

## IGas Energy Achieves Tenth Consecutive Gold Award.

IGas Energy, the UK's leading onshore oil and gas company, is pleased to announce it has received the President's Award, which is for ten consecutive years of Gold Awards, for its health and safety performance in the prestigious annual scheme run by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).

The internationally recognised RoSPA occupational Health and Safety Awards, is one of the most sought after awards from a range of organisations. Judges consider entrants' health and safety management systems, including practices such as leadership and workforce involvement.

IGas has been producing oil and gas onshore for several decades. It is committed to conducting its operations in a safe, secure and environmentally responsible manner, to providing healthy and injury free workplaces for its employees and contractors and to being a good neighbour in the local communities within which it operates.

Stewart Reast, Director of HSE, commented, "Over the last year, we achieved zero Lost Time Incidents. Our performance was primarily due to an even greater focus on our safety culture and practices by our leadership team and operations personnel, who continue to promote a safety culture that is embedded in the workforce. Receiving this award proves our ongoing commitment to continuing to raise HSE standards."

Julia Small, RoSPA's Head of Awards and Events, said, "To win an award at such a highly-regarded event as the RoSPA Awards is a great achievement for our winners. It recognises their commitment to maintaining an excellent health and safety record and raises the bar for other organisations to aspire to. We offer them our congratulations."

### How to contact us

We seek open and honest dialogue with the communities near to all our sites in the UK and have set up a number of routes to allow you to ask questions and to hear about the developments near you, as well as information to help you to better understand the industry.

There is a dedicated website for our Springs Road development [www.springsroad.co.uk](http://www.springsroad.co.uk). Our main IGas website [www.igas-engage.co.uk](http://www.igas-engage.co.uk) has information about all of our sites, how the industry is regulated and the potential for shale in this region. There is also a feedback page on both of these websites, so that you can ask us any questions not covered on the sites.

Our e-mail address [enquiries@igasplc.com](mailto:enquiries@igasplc.com) will send your note directly to our team, who are on hand to answer any questions you may have, whether they are site specific or relate to the industry as a whole. We make every effort to make sure your query is answered by the relevant person in our business, so bear with us, it may take a couple of days to get back to you, but if your query is urgent it will get our immediate attention.

We also have a dedicated information line on 0203 675 6058 which is staffed from 10am until 4pm. Outside these hours you can leave a message and we will get back to you the next working day.

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# NORTH NOTT'S UPDATE

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter, which will keep you up to date with our planned activities in North Nottinghamshire

## Community Exhibition

Following the public exhibitions held in November 2015, we have now submitted a planning application to Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) to drill a single vertical exploration well, along with three sets of monitoring boreholes (to be agreed with the Environment Agency), on land at Tinker Lane on the Retford Road between Blyth and Barnby Moor.

The planning application will now undergo a period of public consultation before a decision is made by Nottinghamshire County Council Planning Committee. All the application documents can be viewed on the NCC website <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planningsearch/plandisp.aspx?AppNo=ES/3524> or at [www.igas-engage.co.uk/tinker-lane](http://www.igas-engage.co.uk/tinker-lane).

Since the last exhibition we have been working closely with your parish councils, meeting with them approximately every two weeks to keep them updated on our plans including the Tinker Lane site and helping them to find out more about the onshore oil and gas industry and how we safely manage our operations. We will continue to work closely with the community around the site and seek to address any concerns you may have.

To help you gain as much detail about our plans as possible, we have organised a public exhibition to provide an opportunity for you to come along and talk with representatives from the project team and our planning consultants. Here you will find out exactly what the planning application contains, the process and how you can get involved.

**The event will take place on Wednesday 29th June  
in the Barnby Memorial Hall, Blyth, S81 8EW between 3pm - 8pm.**

The exploratory well would be a vertical well to target the Bowland Shale and Millstone Grit geological formations. In addition, three sets (with each set containing up to 3 boreholes) of monitoring boreholes would be installed to sample and monitor groundwater and ground gas before and during the drilling of the exploration well.

The exploratory well would be drilled through all of the coal and shale formations with core samples taken at multiple intervals whilst drilling. Permission is not being sought for Hydraulic Fracturing. The development would be for a three year period and, as such, only a temporary permission is being sought.

The drilling of the well at Tinker Lane would be an important step in helping us to understand the shale gas potential in North Nottinghamshire and more widely in the East Midlands and South Yorkshire.

