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National Grid call for help to mark Sheffield gas holder demolition

National Grid is calling for friends and family of former gas holder workers to get in touch to help mark demolition of Sheffield's last holder.

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- Former gasworks at Effingham Road saw an explosion in October 1973 which led to three workers losing their lives
- National Grid seeks relatives and former workers to help commemorate explosion as the final gasholder in the area is dismantled

National Grid would like to hear from relatives and former colleagues affected by the Effingham Road gasworks explosion in 1973 with a view to creating a permanent memorial for those who died or were injured.

On October 25th 1973 there was an explosion in a disused petroleum tank in which town gas was once stored below ground level at the East Midland Gas Board works in Effingham Road, Sheffield. Three people died and scores were injured.

National Grid has recently started work to dismantle the last remaining gasholder in an area that has been associated with gas production and storage since the early 1800s.

Hannah White, National Grid Project Manager, said: "This year sees the 45th anniversary of the explosion. It's fitting that as we mark the end of the gasholders in the area that we commemorate the people who lost their lives and who were injured at the gasworks. We'd like to hear from relatives or former colleagues of Patrick Sleight, Cyril Kennedy and William Donaldson and anyone else affected by the explosion to explore ways in which we might do that. Relatives and former workers can contact us via our community relations freephone or email address."

National Grid's Community Relations Team can be contacted on freephone 0800 8199 071 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday or email contact@communityrelations.uk.com

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- We own and operate the gas National Transmission System in Great Britain, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. Our network comprises approximately 7,660 kilometres (4,760 miles) of high-pressure pipe and 618 above-ground installations.
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Find out more about the energy challenge and how National Grid is helping find solutions to some of the challenges we face at <https://www.nationalgrid.com/group/news>

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