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At Big Yellow, we believe in supporting the communities and environment we operate in.

Big Yellow Foundation

The Big Yellow Foundation works with charity partners supporting vulnerable individuals, including ex-offenders, refugees, ex-service personnel and people living with disabilities, helping them build pathways into sustainable employment. Funded through generous customer donations, which are then matched by Big Yellow, the Foundation raised a record £533,000 in the year and provided £414,000 of funding to our charity partners. The total funding since the inception of the Foundation in 2018 now stands at £1.8 million. Our employees are actively engaged through volunteering with the charity partners we support.

Creating opportunities through partnership

Through store-based work placements, we are able to provide individuals from the Foundation's charity partners, valuable experience and the opportunity to develop practical skills. We also run CV writing and interview skills programmes to help with their development and pathways into employment. This collaborative approach ensures meaningful engagement for both our Foundation partners and our employees.



Retrofit Programme for Sustainable Performance

We are enhancing our existing store portfolio through a targeted retrofit programme, upgrading buildings with modern, energy-efficient technologies to ensure they remain sustainable and aligned with the standards of new developments.

A key focus is the installation of rooftop solar panels and battery storage. We are also improving overall building efficiency with upgraded lighting and controls, helping to lower energy usage and operating costs.

In parallel, we are investing in reporting systems to strengthen energy management, security monitoring and digital infrastructure, supporting more efficient and resilient operations across the portfolio.

Harnessing solar at scale

Solar generation is a central component of our energy strategy, with continued roll-out of rooftop panels across the portfolio to produce renewable electricity on-site. This reduces reliance on grid supply, lowers operational emissions and supports long-term cost efficiency.

With large, flat roof space across the estate, our stores are well suited to solar generation at scale, making it a practical and efficient solution as both new developments are delivered and existing sites are upgraded.

Storing solar for peak demand

As the business grows, we are investing in battery storage systems to optimise the use of solar energy generated across the estate.

By capturing surplus electricity and storing it for use during peak periods or for when the sun isn't shining, these systems improve energy resilience, support demand management and further reduce reliance on external supply.

