

French visitors check out energy project



▲ The French visitors and their North Devon hosts pose for a picture during a guided tour of Fullabrook Wind Farm.
Picture: Paul Rogers.

FRENCH visitors enjoyed a 'Green Safari' across renewable energy sites in North Devon to mark the first anniversary of the local 361 Energy project.

The community-based group has spent the past year working with schools and people locally to help reduce energy and carbon emissions. It is a partner in a European project called SEACS, which includes groups from Devon, Dorset, Wiltshire and Brittany.

A busy itinerary devised by Tim Cox of 361 Energy saw them visit Ilfracombe Junior School, which helped launch the

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project and also has a solar array on its roof. Then it was off to Philip Dennis Foodservice at Mullacott to see the company's wind turbine, before moving on to Fullabrook Wind Farm and a guided tour by owners ESB. Calvert Trust Exmoor followed, before a visit to Glen Lyn Gorge at Lynmouth, site of one of the earliest hydroelectric power stations that opened in 1890.

"We would like to thank all those who

helped with the site visits, Ilfracombe Junior School, our drivers and Devon County Council," said Tim.

Later this year 361 Energy is developing 361 Empower, offering advice on energy saving and sources of funding to improve energy efficiency, as well as 361 Green Doors on September 14/15, where the public can visit local homes which have energy saving and renewable technologies installed.

To find out more, visit www.361energy.org.