

# Where to visit wind farms

## *Wind Energy Fact Sheet 10c*

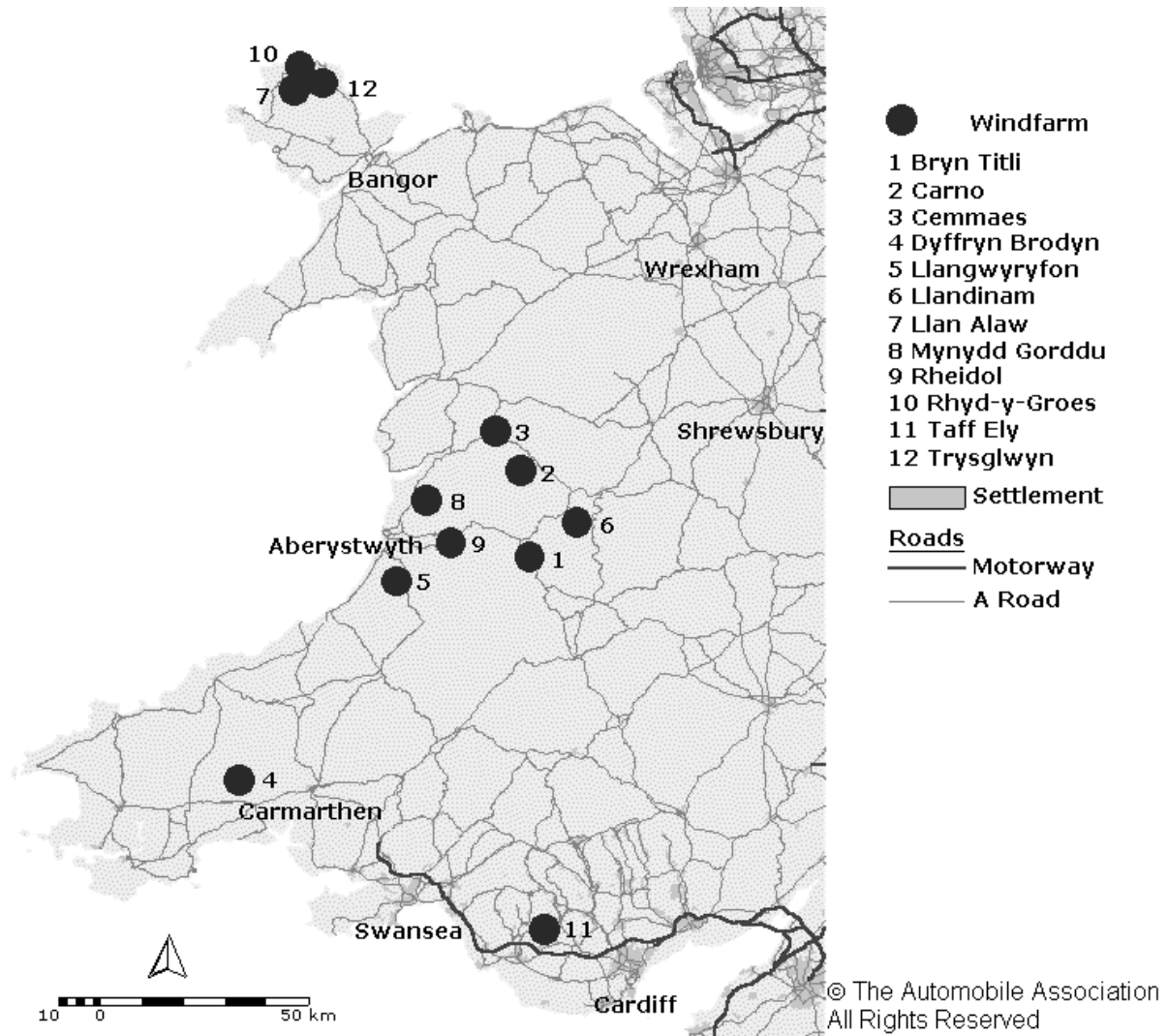
At the end of 2000 there were 76 operating wind farms in the UK, with a total of 862 turbines providing a total generation capacity of more than 408 Megawatts (MW). Consistent with the availability of high-grade wind resource, the majority of the wind farms are segregated regionally in Cornwall, Northern England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. This Fact Sheet provides information on the location of typical wind farms in Wales and the best places to see them. It provides a selection of wind farms in the area rather than a comprehensive list, as the number of wind farms in the UK is steadily increasing. It is one of a series of five such fact sheets covering those regions given above (Fact Sheets 10a to 10e). Directions, parking and access information are provided. Where no access is specified it may be difficult to get close to the wind farm. Use of an Ordnance Survey map is recommended for details of public footpaths and bridleways.

