

Grid's green fingered ground force return: National Grid volunteers give Allhallows Primary Academy a new garden

Grain LNG volunteers take some gardening leave for return volunteer mission to school

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- National Grid volunteers from Grain LNG return to Allhallows Academy School to spruce up garden they made and make new one
- Activities included making and planting new raised wooden flower beds
- 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 give a helping-hand to Allhallows Primary Academy in Rochester.

Fifteen volunteers from National Grid's Grain liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal rolled up their sleeves to tidy up a garden that they had created two years ago as part of National Grid's community volunteering programme. And if that wasn't enough, they then created a new garden for the school entrance so that the parents could enjoy it too.

The work involved everything from weeding and clearing the old area, to constructing and planting new flower beds made from old sleepers and putting up and staining brand new fences.

Simon Culkin, Terminal Manager at Grain LNG, said: "The team were delighted to be able to make a real difference for the enjoyment of the children, staff and parents.

"They 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."

Angela George, Interim Head of Allhallows Primary Academy said: "Can I just say how overwhelmed I was and still am at your team – how brilliant, enthusiastic and hard-working they were. The whole project moved me to tears and I am truly amazed by the turn around and transformation!

"Many thanks to you all – the children and parents of this school will really benefit and appreciate your hard work!"

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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