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# SHOWT NEWSLETTER

Covering Hempnall, Saxlingham, Shotesham, Topcroft, Bedingham, Woodton, Fritton, Morningthorpe and surrounding areas.

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## LAUNCH OF THE BLIMP

“Unbelievable” - this was the comment from those who came along to the launch of the SHOWT “blimp”.

The blimp very graphically demonstrated the height of the turbines (130mtrs/426ft - just 5mtrs/16ft less than the London Eye!) and the devastating visual impact they would have on the surrounding area.

Despite most people being aware of the measurements of the proposed turbines, the size is difficult to picture unless you have something like the blimp to illustrate it. There was shock and disbelief at the colossal height, especially picturing how dominating 7 turbines on this scale would look so close to homes. Although the height can be demonstrated by the blimp, it is still difficult to visualise the huge blades of the turbines with their diameter span of 90mtrs/295 feet! The blimp is less than 7mtrs/23ft.

The blimp will be launched periodically over the next few months and we will try to publicise dates so you will have an opportunity to see it. We are flying it as close to the meteorological mast as we can, but it is still some way back from the proposed position of the first turbine, therefore the impact of “the real thing” would be considerably greater.

We have already received a lot of positive feedback from supporters about the success of the blimp and its impact—thank you. If you see it flying and have any specific comments to make please do not hesitate to contact us.

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### Fundraising

The recent mid summer dance and the cheese and wine evenings in the village hall were a great success. We have had many requests to bring back the band *Style* for a dance in December and we hope to be able to do this. Thank you to all who supported the events and to those who helped.

#### Children's Fashion Show

For something a little different, we are organising a Children's Fashion Show on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30 at Hempnall Village Hall.

*Adults £2.00 - accompanied children 50p.*

There will be a fantastic range of ex High Street, Designer and Surf-wear clothes and it should be

a very exciting event for children and adults alike!

The clothes are being supplied by Benchmark Kidz Ltd. ([www.benchmarkkidz.co.uk](http://www.benchmarkkidz.co.uk)) who have a very comprehensive range for ages from 2 to 16. Volunteer models are wanted - girls and boys between 3 and 14.

If you are interested please contact:  
Bridget Santander on 01508 488283  
Email: [bridgetsantander@aol.com](mailto:bridgetsantander@aol.com)  
or Liz Craske 01508 499380.

There will be a raffle and donated prizes will be much appreciated. If you feel you are able to donate, please contact Bridget or Liz, from whom you can also buy tickets for the event.



## A Message to All the Villages

In Hempnall we have massive opposition to the Enertrag proposal. The signed-up supporters of SHOWT have given us their contact details so that they are fully involved in our campaign.

Schemes such as the Hempnall one are proliferating across Norfolk and the landscape of the county as a whole is at risk; villages and campaign groups are uniting to oppose this rush for subsidy-driven profit in our beautiful county, and are saying “NO” to these unsightly and inefficient structures.

If you have already signed up, thank you very much. We would be grateful for your email address, if you have not already let us have it.

We now need the many people who have sent us messages of support from the nearby villages to register as official supporters. Please fill in the attached slip and send it to us at the address below, or email your details to us.

Your support is vital in the fight against these proposals and to stop developers indiscriminately seeking planning permission across Norfolk. By signing up we can keep you informed and, very importantly, we will be able to mobilise support when planning permission is officially sought, which is likely to be this September.

If you are already a supporter, please consider giving the slip to friends or family who love our county and who would add their names to the growing number campaigning to preserve it.

Thank you - together we will defeat Enertrag and the threat of the turbines.

### SHOWT – because your voice counts

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**I/we support the SHOWT campaign to stop the proposed wind turbines at Hempnall**

Name (1).....Name (2).....

Address.....  
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Email.....Telephone.....

*Please send this slip to:  
SHOWT, c/o The Old Forge, The Street, Hempnall, Norwich NR15 2AD  
Telephone: 01508 482467  
Email: [information@showt.org.uk](mailto:information@showt.org.uk)*

*Privacy policy: any information you give on this slip will be regarded as private and confidential and will not be divulged to persons or organisations outside this campaign group.*

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**Green tip**

When using the washing machine, between about 85-90% of energy is used just to heat up the water, therefore dropping the water temperature of your wash could significantly decrease your energy consumption. Over a year, by using a warm wash rather than a hot wash, you could cut consumption nearly in half.