

Cellarhead substation

Community newsletter – Summer 2026

Welcome

Summer is here, which means the days are getting longer and our work on the small extension at Cellarhead substation is winding down. This newsletter provides a construction update and example of how one local organisation has been able to benefit from our Community Grant Programme.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss our work at Cellarhead, please get in touch with the team using the contact details on the back page.

Liam Fletcher

EPC Project Manager at National Grid



What's happening on site?

The substation at Cellarhead was built in the 1960s and has been in operation for over 50 years. It is essential equipment which plays a critical role in providing electricity to homes and businesses.

National Grid is building a small extension to create a new bay to the north of the existing site to facilitate The Great Grid Upgrade and allow us to connect a nearby renewable energy generation project.

Our progress so far

The first phase of construction work involved a programme of earthworks, which required us to dig out the area where new equipment will be installed. This activity was completed ahead of schedule last August.

Over the autumn and winter our teams moved on to the second phase of work to prepare the area for the internal site infrastructure, putting in new drainage, foundations, retaining walls and fencing.

We're now in the process of completing this work and restoring the area around the north of the substation. We'll then be handing over to the



customer connecting to the bay, who will carry out work to install the new equipment within the substation. Residents should continue to see minimal vehicle movements around the site.

We'll then be back on site in summer 2027 to complete the connection of the new equipment and will share more information about this nearer the time.

Across the rest of the site, you may have seen some of our teams out and about carrying out some routine ground investigation and ecological surveys, as well as vegetation clearance.

Community Grant Programme

From renovating village halls to upgrading sports club facilities, our Community Grant Programme is helping to support a wide range of local projects across England and Wales.

Aimed at community organisations and charities in areas where our work is impacting local people, groups can apply for grants of up to £20,000.

Earlier this year, the Moseley Railway Trust was awarded nearly £5000 in funding from the programme connected to Cellarhead substation.

The grant will support the restoration and return to service of 'Prometheus', a battery electric locomotive that once supported maintenance work on National Grid's cables within the Woodhead Tunnel in the Pennines.

Further details about the programme, including eligibility criteria and how to apply, can be found at: nationalgrid.com/communitygrantprogramme



“Using a zero-emissions battery locomotive such as Prometheus was always our preferred solution to keeping the museum free from dirt and contamination.

The funding we’ve received has helped to make that a reality and we are extremely grateful to National Grid’s Community Grant Programme”.

Simon Lomax
Interim Chair,
Moseley Railway Trust

Contact us

If you have any queries about our work at Cellarhead, please visit our website or get in touch with our community relations team:

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