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## Many hands make light work on Trans Pennine Trail

National Grid employees rolled up their sleeves to tackle jobs to tidy up the Trans Pennine Trail in the Peak District.

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- **Over 60 National Grid staff lend a hand with project to tidy up the trail**
- **Volunteering day follows a £20k grant to Friends of the Trans Pennine Trail**
- **National Grid working on a number of projects in the area to upgrade network of power lines to keep the lights on**

Over 60 volunteers from National Grid rolled up their sleeves today and got stuck in to a series of tasks to help tidy up the Trans Pennine Trail ahead of the busy summer walking season.

Engineers and office based staff from across the region turned their hand to a range of activities including dry stone walling, clearing Himalayan Balsam, building bird boxes and fences, with many hands making light work of some very laborious jobs.

The volunteering day was organised following the donation of a £20k Bringing Energy to Life grant to the Friends of the Trans Pennine Trail. The money was given to help with path maintenance work and with work to monitor the number of visitors using the trail.

Christopher Hawkins, who organised the day on behalf of National Grid said: "We have a number of important projects going on in the Peak District and the surrounding area, all of which play an important part in our work to keep the lights on.

"People will have seen the work we have been doing to upgrade power lines alongside the Trans Pennine Trail and to replace cables which run through the Woodhead Tunnel.

"We've also recently delivered a new transformer to our substation at Stalybridge and are in the early stages of developing a project to bury a section of power lines in the National Park near Dunford Bridge.

"It has been good to have a change from the day job of keeping electricity flowing to do something to benefit the many people who visit this beautiful part of the country."

Mandy Loach, Trans Pennine Trail Officer said: "It's been a busy few years with National Grid works along the Trail in the Longdendale Valley and Dunford, so it's wonderful to see National Grid's commitment to the environment and sustainable travel with the tremendous turn out for their work day. Thank you to everyone involved." Pictures:

The pictures show National Grid staff working on a number of activities at the park including dry stone walling, bird box building and fencing.

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