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tunnel boring machine

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This is the latest issue of Tideway's community newsletter, produced especially for our neighbours in the western section of the project.

This newsletter will feature up-to-date news on our events, our progress and many other exciting things happening in your area.

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## **WELCOME MESSAGE**

#### Hello and welcome to the latest edition of the River Times, your update on London's new super sewer.

I'm pleased to report that as we begin 2018, Tideway is now up and running on all seven of our sites on the western section of the project.

But beyond that, we are proud to be giving back to the communities in which we work and supporting local groups.

In this edition of the River Times, you can read about our support for the Penfold Community Centre, which overlooks King George's Park, as well as our repair work and security upgrades at Acton Scout Hut (page 6).

On page 4, you can read about our Foreshore Festival in Putney – a free, family event to celebrate the Thames that saw thousands of locals join us on the banks of the river for a variety of activities and learning experiences.

Tideway staff also raised thousands of pounds on City Giving Day by paddle-boarding 13 miles down the Thames (page 7), and contributed hundreds of volunteer hours to clean patches of foreshore on the Thames.

Our team at our Carnwath Road Riverside site in Fulham is beginning to piece together our tunnel boring machine (TBM), which arrived by barge in December, ahead of tunnelling, starting later this year. Read more about the TBM on page 5.

I hope you enjoy reading this version of the River Times—
if you think we could help your community, please don't
hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you.

Ben Green
Delivery Manager

## **ABOUT US**

London relies on a 150-year-old sewer system built for a population less than half its current size.

As a result, millions of tonnes of raw sewage overflow the system each year and end up in the River Thames.

#### That's where we come in...

We're building a 25km 'super sewer' under the Thames to intercept those nasty overflows and clean up our river.

The project will also bring thousands of new jobs, as well as new public space, creating a better environment for Londoners.





For more on our education programme, visit www.tideway.london/our-community/education-programme

## **PUTNEY FAMILIES MEET TO CELEBRATE THAMES** IN 'FORESHORE FESTIVAL'



More than 4,000 people flocked to the banks of the Thames in Putney for a celebration of the river, hosted by Tideway.

The Foreshore Festival was organised by former Olympic rower Andrew Triggs Hodge and included rowing and paddle-boarding taster sessions as well as displays from the Museum of London Archaeology and the environmental charity Thames21.

Andrew, who now works as a Project Manager at Tideway, said: "It was fantastic to see so many people enjoying the foreshore and the river and getting involved in sports and activities they hadn't tried before.

"Our goal is to get people reconnected with London's wonderful River Thames and I'm delighted the festival showed just how much potential a cleaner River Thames holds for recreation and enjoyment."

### **BRINGING ENGINEERING TO** HAMMERSMITH CLASSROOMS

**Students at Flora Gardens Primary School** in Hammersmith benefited from a bespoke programme of STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) activities.

Volunteers from Tideway helped deliver the sixweek programme, comprised of four interactive sessions.

Teacher Maira Abbasi thanked Tideway and said: "The sessions were engaging, fun and effective to the children's learning."



## **TIDEWAY NEWS**



## **FULHAM WELCOMES OUR FIRST TUNNELLING MACHINE**

The first of Tideway's six giant tunnel boring machines (TBM) arrived in London late last year, marking a key milestone in the construction of the capital's 'super sewer'.

Londoners took to Twitter to welcome the brandnew TBM, while staff on the Tideway project lined bridges in central London to catch a glimpse as it arrived by barge.

Following a public vote last year, this TBM was named Rachel, after the engineer and activist for women's employment rights, Rachel Parsons.

Tideway has pledged to deliver over 90 per cent of materials by barge (including our TBMs), reducing the number of lorries needed on the project by more than 300,000.







## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

## ACTON SCOUT HUT GETS MUCH-NEEDED UPGRADE

A Scout hut in Acton was given a boost when staff from Tideway helped upgrade its security by building new fencing and undertaking a series of general repairs. The hut is used by nurseries and community groups, as well as by the Scouts themselves, and forms an important hub for the local residents. Staff from Tideway volunteered time and materials toward the cause, installing new fencing, a new fire door and fixing ironmongery work.