**Please come along to our exhibition and find out more about our proposed development.**

## Update on Springs Road

Our planning application to drill two exploratory wells was submitted to Nottinghamshire County Council in October last year and following public consultation, IGas received a Regulation 22 request from the Council Planning Officers.

A Regulation 22 request is when said officers ask for further information about certain aspects of the planning application (such as noise, traffic flow) in order to help them to write their report and make a suitable recommendation to the planning committee.

The information requested was submitted to the Council at the end of April and this documentation was immediately opened up for a period of public consultation.

The Ground Water Monitoring Boreholes have now been drilled and at present there is no other activity on the Springs Road site.

The Community Liaison Group continues to meet regularly, acting as a means of communication between the local communities and IGas personnel.

## Tinker Lane CLG—an introduction from the Chair

Members of Parish Councils local to the proposed Tinker Lane exploratory drilling site first met with IGas in November 2015 to hear an overview of their plans. Following this meeting the Parish Councils agreed to form a Community Liaison Group (CLG) to act as a liaison between the company and the local community and for the community representatives to raise issues, ask questions and report back to the Parish Council's and the wider parish community.

In an effort to speak with as many local residents as possible, the CLG ran two open days where we hosted representatives from both IGas and the industry trade association UKOOG, as well as those with views against the industry. It is important that people find out as much information from both sides to enable them to make an informed decision and I was pleased that around 100 people came along.

Now the application is open to public consultation, I hope you will take time to go along to the IGas public exhibition to ask any questions you have. If you wish to talk with any of the CLG and find out what we have learned then please get in touch by emailing [info@tinkerlane.co.uk](mailto:info@tinkerlane.co.uk) or by visiting us on our Facebook page: Tinker Lane Community Group.



## The IGas Annual Report

The IGas annual report has now been published and can be found on our website at [www.igasplc.co.uk](http://www.igasplc.co.uk). It tells you all about our activities over the past year and our plans for the coming period. We have also added lots of new information to our community website at [www.igas-engage.co.uk](http://www.igas-engage.co.uk).

## The IGas Community Fund

Established in 2008, the IGas Community Fund supports community-led organisations that can make a real difference, helping to improve amenities in the areas where we work. Since the launch of the fund we have allocated more than £850,000 to community projects with over £166,000 going to projects in the East Midlands.

In Rempstone, toddlers at East Leake Playgroup have been enjoying their new outdoor play equipment bought with the help of a £600 award from the Fund. Established in 1965 it was the group's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to celebrate, the staff wanted to create a new learning environment, hoping to spark the imagination and creativity of the children.



Rhonda Miller, Local Communications Manager in the East Midlands, visited the group, "I was really impressed by how far they had made their award go. The group had carefully sourced equipment ensuring the best value for money."

With over 60 children, between the ages of 2-4, registered at the group, their new gardening and wildlife equipment is going to good use.

The IGas Community Fund has also awarded a £7,720 grant to Slumgothic Ltd in Gainsborough, to provide an accessible toilet for their community café, x-church kitchen.

Established in 2006, Slumgothic was set up to bring the redundant Church of St John the Divine, now x-church, back into the local community. The company provides activities, many of which are arts-based and focussed on young people in the Gainsborough area.



In 2015, Slumgothic launched the community café and it has since become Lincolnshire's first hub for the Shine Mental Health Network and runs workshops and drop in mental health support for the community.

Julie Barlow from IGas, visited the project, "This is a fantastic project that is going from strength to strength and I am so pleased that IGas has and continues to provide support via our community fund. It was great to see how diverse this project is and how it encourages inclusion rather than exclusion when people most need support. I would recommend the café- the parsnip soup and homemade bread were excellent."

Marcus Hammond, Director of Slumgothic said, "we are extremely grateful to IGas for their strong and unfussy support, they have shown our project great respect and made a very real difference to what we do."

In 2014, Slumgothic also received £11,000 from IGas Energy Community Fund, £4,200 of which went towards the community café.

In March this year, the Community Fund panel announced the recipients of the 2016 round. £32,295 was awarded to 10 projects in the East Midlands, with projects ranging from an intergenerational gardening project in Gainsborough to a defibrillator for the Queensway, Old Dalby Community.

For full details about the IGas Community fund, and applying for a grant visit: [www.igascommunityfund.co.uk](http://www.igascommunityfund.co.uk)