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YOUR UPDATE ON LONDON'S NEW SUPER SEWER



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

This is an exciting time for our project with all eight of our sites in the central section now up and running.

At the time of writing at the beginning November, we were preparing to begin tunnelling at our Kirtling Street site in Battersea. This is a huge milestone for the entire project and comes after years of detailed planning – turn to page 5 for more on our tunnel boring machines.

We've also been busy this year giving back to the communities in which we're working.

On page 4, you'll read about another of our staff volunteer litter-picks on the banks of the Thames in Battersea, while on 5, you'll read about our 'clocks go back' initiative with the Metropolitan Police to help cyclists crossing Blackfriars Bridge.

In the last three months, we've also taken on seven new local apprentices who will learn valuable skills as they help to develop our project.

Our team at Battersea also recently took on its first female tunneller, Andreea – turn to page 4 for the full story.

Elsewhere in this edition, you'll read about the 1,000 fish we saved at Blackfriars Bridge Foreshore (page 6), our visit from Marsha de Cordova, MP for Battersea (page 6), and see some fantastic images of the new land we're reclaiming in the Thames for public use at the end of the project (page 7).

I hope you enjoy this edition of the River Times and if you have any comments or feedback, we'd love to hear from you so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Tom Tagg, Project Director

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...

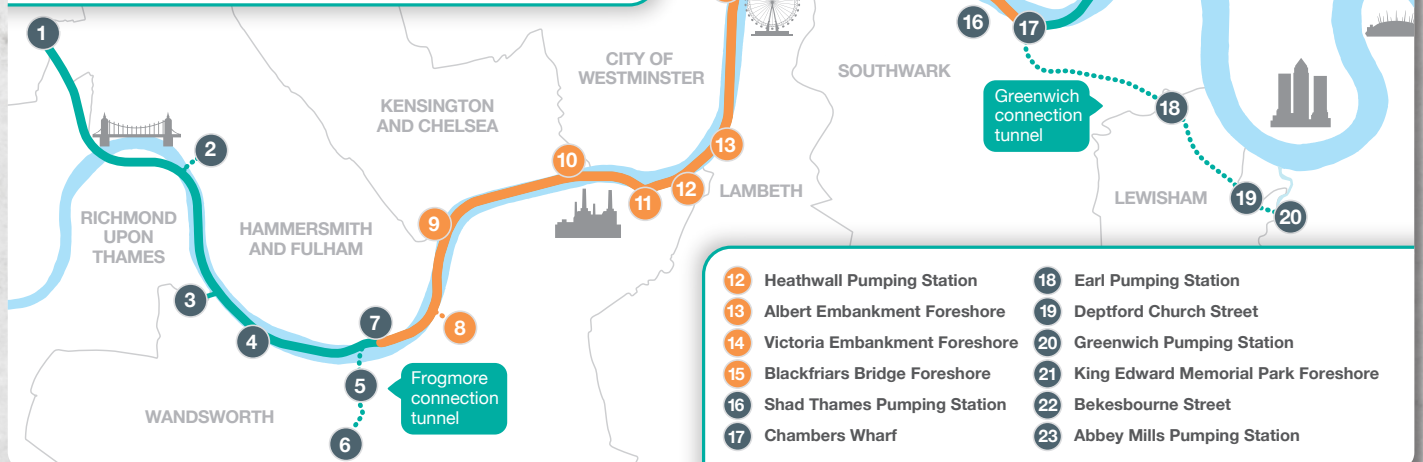
We're building a 25km 'super sewer' under the Thames to intercept those nasty overflows and clean up our river.

The project has also created thousands of new jobs and is building new public space, creating a better environment for Londoners.



TIDEWAY ROUTE MAP

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| 1 Acton Storm Tanks | 7 Carnwath Road Riverside |
| 2 Hammersmith Pumping Station | 8 Falconbrook Pumping Station |
| 3 Barn Elms | 9 Cremorne Wharf Depot |
| 4 Putney Embankment Foreshore | 10 Chelsea Embankment Foreshore |
| 5 Dormay Street | 11 Kirtling Street |
| 6 King George's Park | |



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| 12 Heathwall Pumping Station | 18 Earl Pumping Station |
| 13 Albert Embankment Foreshore | 19 Deptford Church Street |
| 14 Victoria Embankment Foreshore | 20 Greenwich Pumping Station |
| 15 Blackfriars Bridge Foreshore | 21 King Edward Memorial Park Foreshore |
| 16 Shad Thames Pumping Station | 22 Bekesbourne Street |
| 17 Chambers Wharf | 23 Abbey Mills Pumping Station |

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i To register for Women Into Construction, visit women-into-construction.org

ANDREEA BECOMES FIRST FEMALE TUNNELLER ON PROJECT IN BATTERSEA



Andreea Boianu has become the first woman working on the Tideway project to be part of one of the tunnelling teams.

Tideway was set to begin tunnelling at our Kirtling Street site in Battersea as this edition of the River Times went to print – and Andreea is a key member of the team responsible for the tunnelling operation.

Originally from Romania, Andreea has been in the UK for around five years, working at various jobs, including at the BBC and at Heathrow Airport.

Now she works on Tideway as a ‘slinger’ – where she is responsible for securing loads for lifting.

Construction is a notoriously male-dominated industry, with the number of women working in roles on site estimated at just 1.5 per cent.

Tideway is looking to change that, and was recently named in the Times Top 50 Employers for Women 2018.

OVER 100 BOTTLES COLLECTED FROM THAMES FORESHORE

A team of Tideway volunteers joined the environmental charity Thames21 on the banks of the River Thames in Battersea for a litter pick.

