

## Blackpool gas holder demolition complete

Two gas holders at Marton in Blackpool have been demolished as part on a national programme to regenerate old gas works sites

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National Grid complete Marton gasholder removal

- Demolition of two gasholders at Clifton Road, Marton complete
- Work part of an ongoing nationwide programme to regenerate disused sites

National Grid has completed work to dismantle two above ground gasholders at its site at Clifton Road, Marton. The demolition is part of an ongoing nationwide programme to regenerate disused sites for future use.

The gasholders at Clifton Road were built in 1940 and stored gas from the extensive Marton Gasworks. At its height the gasworks was a 45 acre site with its own private railway sidings.

While gasholders once performed an important function, improvements in the national gas network means they are no longer needed. The gasholders at Marton had not been used since 2010.

Land Regeneration Manager, Katherine Scargill, said: "Our work in Marton has now come to a close. The work ran to schedule and we hope the site can have a new lease of life in the future. We'd like to thank the local people for their understanding during the demolition."

Members of the community with questions or comments on the project can contact National Grid's Community Relations Team on Freephone 0808 168 7590 or email [nationalgrid@martongasholders.com](mailto:nationalgrid@martongasholders.com).

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