

National Grid donates £20,000 to Devon watersports club

National Grid has donated £20,000 towards the cost of a new boat house for a watersports club in Bere Alston.

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- National Grid donates £20,000 to Weir Quay Community Watersports Hub Club to build a new boatshed for housing and maintaining dinghies and gigs.
- National Grid is carrying out a £50 million project to put new wires on over 300 pylons between Exeter and Landulph, near Saltash.
- Work will help keep electricity flowing across the South West.

The Weir Quay Community Watersports Hub Club in Bere Alston, near Plymouth, has started building a new boatshed to store equipment following a grant from National Grid's Community Grant Programme.

The £20,000 grant – the maximum available under the scheme – will go towards the club's new Dinghy and Gig Park site and a boatshed.

Preparations are already underway with the work due to start in earnest.

The Community Grant Programme is National Grid's fund designed for community organisations and charities in areas where work is impacting on local people. National Grid engineers started work on an essential project to refurbish the overhead line running between Landulph and Exeter in April 2017. The Community Watersports Hub Club is based in Weir Quay, near the southernmost point of the line, and is adjacent to a pylon undergoing refurbishment.

Project Engineer Robbie Griggs said: "We're very pleased that the members of the Weir Quay Community Watersports Hub Club, and the wider community, will benefit from National Grid's Community Grant Programme. Local landmarks like the Hub Club are a great cause and we are very happy to be able to give back to the community whilst we work in the area".

Graham Reed, Company Secretary for the Hub Club, said: "The funds granted will make a real difference in allowing both residents and visitors to enjoy the wealth of water sports Weir Quay has to offer, and we're hugely grateful to National Grid for their positive decision. We can't wait for the grand unveiling and would welcome some National Grid representation on site when we're ready to crack open the bubbly."

National Grid is carrying out a £50 million refurbishment of pylons in Devon and part of Cornwall to keep power flowing in the South West and beyond for decades to come. The line of pylons, running between substations in Exeter and Landulph, was built in the 1960s. The refurbishment follows a similar £30 million project carried out in 2016 on overhead lines between Indian Queens and Landulph.

As a recent winner of the Responsible Business of the Year Award, National Grid works hard to minimise the disruption in the community where its engineers work and be a good neighbour.

People can get the latest project information on the dedicated website at: www.nationalgrid.com/exeter.

Members of the community who have questions or would like to know more can contact National Grid's Community Relations Team on Freephone 0800 073 1047, available Monday to Sunday, 7am to 7pm.

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