

# UK Power Networks volunteers help transform Biggleswade Scout hut



A team of electricity workers powered through a range of tasks to help transform a Biggleswade Scout hut in need of a boost. Volunteers from UK Power Networks, which distributes supplies across the East of England, lent a hand at the London Road site.

The nine-strong team, which also included members of Morrison Energy Services, a part of M Group Services, got involved through Donate a Day, UK Power Networks' volunteer scheme, which gives employees two paid days leave each year to work on voluntary projects in their local community.

They re-painted interior doors, the outside gate and fences, and removed weeds in front of the main entrance, as well as mowing the lawns and trimming back overgrown hedges.

Phoebe Adams, a stakeholder engagement manager for UK Power Networks, said: "The Scout hut is in good order overall, but we wanted to spruce up the area around it which needed some extra attention at the end of the summer.

"We split into small teams and by the end of it saw the outside space transformed, with new coats of paint and all the weeding done.

"As a company we are carrying out a major substation project in Biggleswade over the coming years, and we like to work with the local community to help people out where we can."

Nick Gurney, the Biggleswade Scouts leader, said: "We would like to thank the team from UK Power Networks for the work done by its volunteers. The transformation of the Scout hut is really appreciated.

"Biggleswade Scouts are very keen to engage with UK Power Networks as the substation project develops, and will continue to see how we can get involved in the future."

Cllr Kevin Collins, Central Bedfordshire Council's Executive Member for Planning and Regeneration, said: "It's tremendous to see Biggleswade Scouts receiving a helping hand to tidy up the outside space around their scout hut.

"This is part of UK Power Networks' commitment to support the local community during the creation of their new substation which is something that we encourage in all major projects in Central Bedfordshire."

Work has started on the National Grid's 400kV substation and UK Power Networks' new grid substation to increase the power capacity in Biggleswade. Central Bedfordshire Council secured £70million of government funding through the Housing Infrastructure Fund to support this project and other schemes designed to support planned growth in the town.