

Community newsletter

An update from Yorkshire GREEN

July 2026

Hello and welcome to our latest community newsletter for Yorkshire GREEN

It's now over 18 months since we entered the main phase of construction on this nationally significant infrastructure project. From busy substation sites to activity across our overhead line network, the project is progressing at pace.

Last year, we reached a key milestone in our construction journey at our new substations in Overton and Monk Fryston. We took delivery of eight supergrid transformers; each one will play a key role in the transfer of cleaner energy across the country.

Work to replace and upgrade the overhead line network in the area is also moving quickly, with all permanent pylons planned to be installed by the end of the year.

We are committed to leaving the local environment in a better condition than before, with new planting and improved places for wildlife. As part of this, we are supporting a major nature recovery scheme near Skipwith where our investment will also strengthen access and education opportunities.

We have also reached a key moment in our work with communities. The Yorkshire GREEN Local Community Fund has given nearly £500,000 to local groups in areas hosting our work. The funding is helping to

bring real and lasting benefits to communities along the Yorkshire GREEN route.

In this newsletter, you can read more about the milestones so far, along with a look at what's ahead.

A thank you to our communities

We know that construction activities can be disruptive. We would like to thank everyone who lives and works near to Yorkshire GREEN for your patience while we deliver this important project.

We are grateful for your continued support as we work to deliver more secure, affordable and cleaner energy for everyone.

We hope you enjoy reading this update and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. Our details are on the back of this newsletter.

Best wishes,

Martin McGready,
Yorkshire GREEN
Project Director, National Grid

Yorkshire GREEN in a nutshell

Yorkshire GREEN is a National Grid project to upgrade and reinforce the high voltage electricity network in Yorkshire. The project will strengthen our electricity network, so more energy can move around the country to homes and businesses.

It is a key part of The Great Grid Upgrade – the largest overhaul of the electricity transmission network across England and Wales in generations.

To find out more about The Great Grid Upgrade, visit: nationalgrid.com/the-great-grid-upgrade

For further information about our work on Yorkshire GREEN, please visit: nationalgrid.com/the-great-grid-upgrade/yorkshire-green or scan the QR code on the back of this newsletter.

A spotlight on progress

Over 18 months on from beginning construction work, we're pleased to share that Yorkshire GREEN is progressing well.

After celebrating some important milestones in 2025, we are continuing to build on that momentum in 2026.

Achieved so far

2

new substations are under construction – one in Overton and another in Monk Fryston

8

200 tonne supergrid transformers have been delivered and put in place

28

new permanent pylons have been built

35 km

of overhead line works have been completed



635*

football pitches of space for plants and wildlife will be invested in at Escrick Park Estate in Skipwith. We will work with the team to restore habitats and help protect the local environment there so that people, plants and wildlife can enjoy the space for many years into the future.

*estimate based on 454 hectares (1,122 acres).

Yorkshire GREEN's Local Community Fund

Creating a lasting and positive impact

Since construction began, we've awarded nearly £500,000 to support local community projects and initiatives along the Yorkshire GREEN route.

So far in 2026, we have funded 24 projects awarding over £292,000.

This funding has helped improve community buildings, enhance education facilities, and provide much-needed resources for organisations in the area.

We're committed to supporting the communities where we work. We're offering grants of up to £20,000 to help local,

community-led projects along the Yorkshire GREEN route throughout construction.

On the next page, you'll see news from one of the inspiring organisations where our funding is making a difference.

Our next round of funding awards will be announced later this year.



£238,000

improving community spaces and saving energy



£10,000

helping with cost of living and employability



£102,000

encouraging physical health and activity



£36,000

protecting the environment and access to green spaces



£25,000

supporting mental health and wellbeing



£87,000

providing education and STEM opportunities

Could we help your community group?

