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# Silver anniversary: National Grid celebrates 25 years of making a difference in Iver

## 25th birthday for Iver Environment Centre

19 Oct 2015

- Over 50,000 children have visited the centre since it opened in 1990
- Centre part of National Grid's network of environment education centres

National Grid joined in the celebrations at a special event to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> birthday of Iver Environment Centre.

Representatives of National Grid joined the centre operator, the charity Groundwork South and others for a special event to mark the occasion.

Located on National Grid owned land in Slough Road, Iver Heath, close to one of its electricity substations, the centre first opened its doors back in 1990. Since then over 50,000 children from local schools have been able to enjoy facilities at the 2.5 acre site which include a pond, woodland, orchard, 'rainforest zone' and pizza garden with outdoor oven. The centre has also provided 20,000 horticultural therapy sessions for adults with learning or mental health issues.

Over the years the centre's work has also been assisted by over 60,000 hours of work by volunteers and £600,000 in donations from local and national groups.

Ian Glover, Environmental Sustainability Manager at National Grid, said: "National Grid has a vital job to do connecting people to the energy they need, in doing so, we also have a great opportunity to use our land to benefit the communities in which we work.

"It's been great to have been involved with Iver Environment Centre for the past 25 years and for us to be able to play our part in supporting, enriching and benefiting such a wide range of communities in the local area."

Iver Environment Centre is manned by a team of professional educators, rangers and horticultural therapists who are supported by a dedicated team of volunteers.

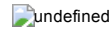
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National Grid operate a range of gas and electricity facilities in the area for more information on how the company connect people to the energy they use go to [www.nationalgrid.com](http://www.nationalgrid.com)

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Pictured left to right, top row: Richard Pollard, Groundwork South; Ian Glover, National Grid; Chris Plester, National Grid; Jamie Murray, Groundwork South; Tim Knight, Groundwork South. Bottom row, left to right: Dawn McCarroll, National Grid; Zulaikha Iqbal, Groundwork South; Debra Frankiewicz, Groundwork South; and Alison Greenhalgh, Groundwork South.



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