

Electricity  
Transmission

# Wycliffe Church Heaton Norris

Community Grant  
Programme



**Wycliffe Church serves Heaton Norris and the surrounding community in Stockport. The Church and the boxing club have a long history of working together to support the local community.**

**Organisation: Wycliffe Church**

**Project:** Help Paramount Boxing Club return to Wycliffe

**Beneficiaries:**

Children aged 0 – 11: 25

Children aged 12 – 16: 75

Pupils/ students aged over 16: 25

Young people 16 – 24 not in work/  
education/ training: 25

**Location:** Stockport

**Region:** North

**Impact:** National Grid replaced existing underground electricity cables in the south Manchester area which were more than 60 years old. The work represents a substantial investment in the region's power network and will help make sure the electricity transmission network in this area meets future electricity demands.

## £1,020

Awarded to support the return of a boxing club for young people in the area.

**For further information please visit:**

[www.nationalgrid.com/responsibility/community/community-grant-programme](http://www.nationalgrid.com/responsibility/community/community-grant-programme)

**Community Helpline**

01285 841912

In December 2020 Wycliffe Church was awarded a grant to support them to bring back a boxing club to their site so that it could remain running for young people in the community. The club is essential to help local young people stay fit, focused and out of trouble, many of whom are from underprivileged backgrounds.

The club used to use the basement area of the church for many years before moving to a local fire station a few years ago for more space. This was set to close leaving the club homeless if they couldn't move back to the church. However, in order to move back safely a lot of work needed to be carried out to restore the toilet and kitchen areas.

This work was funded by Sport England but they were required to have a ten year lease in place to access this funding. In order to produce the lease, Wycliffe need to provide a Charity Act Report.

National Grid provided a grant to cover the cost of this report to

enable them to receive the additional funding needed for repairs and move back in safely.

Following work to refurbish the new boxing club area, an open day was held on the 19th September 2021 with the Mayor & Mayoress of Stockport cutting a ribbon. Sparring demonstrations by younger members of the club and other local boxing clubs were held in the brand new ring.

The new facilities have also enabled them to expand and include classes for females and a special session for unemployed and ex-forces.

Speaking about the awarded grant, Mrs Angela Kenrick, Fundraiser for the church, said

"Thank you so much for supporting us - without your grant we could not have obtained the lease and the boxing club would be homeless. They do incredible work with young people and are a true asset to the community. You have made an incredible difference to people's lives".