

National Grid raises record £3,000 for Sport Relief

One goal settles thrilling football clash

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- **Employees huff and puff to raise record sum**
- **Sports quiz and games enjoyed by hundreds**

A titanic soccer clash between National Grid gas engineers and customer services staff at Leicester's Riverside Ground has help net a record sum for Sport Relief.

Cheered on by family, friends, colleagues and senior managers, gas engineers and support staff from the East Midlands Operations team took on Customer Operations colleagues from National Grid's Hinckley offices.

Although the Operations team triumphed in a hard-fought game, everyone proved a winner when the fixture helped to raise more than £3,000 – the highest total so far over the years National Grid has been supporting the charity.

The coffers were swelled further, as staff at the company's Hinckley and Leicester sites huffed and puffed their way through various sporting challenges.

For the energetic there was table tennis, badminton, basketball and volleyball. Others donned their favourite sports strips, leisurely pursued a sports quiz, a cake bake-off, a pool competition, and magnetic darts.

Sally Clay, National Grid organiser said: "What a tremendous effort from everyone. We always put everything into our fund raising, but on this occasion we found a little extra to make it special. Everyone was a winner as we helped others less fortunate."

Hundreds of charities in the UK and around the world are helped by Sport Relief.

This year more than £57 million has been raised.

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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.
- As Great Britain's System Operator (SO) we make sure gas and electricity is transported safely and efficiently from where it is produced to where it is consumed. From April 2019, Electricity System Operator (ESO) is a new standalone business within National Grid, legally separate from all other parts of the National Grid Group. This will provide the right environment to deliver a balanced and impartial ESO that can realise real benefits for consumers as we transition to a more decentralised, decarbonised electricity system.

- 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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