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A community centre near Walsall has been getting a make-over thanks to a donation from National Grid. The Yew Tree and Tamebridge centre in Sandford has been awarded nearly £4000 from the power company's Bringing Energy to Life scheme which gives grants to community projects and charities.

The money has been used to buy new furniture and equipment and boxes of summer plants to brighten up the centre's gardens. The centre is run by residents and provides services, activities and classes for the local community. It is hoped the improved facilities will help to attract more private bookings which, in turn, will increase income.

Commenting on behalf of Yew Tree & Tame Bridge Community Centre, Ann Poynton said: "National Grid's grant funding has been a real boost to our Centre. Everyone who uses it has been impressed with the improvements we have made as a result.

"Club organisers have new chairs and tables, chair covers and tablecloths to dress our rooms and it has already made a big difference to the events and sessions we run. In addition we have local children who will benefit hugely from the gardening project we are planning which will run throughout the coming year.

"Yew Tree and Tame Bridge Community Centre is a great asset to the local community and this investment means we can make the Centre an even better place for many more years to come."

The centre was chosen to receive an award because National Grid has been carrying out extensive work on the overhead power lines in the area and to the nearby Busteholme substation.

National Grid's project manager Chris Card said: "Our Bringing Energy to Life awards help to fund initiatives that benefit the community in the areas where we are working. The work we do to maintain our network is essential to make sure we all have electricity whenever we need it. However, it can cause some disruption and our community grants are our way of saying thank you to residents for the patience."

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