Huge amounts of litter had built up in the area and the team spent the day recording the amount and type of litter deposited – before clearing everything from the foreshore.

The information collected on these litter picks can be used to create a comprehensive set of data with which charities like Thames21 can lobby the government and influence legislation.



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TUNNELLING STARTS ON TIDEWAY PROJECT



As this edition of the River Times went to print, Tideway was preparing to begin tunnelling at our site in Battersea.

The project will use a total of six tunnel boring machines across the project – four to construct the main tunnel, and one each for the Frogmore and Greenwich Connection Tunnels.

Millicent, named after suffragist Millicent Fawcett, is the first of these machines to begin tunnelling and will construct the 5km section of tunnel between Kirtling Street in Battersea and our Carnwath Road Riverside site in Fulham.

Ursula, named after British cryobiologist Audrey ‘Ursula’ Smith, will be the second TBM to be launched from Kirtling Street, and is responsible for the 7km section of tunnel to our Chambers Wharf site in Bermondsey.



For volunteering opportunities in your area, visit tideway.london/our-community/giving-back-to-the-community/community-partnerships

CYCLE INITIATIVE TO HELP CYCLISTS AS CLOCKS GO BACK

As clocks went back at the end of October, Tideway teamed up with the Met Police and the City of London Corporation to remind cyclists at Blackfriars of the risks.

The event, hosted by a team close to Tideway’s site by Blackfriars Bridge, highlighted the new dangers of cycling in the dark and allowed cyclists to experience visibility challenges for lorry drivers.

Steve Hails, Tideway’s Director of Health, Safety and Wellbeing, said: “With the dark nights drawing in, it’s more important than ever that we take precautions to make sure we can be seen by drivers.

“Make sure you are safe and seen this autumn.”



NEWS IN BRIEF

BLACKFRIARS FISH RESCUED

More than 1,000 fish were saved at Blackfriars Bridge Foreshore thanks to some clever thinking from the site team. When the time came to drain the 'cofferdam' (new land in the river), the team placed a net over the pump to protect any fish remaining within the cofferdam walls. A total of 1,021 fish, including a pike (pictured), were rescued.



ALBERT SCORES HIGH

The team at Tideway's Albert Embankment Foreshore site was recognised for its commitment to being a good neighbour after receiving 46/50 on its latest Considerate Constructors Scheme.



The hoarding at Tideway's site along Chelsea Embankment is now up, displaying artwork from the artist Emma Smith who worked with Pensioners from the Royal Hospital Chelsea to create a tribute to the hospital's most famous annual event.

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BATTERSEA MP MARSHA DE CORDOVA VISITS TIDEWAY

Marsha De Cordova, MP for Battersea and Shadow Minister for Disabled People, visited Kirtling Street for a site tour with a Tideway apprentice.

She had expressed an interest in seeing our project as our main tunnel drive site sits in her constituency.

Having seen the popular BBC documentary about the Tideway project, Ms de Cordova already had an insight into our work, but was talked through the finer details before touring the site.

She was very interested in how we work with the local community, and the number of people employed from the local area.

A particular interest was specifically on apprenticeships and anything she could do to encourage local people to work on the project.

Ms de Cordova gave really positive feedback and would like to return to visit the tunnel when possible.



LONDON'S NEW PUBLIC SPACES

New images that offer a vision of how the River Thames could look in the future, including at Chelsea, Blackfriars, Victoria and Albert Embankments have been released.

As part of the Tideway project, seven new areas of public land are being built, reclaiming land from the Thames.

Sir Joseph Bazalgette, who designed London's original sewer system over 150 years ago, built out onto the river creating the Victoria, Albert and Chelsea Embankments. Tideway will be honouring that legacy by also building out onto the river.

Roger Bailey, Tideway's Chief Technical Officer, said: "When Sir Joseph Bazalgette unveiled his vision for London's sewer system more than 150 years ago, he changed the look and character of the city with the creation of the Chelsea, Victoria and Albert Embankments.

"Similarly, the construction of London's new super sewer will create three acres of new public space designed to reconnect the capital's residents and visitors with the River Thames.

"In keeping with Bazalgette's legacy, the new public spaces will be designed to enhance the environment and provide a lasting legacy. Our ambition is to celebrate the River Thames as the heart of London."



Chelsea Embankment Foreshore



Albert Embankment Foreshore



Victoria Embankment Foreshore



To see more pictures of the new public spaces being created on the River Thames, go to tideway.london/news/media-centre

OPPORTUNITIES

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

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 traffic marshals.

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

To apply, and for the latest jobs in your area, go to [tideway.london/about-us/jobs](https://www.tideway.london/about-us/jobs)

MEET THE APPRENTICE

One in 50 of the 4,000 jobs the Tideway project will create will be an apprenticeship.



RIDWAN OPE

Apprentice Steel Fixer
Falconbrook Pumping Station,
Wandsworth

Learned at Tideway

I have learned a lot about the day-to-day life of a steel fixer and the challenges that come with it. I have learned how to work together in a group and how to share my ideas with the team without feeling judged. This project has encouraged me to be able to work in difficult situations and I have learned the value of perseverance, hard work and being part of a team.

Enjoyed at Tideway

I enjoyed working alongside experienced steel fixers, as they can pass on key knowledge to me. Tideway also gave me an opportunity to work at different construction sites, which I enjoyed as this will help me broaden my knowledge and allow me to meet new people who can teach me new things. After three months into my apprenticeship at Tideway, I can proudly say I am learning something new every day.

Future aspirations

My aspirations for the future are to work towards a higher level in the construction industry, build on my knowledge and work at lots of different sites. And in the future, I would love to work higher in management positions.



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