coggeshall.

Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons · 24 – 25 Nov 2026

Swans and geese

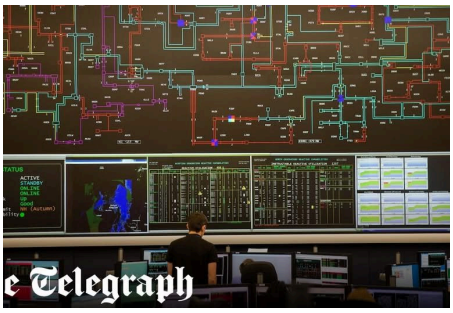
Scotland Against Spin shares an STV report that six whooper swans died after flying into overhead power lines by the River Deveron north of Turriff. A Deeside Against Pylons member says hundreds of geese overwinter in a field where SSEN plans four pylons.

Scotland Against Spin; Deeside Against Pylons · 23 – 26 Nov 2026

COSTS AND WARNINGS

A tight week on the grid

Three supply warnings in a week, and a £57m day



A grid control room, the Telegraph image in the post.

Scotland Against Spin shares a Telegraph report that NESO warned supplies would be tight from 1pm to 8pm on Tuesday 24 November as temperatures fell. A Times report shared on 27 November says NESO issued its third warning of the week on 26 November, its 11th of 2026, more than the previous five years combined; Scottish wind was switched off for lack of cable capacity, constraint costs passed £28m and daily balancing costs reached a record £57m.

Wind Energy's Absurd quotes an energy analyst: a 1,150 MW shortfall against a 1,000 MW contingency requirement, 5,100 MW of generation left out of the margin because of constraints, and costs of almost £53m.

Scotland Against Spin; Wind Energy's Absurd · 24 – 27 Nov 2026

The connections queue and network costs

Scotland Against Spin shares Ofgem's notice of an inquiry into delays of phase 1 projects in the grid connections queue.

Communities B4 Power Companies shares a BBC explainer: network costs will make up £417 of a typical annual bill in the first quarter of 2027.

Scotland Against Spin; Communities B4 Power Companies · 23 – 25 Nov 2026

FIGURES IN THESE POSTS

What	Figure	As the post gives it
Bills from 1 Jan	+26%; £2,166	Typical bill, Our Power
NESO warnings, 2026	11	By 26 Nov, The Times
Balancing, 26 Nov	£57m	Record daily cost, The Times
Constraints, 26 Nov	Over £28m	The Times
Network costs, Q1 2027	£417	Of a typical annual bill, BBC

DATA CENTRES

A national policy, petitions and questions about secrecy

A draft national policy, and wildlife rules relaxed

East Havering residents say the draft National Policy Statement for Data Centres is out for consultation until 8 January 2027, although the East Havering developer chose a Local Development Order instead of the national route.

A Telegraph report shared by the Havering group says ministers will let data centres of 100 MW or more be proposed on protected wildlife sites if three legal tests are met.

NO to East Havering Data Centre in Upminster (Residents Group) · 24 – 25 Nov 2026

Larbert, Chapelcross and £300 on bills

A Cato group post promotes a Scottish Greens petition, 'Stop Larbert hyperscale data centre'. A West Edinburgh group post urges objections to Chapelcross Data Centre.

Scotland Against Spin shares a Daily Record report of Scottish Greens research that 30 hyperscale data centres planned for Scotland could add over £300 a year to bills, and of a parliament briefing that the 600 MW Auchtertool site alone would use as much energy as 1.6 million households.

Say No To Cato Data Centre; West Edinburgh Against AI Data Centre; Scotland Against Spin · 23 – 27 Nov 2026

Secret talks, redacted advice, a student study of Cato



An aerial view of a data centre site, the image of The Saint link in the post. It does not necessarily show the Cato site.

The Cato group shares a Ferret report that a Scottish Government agency held talks with data centre developers and urged them to keep the details secret. It also shares a report that ministers redacted in full the advice of the Scottish Science Advisory Council behind the new 50 MW threshold for an Environmental Impact Assessment.

On 28 November the Cato group says a St Andrews student think tank will soon publish research on the Cato scheme's claims.

Say No To Cato Data Centre · 22 – 28 Nov 2026

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

How this newsletter was made

A weekly issue. Posts dated 22 to 28 November 2026: 41 posts from 12 groups were used, out of 137 Facebook posts on slava.it.com for those days. Counts come from the site data, not from memory.

Selection. Included: UK wind (onshore and offshore), solar, batteries, hydro, grid and pylon proposals, hearings, costs and data-centre schemes and campaigns. Left out: overseas stories (a US fishing-boat wreck near an offshore wind farm, Australian storms and wind farms, COP31), opinion pieces with no UK project, memes, embedded videos and photo-only posts. Thirteen posts that show identifiable private people or name staff were not published on slava.it.com and are not used.

Balance. The posting groups are campaign groups, so the posts lean one way. Councillors, ministers and officials are named only by role; no private individuals and no letter writers are named.

Reliability. Campaigners' views, not checked; figures as the posts give them. Photos are news-site link images from the posts: check rights before publishing. Not advice.

Posts used (public group posts; the address opens the post)

Date	Group	Post
23 Nov	Say No To Cato Data Centre	slava.it.com/?sel=1616112803129995
23 Nov	Scotland Against Spin	slava.it.com/?sel=30276431095292564
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23 Nov	Scotland Against Spin	slava.it.com/?sel=30280768141525526
23 Nov	Scotland Against Spin	slava.it.com/?sel=30282099271392413
24 Nov	NO to East Havering Data Centre in Upminster (Residents Group)	slava.it.com/?sel=1077670585297739
24 Nov	Scottish Electricity Generating Stations	slava.it.com/?sel=1443689591256615
24 Nov	Wind Energy's Absurd	slava.it.com/?sel=1584888683668426
24 Nov	Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons	slava.it.com/?sel=1868259277547652
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26 Nov	Communities B4 Power Companies	slava.it.com/?sel=1153731480389966
26 Nov	LEAVE OUR HILLS ALONE!	slava.it.com/?sel=1493641055995556
26 Nov	Wind Energy's Absurd	slava.it.com/?sel=1587502696740358
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26 Nov	Deeside Against Pylons	slava.it.com/?sel=2454775641995081
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27 Nov	West Edinburgh Against AI Data Centre	slava.it.com/?sel=1129073249944147
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28 Nov	Say No To Cato Data Centre	slava.it.com/?sel=1621552915919317
28 Nov	7000 Acres Group	slava.it.com/?sel=1840808190326781
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The project map, all posts and search

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