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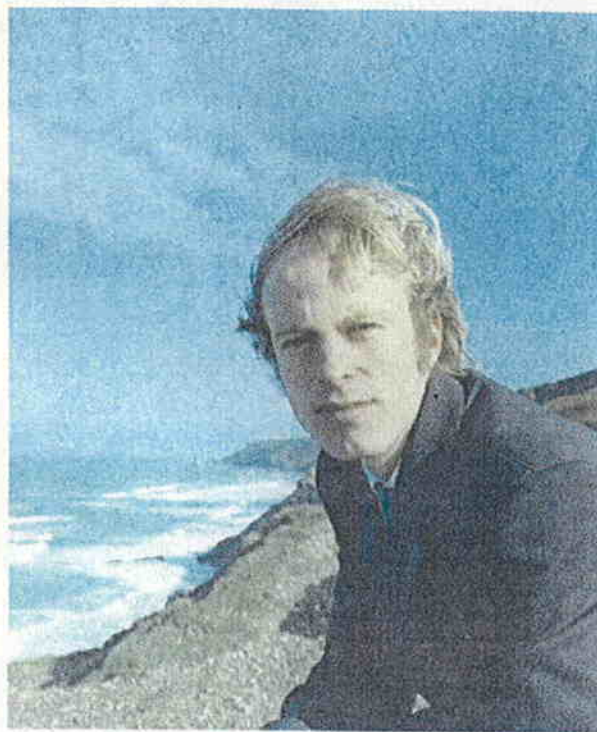
Nathan Billings graduated from Combined Universities in Cornwall's renewable energy BSc last year. He was in the first year to graduate from the course. Billings now runs his own business, Capture Energy Ltd.

"I had wanted to go into renewable energy, but it was a matter of working out how to get into it. I did maths, physics, media studies, and music technology A-levels. I was going to study film and media, and then I found out about this course and thought, that's what I really always wanted to do.

I took the train down, got off in Cornwall and just thought, yeah, I want to live here. It was a fairly easy decision.

We were guinea pigs, but it was interesting to be part of something brand new. And there were hiccoughs, some modules were ridiculously hard because the lecturers they brought in didn't know where to pitch them, but it was also really enjoyable.

When I graduated I found it a bit of a struggle to know where to go and work, there weren't a lot of jobs being advertised. I worked for a solar



heating company for five months while I raised the funds to start my own business. In February I went full-time working for my business, Capture Energy Ltd. We design, supply, and install

renewable energy solutions for architects and developers.

I'm really pleased I did renewable energy. I've got an amazing overview of this growing industry. There's not that many people who've got that."