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National Grid Bake Off cooks up a winner for Macmillan

National Grid staff in Hinckley and Leicester raise more than £2,400 for Macmillan

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- Cake sales and bake-offs pile on the pounds for cancer charity
- World's Biggest Coffee Morning proves fundraising success

National Grid staff in Hinckley and Leicester whisked up a tasty cash treat of more than £2,400 for Macmillan Cancer Care after a flurry of cake-sales, bake-offs and coffee mornings.

Employees piled on the pounds for the charity during a week-long feast of fundraising, culminating in Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning last Friday (26 September).

Vintage was the order of the day as staff revived the tea-lady tradition, wheeling a trolley of thirst-quenching pick-me-ups and mouth-watering treats to deskbound colleagues. Meanwhile competition was fierce as would-be Mary Berrys and Paul Hollywoods vied to take the top prizes for the best cakes.

Tanya Upton, National Grid organiser, said: "The response from staff has been amazing – we have far exceeded our fundraising target and it's great to know that every penny will go to support people living with cancer and their families."

National Grid staff across the country joined in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. Macmillan was voted by employees last year as their chosen charity. The company hopes to raise £500,000 over the next two years to provide 2,500 'warmth without the worry' emergency fuel grants for people with cancer.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning has been running for 24 years. It has raised more than £113 million for Macmillan. Macmillan improves the lives of people affected by cancer by providing practical, medical and financial support.

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In Britain, we run the gas and electricity systems that our society is built on, delivering gas and electricity across the country. In the North Eastern US, we connect more than seven million gas and electric customers to vital energy sources, essential for our modern lifestyles.

National Grid in the UK:

- ? We own the high-voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales, operating it across Great Britain
- ? We own and operates the high pressure gas transmission system in Britain
- ? Our gas distribution business delivers gas to 11 million homes and businesses
- ? We also own a number of related businesses including LNG importation, land remediation and metering
- ? National Grid manages the National Gas Emergency Service free phone line on behalf of the industry – 0800 111 999 (all calls are recorded and may be monitored).
- ? Our portfolio of other businesses is mainly concerned with infrastructure provision and related services where we can exploit our core skills and assets to create value. These businesses operate in areas such as Metering, Grain LNG Import, Interconnectors and Property. National Grid Carbon Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of National Grid and it undertakes Carbon Capture Storage related activities on behalf of National Grid.

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- It is the largest distributor of natural gas in northeastern U.S., serving approximately 3.4 million customers in New York, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

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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 Property is responsible for the management, clean-up and disposal of surplus sites in the UK. Most of these are former gas works.

Find out more about the energy challenge and how National Grid is helping find solutions to some of the challenges we face at <https://www.nationalgrid.com/group/news>

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