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- . National Grid volunteers from Grain LNG improved outdoor area at the Demelza House children's hospice
- · Activities included making and planting new raised wooden flower beds and preparing a new picnic area
- . Event was latest in a long line of Community Action Days

National Grid volunteers rolled up their sleeves to give a helping-hand to the Demelza House hospice for children in Sittingbourne.

Twenty four volunteers from National Grid's Grain liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal took time out of their day jobs to create raised flower beds, paint sheds and clear a large area of weeds, as part of National Grid's community volunteering programme.

The green fingered team had £600 of materials donated by National Grid to put to good use and they got well and truly stuck in to the task of making the gardens nicer and more accessible for residents and visitors.

Simon Culkin, Terminal Manager at Grain LNG, said: "Having seen the benefits from the 2013 community action day at Demelza House, the team were keen to participate in a second volunteering event for this worthwhile cause

"It was great that they could make such a real difference in a day to the outdoor space."

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

For more information on National Grid's community volunteering activities go to: http://www2.nationalgrid.com/Responsibility/Connecting-today/UK/Volunteering/

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- We own and operate the electricity transmission network in England and Wales, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. We also operate, but do not own, the Scottish networks. Our networks comprise approximately 7,200 kilometres (4,474 miles) of overhead line, 1,500 kilometres (932 miles) of underground cable and 342 substations.
- We own and operate the gas National Transmission System in Great Britain, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. Our network comprises approximately 7,660 kilometres (4,760 miles) of high-pressure pipe and 618 above-ground installations.
- As Great Britain's System Operator (SO) we make sure gas and electricity is transported safely and efficiently from where it is produced to where it is
 consumed. From April 2019, Electricity System Operator (ESO) is a new standalone business within National Grid, legally separate from all other
 parts of the National Grid Group. This will provide the right environment to deliver a balanced and impartial ESO that can realise real benefits for
 consumers as we transition to a more decentralised, decarbonised electricity system.
- Other UK activities mainly relate to businesses operating in competitive markets outside of our core regulated businesses; including interconnectors,
 gas metering activities and a liquefied natural gas (LNG) importation terminal all of which are now part of National Grid Ventures. National Grid
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