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Shining a light on infrastructure's Christmas heroes

National Grid's gas control room manager features in national Christmas campaign

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National Grid is proud to take part in the National Infrastructure Commission's seasonal Christmas campaign to highlight the number of specialists across energy, transport and water who will be working this Christmas Day.

The case studies, drawn from across the UK, show the range of jobs across the engineering and utilities sectors which help ensure turkeys can be cooked, TV specials can be watched, and vital Christmas journeys can be made over the coming week.

[Chris Harvey](#), network manager for National Grid's gas control room in Warwick is featured in the campaign which runs right up to Christmas Day.

Chris said: "I'll be here on Christmas Day, making sure the National Gas Transmission System remains safe and providing a secure supply of gas to homes and industry around the UK. We know what we're doing here is vital to keeping people safe, warm and fed – not just on Christmas Day, but all year round."

Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission Sir John Armitt said: "While those working in a number of frontline public services rightly get recognition for the work they continue to do over the festive period, others in less visible roles are similarly keeping essential services running 365 days a year."

"We want to shine a light on the hidden heroes of infrastructure who will be working as usual over Christmas. Recognising those who help keep the lights on, water flowing and transport moving underlines the importance of infrastructure to everyday life – and the need for a long term plan from the new government to ensure the UK's energy, transport and water systems are fully ready for the future."

Brief films featuring nine different infrastructure professionals will be released between now and Christmas Eve on the National Infrastructure Commission's Twitter account, [@NatInfraCom](#).

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National Grid in the UK:

- 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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