One of the River Thames's most notorious litter hotspots was cleared when volunteers from Tideway braved the cold for a litter pick. Ten bin bags full of rubbish were cleared from Crabtree Wharf, Hammersmith, as part of Thames21's 'River Watch' programme.

### **BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE**

Staff working on the western section of the Tideway project hosted a 'Build Your Future' campaign for the Construction Industry Training Board and the Department for Work and Pensions at Carnwath Road in Fulham.

## **LOCAL NEWS**

## PENFOLD COMMUNITY CENTRE GETS MAKEOVER



Visitors to the Penfold Centre in Wandsworth will benefit from freshly painted rooms, new cupboards and upgrades.

The team from Hammersmith Pumping Station volunteered to overhaul the building's exterior.

And now, thanks to the team working at Tideway's Dormay Street site, the interior has also had a makeover.

Jo Baxter, who manages the centre, thanked Tideway and said: "The team were really friendly, conscious of the user groups and did a great job. Myself and the hall-users are really pleased."



## **FULHAM ARTISTS DISPLAY WORK ON HOARDINGS**

Artists living close to Tideway's Carnwath Road site in Fulham have created a public gallery to share their work on the site's hoardings.

Ann Rosenberg, who chairs the community liaison working group for Carnwath Road, worked with Patricia Watson and Izzy Hutchinson from the Society of Fulham Artists and Potters (SoFAP) to create the gallery.

One of the contributors to the installation, Caroline Silver, said she was "absolutely delighted with the exhibition", adding: "It's a great way to brighten up the construction site and Carnwath Road, and it's not your usual place for an art gallery."

Chris Stratford, Stakeholder and Consents Advisor for Tideway West, said: "It has been a pleasure

working with the local community and the Society of Fulham Artists and Potters to create this wonderful community art gallery."



## THOUSANDS RAISED BY 'SUP' HALF-MARATHON

Dozens of stand-up paddle-boarders from Tideway, including some working on the western section, paddled 13 miles down the Thames to raise money for charity.

The challenge was part of City Giving Day and saw over £5,000 raised for the Lord Mayor's Appeal and Tideway's charity partners.

Participants finished at Tideway's Chambers Wharf site in Bermondsey welcomed by City of London Alderman Peter Hewitt and his wife Fidelma.

Hugh Ferguson, Section Manager at Acton Storm Tanks, said: "I must give a huge thank you to our supporters. We managed to raise thousands for the four charities with money still coming in."





For more on our charity partnerships, visit: www.tideway.london/our-community/giving-back-to-the-community/

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

At Tideway, we're always on the lookout for new people to join our team and are committed to recruiting from the boroughs we work in.

Whether you're looking for work on site or in an office, we regularly have a wide variety of roles to fill, ranging from site operatives to communications officers.

If you're interested in working with us, get in touch and look out for a Tideway jobs fair in your area.



If you're interested in an apprenticeship or the latest jobs in your area, go to:

www.tideway.london/ about-us/jobs

### **MEET THE APPRENTICE**

We are committed to ensuring that one in every 50 jobs created by Tideway is an apprenticeship.



#### **MILAN PATEL**

Civil engineering technician apprentice Dormay Street and King George's Park, Wandsworth

#### **Learned at Tideway**

Before joining the construction industry, I had very little insight into how an enormous and iconic infrastructure project such as Tideway is managed and delivered. Due to my inquisitive nature (and supportive team), I have learned a huge amount in my time on the project. In reality things don't always go as planned and sometimes a big team effort is required to get back on track.

#### **Enjoyed at Tideway**

I enjoy the challenge of completing new tasks and seeing the construction through the collective hard work of the team, which is very rewarding. I have been able to get involved in volunteering activities, such as the restoration of the Penfold Community Centre and landscaping at Queens Park Gardens. The opportunity to escape the office and give back to the community has made working on this project all the more enjoyable.

#### **Future aspirations**

The sky's the limit! I look forward to completing my apprenticeship and keep pushing myself to become a chartered civil engineer, travel the globe and progress onto developing and running my own infrastructure project. This is the beginning of a bright career and I look forward to continuing my journey with Tideway.



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