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Great National Grid Bake Off for Macmillan

Cake bake rush for coffee morning

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- Week long fund raiser for charity
- Fantastic response by National Grid team

National Grid employees based at the London Power Tunnels project headquarters in Willesden Junction have joined their colleagues around the country in a week of fundraising ahead of Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday (26th September).

Hoping to prove they've got what it takes to impress the likes of Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood, employees have whipped up a selection of delicious cakes and bakes for their own Great 'National Grid' Bake Off challenge.

The entries were presented and sold at a coffee morning in a section of tunnel at the project's Energy Education Centre, where they were scrutinised by an expert panel of National Grid judges.

John Trounson, National Grid Senior Project Manager and judge, said "We've had a fantastic response from the whole London Power Tunnels project team. It's been brilliant to see everyone coming to enjoy tea and cake and raise money for a great cause. Macmillan does fantastic work and we're just happy to have been able to support them in some small way."

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning has been running for 24 years and has raised more than £113million for Macmillan.

In its first year 2,600 signed up – this year it's 154,000 plus, and there's still time to take part.

Macmillan was voted last year by National Grid employees as their chosen charity. The company hopes to raise £500,000 for them over the next two years.

National Grid is looking to provide 2,500 emergency fuel grants to people who have cancer.

Macmillan improves the lives of people affected by cancer by providing practical, medical and financial support.

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In London we are using more electricity each year as the capital grows in size. To meet this challenge, National Grid started a seven-year project (the London Power Tunnels project) in February 2011, to rewire the capital via deep underground tunnels. In total 32km of tunnels are being built between 20m and 60m deep below the road network. They will carry high voltage (400kV) electricity cables and connect existing substations at Hackney, St John's Wood, Willesden and Wimbledon.

The project, which will help keep the lights on in London, is due to be complete and operational in 2018. It has a local presence with a tunnel shaft and offices at Channel Gate Road, Willesden.

Links: www.londonpowertunnels.co.uk

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In Britain, we run the gas and electricity systems that our society is built on, delivering gas and electricity across the country. In the North Eastern US, we connect more than seven million gas and electric customers to vital energy sources, essential for our modern lifestyles.

National Grid in the UK:

- ? We own the high-voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales, operating it across Great Britain
- ? We own and operates the high pressure gas transmission system in Britain
- ? Our gas distribution business delivers gas to 11 million homes and businesses
- ? We also own a number of related businesses including LNG importation, land remediation and metering
- ? National Grid manages the National Gas Emergency Service free phone line on behalf of the industry – 0800 111 999 (all calls are recorded and may be monitored).
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- ? National Grid delivers electricity to approximately 3.3 million customers in Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island.

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- We own and operate the electricity transmission network in England and Wales, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. We also operate, but do not own, the Scottish networks. Our networks comprise approximately 7,200 kilometres (4,474 miles) of overhead line, 1,500 kilometres (932 miles) of underground cable and 342 substations.
- 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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- Other UK activities mainly relate to businesses operating in competitive markets outside of our core regulated businesses; including interconnectors, gas metering activities and a liquefied natural gas (LNG) importation terminal – all of which are now part of National Grid Ventures. National Grid Property is responsible for the management, clean-up and disposal of surplus sites in the UK. Most of these are former gas works.

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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