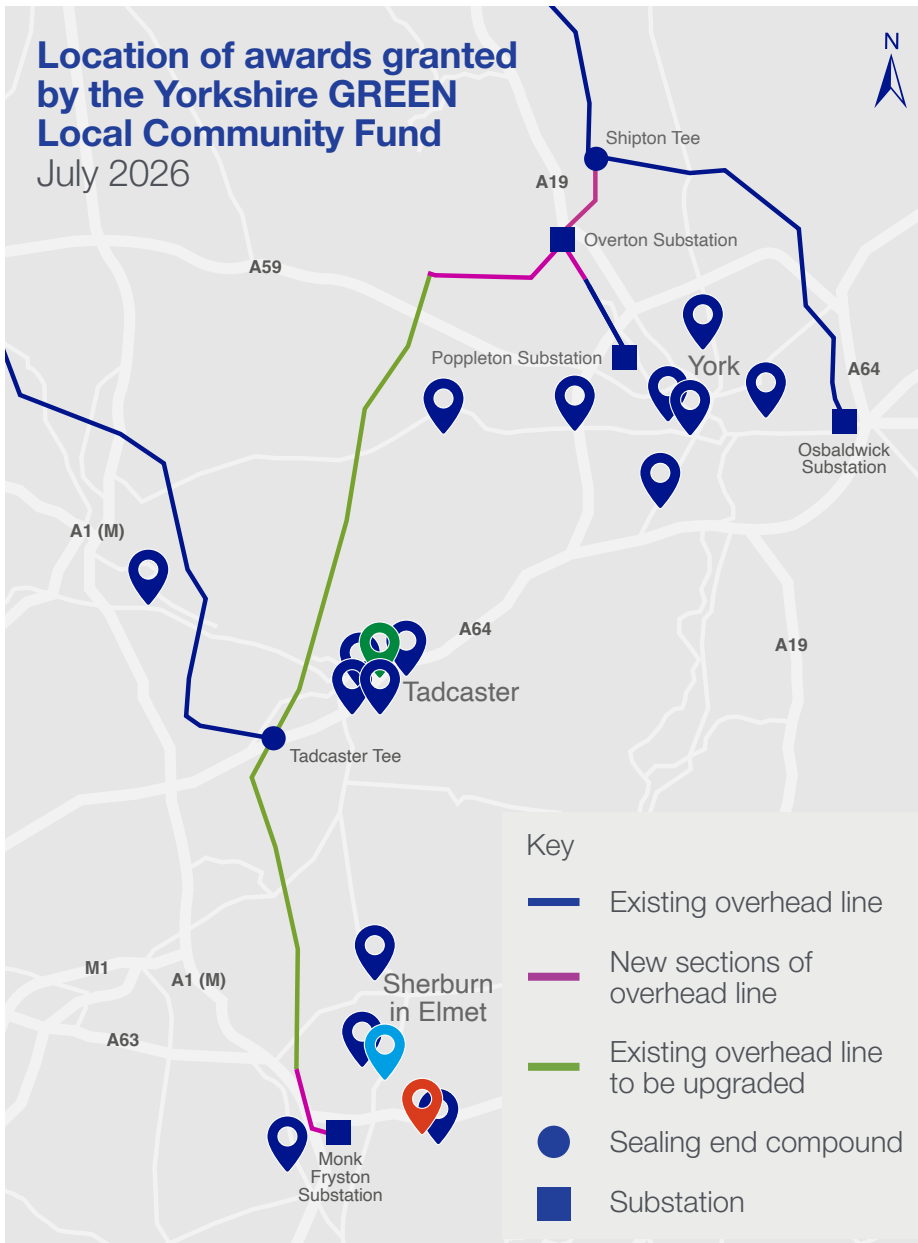
Through the Yorkshire GREEN Local Community Fund, there is an opportunity for a wide range of local organisations and groups to apply.

To find out whether your group is eligible, please scan the QR code below or visit the link to learn more:
localgiving.org/yorkshire-green-local-community-fund



**Yorkshire GREEN
is one of the
first electricity
transmission
projects
in the UK
to launch
its own
dedicated
fund for local
communities.**





This map is for illustrative purposes only.

Project map

The map to the left shows the location of the local community projects and initiatives supported this year, through the Yorkshire GREEN Local Community Fund.

Our fund aims to deliver meaningful and lasting benefits for local communities and organisations across the route of the Yorkshire GREEN project.

Locations of other Yorkshire GREEN Local Community Fund awards

Tadcaster Swimming Pool Trust - new LED lighting

Monk Fryston and Hillam Community Association - upgrade of outdoor play space

South Milford Royal British Legion - installation of solar panels

Monk Fryston and Hillam Community Association

Monk Fryston and Hillam Community Association is one of the recent successful applicants of the Yorkshire GREEN Local Community Fund.

They have been awarded nearly £20,000 to upgrade the children's outdoor play area at Monk Fryston and Hillam Community Centre.

Ray Newton of the Monk Fryston and Hillam Community Association said:

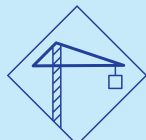
"Families in our community will hugely benefit from this project. We have wanted to update the play space for a number of years; we are grateful to National Grid and the Yorkshire GREEN Local Community Fund for making it happen - the money will go a long way to make this spot a fun, safe and accessible area. And, enjoyed by many for many years to come!"



Image showing members of the National Grid team and Monk Fryston and Hillam Community Association, with children from the local community.

Project timeline

The timeline below shows what is planned for the years ahead.



2026

Overton and Monk Fryston Substations: construction work continues at both sites.

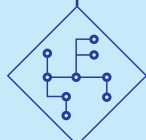
Osbalwick Substation: minor upgrade works continue at our existing Osbalwick Substation.

Between Shipton and Overton: installation of new pylons continues and work is undertaken to install overhead lines. This section of the route is expected to be completed towards the end of the year. The new overhead lines will be connected to the substation at Overton.

Between Overton and Moor Monkton: construction of new pylons continues alongside the installation of new overhead lines. Old overhead lines are being dismantled, and the removal of old and temporary pylons begins.

Monk Fryston and Lumby: construction of new, permanent pylons continues and installation of new overhead lines, as well as dismantling of old overhead lines and removal of old and temporary pylons near our Monk Fryston Substation site.

Across the route: reinstatement works commence and work to improve habitats begins.



2027

Across the route: construction and reinstatement works continue and some of the new infrastructure becomes operational.



2028

Across the route: final works and reinstatement are anticipated to be completed.

Get in touch

You can get in touch with our Community Relations Team using the following channels:



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