

Yorkshire school running track under starter's orders

National Grid helps fund new running track at Barkisland School near Halifax

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- **Barkisland Primary School will launch their new running track during the school's annual sports day.**
- **The track has been partially funded by National Grid's Bringing Energy to Life community fund.**

There will be an extra spring in the step of Barkisland Primary School pupils as they get set to launch a new running track.

Pupils will be able to enjoy the brand-new track on the school playing fields, which will be officially launched during Sports Day, following months of tireless fundraising efforts.

The entire Barkisland Primary School community were instrumental in their efforts to raise the £75k needed to pay for the track. The School undertook various creative fundraising activities to secure the necessary funding, including a Tesco blue coin appeal and a track sponsorship event.

Additionally, National Grid donated £30k in total, with a chunk from their Bringing Energy to Life (BETL) community fund. The BETL scheme allows schools and community groups affected by works to apply for special grants. This grant was a result of on-going works across Halifax and Blackburn to regenerate 60km of overhead electricity lines

Becky Schofield, Head of Barkisland Primary School said:

"This running track is the result of an entire community effort! Everyone has been so supportive during our fundraising mission and it is great to see the track in use.

Barkisland Primary would like to thank all those who participated in making this come true, it has been a fantastic effort by all."

National Grid's Project Manager, Stuart Grindle, said:

"We're thrilled to see the children enjoying the track. It's great to see first-hand what a meaningful difference our Bringing Energy to Life community fund can make.

Any time we commence works we're mindful of how it can impact the local community. Over the years, hundreds of children stand to benefit from the track and we hope it inspires a generation of athletes!"

National Grid's BETL scheme has proven crucial in helping many communities achieve fundraising goals. Barkisland Primary School's running track is the latest successful grant that will have a long-term positive impact to the area.

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