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VISITOR FROM TITAN FOR RES OPEN DAY

WALLY THE WOPPAPOTAMUS VISITS THE M25 WIND TURBINE

Renewable Energy Systems (RES), the renewable energy company based at the award-winning eco-friendly office next to the M25 in Kings Langley, is pleased to announce Wally the Woppapotamus and his creator Helen Bonney will be joining in the fun for 'Wind Day' on Saturday 14 June, 11am – 4pm.

Popular children's author, Helen Bonney, will be running educational workshops for children aged 5 – 10 years, based on her book 'The Woppapotamus from Titan'. The book follows the adventures of Wally the Woppapotamus on his amazing journey from his home planet, Titan, to Earth. Along the way Wally learns from his adventures that saving the planet is something we all need to work towards.

Following his visit in the book to Dun Law Wind Farm, Wally will dropping in on the famous M25 wind turbine. Throughout the day Wally will be helping run workshops on renewable energy and the importance of climate change.

Helen Bonney, Author of 'The Woppapotamus from Titan', said:

"One of my favourite children's reviews came from a young lad who said that the book was 'seriously funny'. My book is both serious and I hope funny."

Wind farms power 1.4 million homes in the UK with green electricity every day and the industry is growing fast, with enough wind farms in the planning system to power a further 5.3 million homes. RES hopes that this weekend will not only celebrate how far the industry has come but will also help banish some of the myths that are holding it back.

Anna Stanford, RES Group Communications Manager, said:

"RES is extremely excited to be participating in European Wind Day and enabling people to discover the unlimited power of the wind. Helen Bonney and Wally the Woppapotamus are a fantastic addition to Wind Day. We hope our workshops will be a fun way for children to learn about renewable energy and helping the environment."

BWEA Chief Executive Maria McCaffery said:

"Wind turbines are going to play a huge role in our children's future and Wind Weekend is a great opportunity for those who would like find a little more about the technology to do so."

Wind Day runs from 11am to 4pm on Saturday 14 June. Booking is essential as places are limited, and attendance for this event will be by prior booking only on a first come first served basis. Admission is free – we will be raising money for Watford Peace Hospice and Diabetes Research through voluntary donations on the day. To reduce congestion and help the environment RES encourages all visitors to come by foot, bike or public transport. There is disabled parking only on site and limited car parking in the vicinity, for which there is a charge.

To book places please use the online booking form on our website www.beaufortcourt.com or call 01923 299 300. Further details of this event and directions to Beaufort Court can also be found on the website.

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Notes to Editors

The Renewable Energy Systems Group (RES) is a leading renewable energy company, with offices across the UK and worldwide and is part of the Sir Robert McAlpine group of construction and engineering companies. The RES Group has to date completed over 2,550MW of wind power capacity worldwide and is active in a range of renewable energy technologies (biomass, solar, ground source, wind), as well as sustainable building design. RES is a holder of the Queen's Award for Enterprise for its commitment to renewable energy and RES and Sir Robert McAlpine are sponsors of the London Climate Change Agency. For more information, visit www.res-group.com

Former teacher and international song writer Helen Bonney combined her skills with her Saving the Planet-style book, 'The Woppapotamus from Titan' with a song attached. The sequel, out this autumn, takes Helen's passions to the next level, with two songs, one called 'Children of the World' and another about the Dodo.

Wind Day at Beaufort Court takes place as part of the European-wide wind weekend (June 14th – 15th) organised by the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA) and British Wind Energy Association (BWEA), when wind farms up and down the country and across Europe will be open to the public. 19 public events are taking place across the UK – a full list is available at www.embracewind.com

Renewable energy technologies at Beaufort Court include a wind turbine, solar heating, photovoltaic solar panels, energy crops, an underground heat store and a natural groundwater cooling system. A dedicated website for Beaufort Court can be found at www.beaufortcourt.com.

Photos are available

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ISDN Interviews, with a director of the BWEA, are available for radio stations on Thursday 12th June ahead of Wind Weekend. **Please call Michael Pullan (0845 6443845) at Daybreak Communications to book a slot.**