



## Newsround January 2023

13 December - New Statesman : 'Nuclear power is just a slow and expensive distraction'

<https://www.newstatesman.com/spotlight/climate-energy-nature/2022/12/nuclear-power-slow-expensive-distraction>

14 December – City AM: Business Secretary Grant Shapps refused to provide a figure for the cost of buying out China's stake in proposed nuclear project Sizewell C

<https://www.cityam.com/shapps-refuses-to-confirm-fee-for-buying-out-chinas-sizewell-c-stake/>

15 December - 100% Renewables: Twice as many people support onshore wind compared to nuclear power according to UK Government survey

<https://100percentrenewableuk.org/twice-as-many-people-support-onshore-wind-compared-to-nuclear-power-according-to-uk-government-survey>

16 December – BBC: Hinkley Point C's first nuclear reactor is built and ready to be delivered

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-somerset-64006027>

20 December - Nuclear Engineering International: Electricité de France has announced that the schedule for construction of the Flamanville EPR reactor has been further delayed until first quarter 2024 and that its estimated cost has also increased to €13.2billion from €12.7b.

<https://www.neimagazine.com/news/newsfurther-flamanville-delays-echo-problems-at-olkiluoto-3-10451582>

21 December – World Nuclear News (WNN): Rule amendment to allow extended operation of Japanese reactors for more than 60 years

<https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/Rule-amendment-to-allow-extended-operation-of-Japa>

21 December - WNN: Delay to start-up of CGN's first Hualong One unit, the reactor earmarked for Bradwell

<https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/Delay-to-start-up-of-CGN-s-first-Hualong-One-unit>

22 December – WNN: Finnish EPR Olkiluoto 3 set to resume test operation on 27 December 2022

<https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/Finnish-EPR-set-to-resume-test-operation>

22 December - John O'Groats Journal: Campaign groups want answers on increase in radioactive particles found on Dounreay foreshore

<https://www.johnogroat-journal.co.uk/news/campaign-groups-want-answers-on-increase-in-radioactive-part-297305/>

23 December – Express: Macron 'panicking' as France faces 'catastrophic' nuclear energy crisis, expert claims. A record number of France's 56 nuclear reactors have gone offline, sparking serious concerns over energy security

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/science/1713491/macron-france-nuclear-energy-edf-crisis>

27 December – Daily Post: A US energy firm is in talks with Welsh Government over a nuclear site in North Wales. NuScale Power says it is "ready to move forward" with its small modular reactor (SMR) technology in the UK

<https://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/energy-firm-talks-welsh-government-25842380>

29 December – Times: Britain exported more electricity to Europe than ever before in 2022 while wind and solar generation hit all-time highs

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/electricity-exports-to-europe-soar-as-wind-and-solar-power-increase-lltkvqkpf>

29 December – Daily Mail: A senior IT worker at the Sellafield nuclear site was sacked for a security breach when 'classified' information on USB sticks fell out of her bag in the car park

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11583071/Worker-nuclear-site-fired-dropping-USB-sticks-unencrypted-classified-information.html>

30 December – Times: Household bills would have been £1,750 lower this year if the government had moved faster to reduce emissions over the past decade, analysts claim

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/green-technology-delays-cost-1-750-per-home-g7xtgzh0f>

1 January – Times: China's buy-up of Britain sees £1bn in dividends flow back to Beijing from projects including HPC

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/chinas-buy-up-of-britain-sees-1bn-in-dividends-flow-back-to-beijing-dw7zfgwbb>

2 January – Times: Letter: Nuclear power is neither green nor renewable. It is carbon neutral, but uses a dangerous substance, uranium-235

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/times-letters-the-costs-of-an-energy-independent-future-ctqctmgl8>

3 January - Energy Live News: Blackout fears mount as EDF has warned it may have to shut down two nuclear power plants as a result of the implementation of the new windfall tax on low carbon electricity producers

<https://www.energylivenews.com/2023/01/03/edf-to-reconsider-end-date-of-two-uk-nuclear-plants-may-need-to-shut-down-amid-new-windfall-tax/>

4 January - WNN: Fuel load for Chinese fast reactor dispatched from Russia (look who's helping who!)

<https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/Fuel-for-Chinese-fast-reactor-dispatched-from-Russ>

4 January - Bridgwater Mercury: EDF Energy has proposed using an agricultural field for 103 caravan pitches at Quantock Lakes (Inwood Farm) for workers at HPC until the end of 2025

<https://www.bridgwatermercury.co.uk/news/23226392.plans-103-caravan-pitches-house-hinkley-point-c-workers/>

4 January - West Somerset Free Press (WSFP): ONR has served three enforcement notices on owners and contractors at HPC following a worker's death in November 2022

<https://www.wsfp.co.uk/news/enforcement-action-revealed-after-hinkley-point-c-site-death-586395>

5 January – Suffolk Live: Everything you need to know about the future of Sizewell C power station in 2023. Sizewell C's biggest stumbling block surrounds its funding

<https://www.suffolklive.com/news/suffolk-news/everything-you-need-know-future-7989137>

8 January – Times: A funding deal for the first fleet of mini nuclear reactors is not expected to materialise for at least another 12 months, amid a row in government over the cost of Britain's wider nuclear ambitions

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/delay-to-small-nuclear-reactors-as-ministers-battle-over-costs-cggmmwpqz>

8 January – WSFP: Hinkley C 'on schedule' despite new delay claim after new agreement extends unpenalized start date until 2036

<https://www.wsfp.co.uk/news/hinkley-c-on-schedule-despite-new-delay-claim-after-new-agreement-586884>

9 January – Guardian: The world could reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions in the early 2040s, substantially ahead of the mid-century climate target, if governments set more stretching goals and make bold policy decisions, the UK's outgoing climate business expert has said.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/jan/09/net-zero-possible-in-2040s-says-outgoing-uk-climate-business-expert-nigel-topping>

**Roy Pumfrey for Stop Hinkley, January 2023. Happy New Year, everyone!**