

Triple the benefit: National Grid volunteers give three High Halstow community facilities a make over

Grain LNG volunteers help revamp village facilities

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- **National Grid volunteers from Grain LNG spruce up Village Hall, Memorial Hall and church gardens with volunteering bonanza**
- **Activities included replacing car park posts, painting and gardening**
- **Event was latest in a long line of Community Action Days**

National Grid volunteers took time out from their vital day jobs in the energy sector to support three community facilities in High Halstow.

Twenty volunteers from National Grid's Grain liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal rolled up their sleeves at the Village Hall, Memorial Hall and church as part of National Grid's community volunteering programme.

There were twenty volunteers in the team and they worked on three projects:

- Village Hall – replacement of posts in the car park and repairs to internal roller shutter doors
- Memorial Hall – washing and painting of outside (walls and beams)

- Church – garden maintenance including cutting back overgrown vegetation, weeding and cleaning the stone wall

Simon Culkin, Terminal Manager at Grain LNG, said: "The team had a great day and enjoyed getting stuck-in to providing such worthwhile and valued support. It is a pleasure to be able to help out our neighbours like this."

As a way of helping out its neighbours Grain LNG terminal 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 terminal can now receive and process up to 20% of gas used in the UK.

It is estimated that by 2020 Britain will import 70% of its gas, so Grain LNG will be increasingly important in helping ensure the UK has the energy it needs to power homes, offices, factories and community facilities.

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