

## National Grid donates historic gasholder crests to Battersea Dogs & Cats Home and local school

- Crests from local gas holders have been presented to Battersea Dogs & Cats Home and St George's Church of England Primary School

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- Crests will provide a lasting reminder of site's important role in local history
- Gasholders are currently being dismantled so the site can provide much needed new homes as part of Nine Elms Redevelopment

National Grid has donated two crests from its Battersea Gasholders, which are currently being dismantled.

The crests were presented at a special ceremony held at the Battersea Dogs & Cats Home on Battersea Park Road.

One crest dated 1882, bears the name of Robert Morton – the gasholder engineer – engraved over a St George's Cross. This crest has been donated to Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, and the charity plans to incorporate it into its ongoing £4.9m upgrade. The world famous Home has been the next-door neighbour of the gasholders site since it moved there from Islington in 1871.

Another crest, featuring a St George's Cross, has been donated to St George's Church of England Primary School in Wandsworth. The school, located in nearby Corunna Road, recently participated in a special art and photography initiative led by National Grid, Wandsworth Council, and the Pump House Gallery.

Children from the school visited the site and learned about its history and engineering. They worked with professional artist Amy Jayne Hughes to create drawings and sculptures interpreting what they had seen and learned. The school plans to display these sculptures and the donated crest in their front reception area.

Dee McIntosh, Director of Communications at Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, said: "Battersea Dogs & Cats Home and the very first of the Battersea Gasholders were built within months of each other, so you could say we've grown up together, becoming iconic London landmarks, and followed over sixty years later by the Power Station.

"So as the Battersea Gasholders are dismantled, our famous animal rescue centre is thrilled to receive a piece of gasholders history. As we build our urgently needed new kennels, the Home will make sure this fantastic crest gets pride of place for all to see and admire."

Janet Hilary, Headteacher at St George's, said: "Children of St George's Primary School, founded in 1857, would have watched the iconic gas towers being erected in Battersea with the crests of St George proudly displayed. Today, our children are watching in awe as the gas towers are dismantled and the local area transformed.

"The art and photography project, generously sponsored by National Grid, enabled pupils to connect with their local history in a powerful way. The ceramic tower that the pupils made is an artwork of exceptional quality and we look forward to displaying it alongside the magnificent crest at the front of our school."

Keith Johnston, Land Regeneration Manager at National Grid, said: "As the gasholders are dismantled, the crests will remain as local reminders of the site's history and as a farewell gift to our neighbours, Battersea Dogs & Cats Home and St George's School whose pupils have been a pleasure to work with.

"The crests have local historical meaning and preserving them as the site is redeveloped will ensure that the history of the gasholders remains for Battersea's young people to learn about for generations to come."

He added: "In its day our site helped keep thousands of Londoners supplied with gas for cooking and heating. Changes in technology mean we no longer need this site and it can be redeveloped to provide much needed housing for the capital."

Once the gasholders are dismantled, the site will be redeveloped to deliver new homes, shops, and public space. National Grid has sold the site to developer St James, a subsidiary of the Berkeley Group, the same developer currently building the Riverlight development along Nine Elms Lane.

For more information on the donated crests and National Grid's work at Battersea call 0800 319 6165, email [info@BatterseaGasholders.com](mailto:info@BatterseaGasholders.com) or write to Battersea Gasholders, Local Dialogue, FREEPOST NAT3717, London, SE1 2BR.

Further information is also available at [www.BatterseaGasholders.com](http://www.BatterseaGasholders.com).

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About Battersea

The Battersea gasholders were originally used to store gas produced by the Nine Elms Gasworks. There are four gasholders on the site - three smaller telescopic gasholders and a MAN gasholder.

After the gasworks closed in 1970, the gasholders were used to store natural gas. Due to improvements to the way gas is stored and distributed around the country, the gasholders are no longer required and the gasholders no longer store any gas.

National Grid is responsible for the site and is working to bring it back to beneficial use, allowing the creation of new homes and jobs.

#### About the exhibition

The exhibition is on display at Engineer's House, Battersea Gasholders, Prince of Wales Drive, London, SW8 4BL:

#### About Battersea Dogs & Cats Home

- Founded in 1860 in Islington, Battersea Dogs & Cats Home moved to its London site in 1871
- The charity aims never to turn away a dog or cat in need of our help. We reunite lost dogs and cats with their owners through our Lost Dogs & Cats Line or care for them until new homes can be found, giving them shelter and the highest standards of kennelling and veterinary care
- Since it was founded, Battersea has rescued, reunited and rehomed over 3.1 million dogs and cats.
- The Home cares for an average of 400 dogs and 250 cats across its three centres at any one time.
- Battersea Dogs & Cats Home receives no central government funding towards the care of its dogs and cats and relies on the generosity and support of the public to help care for lost and abandoned dogs & cats. To make a donation visit [www.battersea.org.uk](http://www.battersea.org.uk) or call 0870 890 0000.

#### About St George's Church of England Primary School in Wandsworth

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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.

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- ? We own and operate 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
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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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- 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.

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