



Investing in
communities

National Grid – our role in the community

Through the very nature of what we do – connecting people to the energy we all use, from warming and lighting our homes to the power that drives the country’s businesses – National Grid has a pivotal role to play in local communities across the UK.

It also puts us at the heart of one of the greatest challenges facing our society – creating a new, low carbon, sustainable energy system, which protects our environment for future generations and provides the security of energy supply, which we all expect and rely on in the 21st century.

Our range of community activities recognise this role and the consequent effect that our new infrastructure projects have in the communities in which we operate and serve.



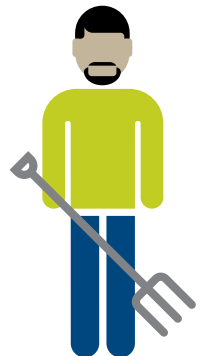
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Our commitment to the community has three main drivers:

As a responsible business we are firmly committed to – and invest in – a wide range of activities, which address key community issues related to our business and industry sector:- from reducing our impact on the environment and delivering safe operations, to addressing the technology and engineering skills gap through a wide range of education initiatives, including our ‘School Power’ programme.

As an energy provider we engage with and invest in communities, particularly those close to our operating sites or those which are affected through our construction activity.

As an employer we encourage and facilitate good citizenship amongst our employees. We support their active involvement in the community – from volunteering and employee community grants, to matching employees’ charitable fundraising achievements.



Our community pledge

We have a big job to do to help create the energy infrastructure for the future and we are actively involved with the communities we work in.

Examples of our community involvement are as follows:

- We work with local planning authorities and parish councils to provide benefits to local communities through existing planning processes, such as planning obligations (S106 agreements) or other such measures.
- We will work with the Infrastructure Planning Commission and local planning authorities to agree and deliver necessary planning conditions.
- We undertake a range of environmental assessments. This is part of our commitment to putting measures in place, which more than offset the environmental impacts of our construction works.
- A new community investment programme, 'Bringing energy to life', which provides economic, social and environmental benefits to communities after planning consent has been granted. Details of this scheme will be communicated locally to communities, charities and community organisations who can apply for funding in the vicinity of our projects.



About 'Bringing energy to life'

'Bringing energy to life' is National Grid's new community investment programme, which funds projects that deliver positive impacts for communities affected by the construction of new grid connections, vital in securing our energy supply for future generations.

The programme funds projects run by charities and community groups that can contribute to important local community needs by providing a range of social, economic and environmental benefits.

Local residents play a key role in selecting the charities and community organisations who receive funding from the 'Bringing energy to life' scheme.

The programme is being rolled out in communities where construction works have already begun, or where planning permission has been agreed but work has yet to commence.

A number of national charities are supporting National Grid in the running of the programme to encourage applications from the communities where our developments are taking place; and to support the selection process.



For further information on our community activities please visit:

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