### Wind farms in Wales

This Fact Sheet covers 12 wind farms in Wales: Bryn Titli, Carno, Cemmaes, Dyffryn Brodyn, Llangwryfon, Llandinam, Llyn Alaw, Mynydd Gorddu, Rheidol, Rhyd-y-Groes, Taff-Ely and Trysglwyn. Together they have a generation capacity of 156 MW. Information on the relationship between generation capacity and average domestic requirements is given in Fact Sheet 13.

Carno is recommended for people wishing to visit a wind farms in Wales.

Wind farm	Operation started	Turbines			Additional information (parking, map grid reference etc)
		Number	Rating (kW)	Total capacity (MW)	
Bryn Titli	July 1994	22	450	9.9	[SN 935 755] 7km N of Rhayader. Information board on site. Limited parking nearby. Marked bridleway runs over hill. No visitor centre. Guided visits for public occasionally advertised at entrance on A470.
Carno	October 1996	56	600	33.6	[SN 915 960] 18km W of Newtown. The site is 3km west of the A470 as it passes through the village of Carno. Signposts guide visitors to the site. Information boards and parking at site. Bridleway and footpaths signposted.
Cemmaes II	February 2002	18	850	15.3	[SH 854 055] 10km NE of Machynlleth. Parking on A470 and minor roads only. No direct access to the site but public footpaths run up to the turbines from Commins Coch (a steep climb of some 250m). No visitor centre



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Dyffryn Brodyn	December 1994	11	500	5.5	[SN 240 220] 3km NE of Llanboidy. From St. Clears on A40 take minor road north from village centre signposted "Llanboidy & Pemberton's Chocolate Farm". After 6.5km bear right towards Blaenwaun. Continue past Blaenwaun for 8km and then turn left at signpost for Llanglydwen. The wind farm is 1.5km along this road. Only parking is on road near wind farm entrance. No access to site but entrance offers good views across whole wind farm. No visitor centre or information board.
Llangwryfyon	June 1993	20	300	6.0	[SN 618 696] 15km SE of Aberystwyth. Parking on public roads only. Several minor footpaths traverse the plateau on which the turbines are located. No visitor centre or information board.

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Llandinam	January 1993	103	300	30.9	[SO 048 837] 10km S of Newtown. Car parking (at site office). Information boards. Closer views obtainable by walking up from site office located on minor roads off the A483 Newtown to Llandrindrod Wells Road, south of Lliathddu. No access from A470 in Llandinam.
Llyn Alaw	October 1997	34	600	20.4	[SH 375 875] 8km SW of Amlwch in Anglesey. The wind farm is located on private farm land at Llanbado. The turbines can be seen from many of the minor public roads north of the reservoir at Llyn Alaw which is well signposted from the A5 road to Holyhead. No visitor facilities at site.
Mynydd Gorddu	May 1998	19	12x500 7x600	10.2	[SN 662 872] Located 10km NE of Aberystwyth. The turbines can be seen from the minor public road that leads from Talybont to Bont Goch. No visitor facilities at the site.
Rheidol	January 1997	8	300	2.4	[SN 725 805] 15km east of Aberystwyth. The site is easily reached on minor roads to the south of the A44, 15km east of Aberystwyth. No parking facilities. Information boards planned.
Rhyd-y-Groes	December 1992	24	300	7.2	[SH 385 930] 16km NE of Holyhead close to Wylfa nuclear power station. To get an overall view, take the B5111 south of Amlwch up Parys Mountain to the lay-by to the west of the road. Can be seen closer to hand from A5025 from Amlwch to Cemaes Bay but there are no lay-bys close to the site. No visitor centre, information boards or parking at site.
Taff-Ely	August 1993	20	450	9.0	[SS 970 860] 10km NE of Bridgend. Take the A473 north from J35 of M4. At second roundabout, take road to Brynna. In village, turn left up Church St. Continue for 2km until crossroads. Turn right, up narrow lane marked "Graig-las 2". Follow road across moor to parking area on far side. A number of public footpaths (often muddy) pass close to the site. Information board at site. No visitor centre.
Trysglwyn	July 1996	14	400	5.6	[SH 440 890] 2.5km SW of Amlwch. A minor public road passes through the middle of the site and within 70m of the turbines (turn south off the B5111 1km north of Rhosybol). Information boards at the site entrance. Parking for two to three cars.

The summary information provided above is derived from “Wind Farms of the UK” by Paul Hannah, a comprehensive illustrated guidebook available from the British Wind Energy Association (see below).

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