



YOUR NGN NEWS UPDATE

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NGN backs “Hello Hydrogen” Campaign



We have joined forces with other members of the UK gas industry, to launch a campaign designed to raise awareness of hydrogen gas for heating homes, and we are calling on the Government to commit to a hydrogen future.

The 'Hello Hydrogen' Campaign sees gas distribution networks, boiler manufacturers and energy suppliers come together to raise awareness on Hydrogen's role in reducing CO2 emissions.

The switch from natural gas to hydrogen for home heating could cut CO2 emissions by 20 million tonnes a year, which is the equivalent to 12 million cars. We are calling for clear guidance from the Government, to ensure that it remains committed to hydrogen as we step up our efforts to develop the necessary technology.

Producing hydrogen for homes in the UK could also create tens of thousands of jobs and help the country avoid a future cost

of living crisis, by ending its reliance on natural gas from overseas.

Commenting on the launch of the Hello Hydrogen Campaign, Campaign Director, Angela Needle said; "As people start to turn on their heating again, we think now is the perfect time to begin the conversation about how we will all heat our homes in the future.

"We want households to know that there will be numerous ways to warm up their radiators or cook their dinner and hydrogen could be the right choice for them.

"For too long, consumers have only heard about expensive options that take up lots of space, to make their homes greener. We want them to know other, more affordable, choices will be available."

[Read more about the campaign here](#)

Essential demolition of redundant South Shields Gas Holder



This month, we started work to safely demolish and remove the redundant Gas Holder Station, located on Oyston Street, South Shields.

The facility hasn't stored gas for over 10 years, and the scheme will involve the removal of the underground holder tank and the steel framework surrounding it, which was erected in 1886.

The gas holder – made of riveted steel construction, with cast iron columns and steel lattice work– has become a local landmark in South Shields over the decades, and we're working with the Tyne & Wear Local Authority Archaeological Officer to

capture and commemorate the giant structure and retain its heritage and history for future generations.

This will involve recording the engineering and heritage aspects of the holder in photo and film footage, as well as using laser scanning technology to ensure those records are captured for posterity.

Mark Johnson, Senior Project Manager from NGN's Capital Projects team, explains: "We know how important these structures can be to communities and we'll working closely with local residents and stakeholders to give them the opportunity to commemorate these structures as they disappear from the skyline."

Local people are being encouraged to send in their memories of the Oyston Street area over the years via our social media channels [Facebook/northerngasnetworks](https://www.facebook.com/northerngasnetworks) and [@NGNgas](https://twitter.com/NGNgas).

In other news:

Redcar roll-out hits Gas Safe survey milestone.

More than 300 properties in Redcar have been issued with Gas Safe certificates and had property surveys completed as part of the region's hoped-for hydrogen revolution.

Engineers have been carrying out free surveys and issuing Gas Safe certificates to homes and businesses in the areas of Warrenby, Coatham and parts of Kirkleatham – hitting the 300 milestone ahead of schedule.

Councillor Neil Baldwin had a survey completed at his home and said: "The survey was completed without any fuss. I've now got the reassurance that my appliances are safe and a gas safe certificate which is valid for a year. The engineer fixed a minor repair on my boiler and cleaned the burners on my hob free of charge, so it was well worth the hour of my time it took"

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Find out more

Get Involved!

Reviewing our Annual Stakeholder Conference

In September we held our first annual stakeholder conference, where we set out to give our stakeholders the opportunity to see the impact of their engagement over the year, and the progress we've made on our commitments. We also wanted to create an opportunity to recheck our direction and focus with our stakeholders, giving us the confidence that our strategic direction and plans are still in line with their thinking.

You can read more about our conference and find a link to our stakeholder feedback report below.

Read our conference feedback report

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