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Operation makeover: National Grid volunteers revamp Cross Park Community Hall

National Grid volunteers from Grain LNG carry out major revamp of building and grounds at Cross Park Community Hall

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- National Grid volunteers from Grain LNG radically improved Cross Park Community Hall in Allhallows
- Activities included improving the wheelchair access and refurbishing the hall both inside and out
- Event was latest in a long line of National Grid Community Action Days in the area

National Grid volunteers from Grain LNG made a real difference to Cross Park Community Hall in Allhallows with a major revamp of the building and grounds.

The 26 volunteers improved wheel chair access with a new pea shingle drive, re-plastered and painted the main hall and supplied new noticeboards. They also gave the facility's exteriors a complete makeover by cleaning the wall and benches, resetting block paving and pruning and planting the garden area.

Event organiser Scott Atkinson, who works as a Training Team Leader at Grain LNG, said: "It was fantastic for the team to be able to make a difference and to play our part in making this facility more attractive and more accessible for the local community. It is always rewarding to be able to help our neighbours."

As a way of helping out its neighbours Grain LNG regularly sends out teams of employees as volunteers on Community Action Days, which assist various local groups and organisations.

Commissioned as an LNG import facility in 2005, Grain LNG can now receive and process up to 20 per cent of gas used in the UK. It plays a vital part in helping ensure the country has the energy it needs to power homes, offices, factories and community facilities.

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