

Success written on the walls for National Grid paint challenge team

Nine volunteers tackle village hall decoration challenge

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- Burbage Millennium Hall painted in a day
- National Grid's eleven years of making a community difference

It was a tall order but when a team of National Grid volunteers were asked to spruce up Burbage Millennium Hall, near Hinckley, they rose to the challenge.

With its high ceilings and expansive walls it was a tough job to give the main hall two coats of paint in just one day.

But the nine-strong National Grid team – made up of forecasters and planning strategists – proved the perfect combination, planning the operation down to a tee.

Phillippa Dallimore, a National Grid demand analyst, said: "We all decorate at home but this was a real challenge – and to do it in a day was even more demanding. This is not only about team building and working together, but also giving something back to the community in which our staff and customers live and work."

Katharine Lightbown, of Leicestershire Cares, added: "Over the last eleven years National Grid volunteer teams have made such a positive difference to a large number of projects in the community. They are an inspiration to us all, and we can't thank them enough."

The National Grid team – of which two members have children who go to classes in the hall – tackled the job during half-term.

Burbage Millennium Hall was built to celebrate the millennium and is used daily by the community – including a pre-school playgroup, sports and fitness classes, and arts and crafts lessons. It also serves as an Age UK day centre. It can hold events for up to 170 people.

Over the last few years, however, it has started to show signs of wear and tear and is now in need of a fresh lick of paint.

The decorating make-over project, linking National Grid and Burbage Millennium Hall, was organised by Leicestershire Cares.

Leicestershire Cares brings local businesses and communities together, for the benefit of all, through employee volunteering.

Leicestershire-based companies who are interested in participating in future Team Challenges should contact Leicestershire Cares on 0116 275 6469.



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