

National Grid wraps up charity coat campaign

National Grid teams up with local charity in winter coat drive

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- Fantastic response by National Grid team
- Efforts will keep the less fortunate warm

National Grid has joined forces with business and community charity Leicestershire Cares to help over 2000 homeless and disadvantaged people in Leicestershire stay warm this winter.

Over the last month, National Grid employees at Hinckley and Leicester have rallied round to collect some 100 winter coats. The coats – in all shapes, sizes and colours for all ages - will be donated to homeless people the county.

This is the second year National Grid staff in Leicestershire have taken part in the Coat Drive. Organised by Leicestershire Cares, the appeal is modelled on a similar long-running campaign in New York, which collects coats each winter to give to the homeless and families short of money.

Emma Grove, National Grid organiser, said: "We're delighted to support Leicestershire Cares again and to provide disadvantaged men, women and children with coats who would otherwise go without. It's been a fantastic response from the National Grid teams."

Katharine Lightbown added: "We'd like to say a huge thank you to National Grid who have again come up trumps and collected so many coats. The coats will make a real difference in ensuring that the winter months are more comfortable for so many less fortunate people."

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

Leicestershire-based companies who are interested in supporting future initiatives should contact Leicestershire Cares on 0116 275 6469.

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