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YOUR UPDATE ON LONDON'S SUPER SEWER

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

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

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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM STEVE LOUSLEY

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

We've had a busy few months across the west section of the project. We have successfully launched Rachel, tunnelling from Carnwath Road (page 7) and Charlotte, who has started digging the Frogmore Connection Tunnel from our Dormay Street site.

There have been lots of community events over the past few months: the west team held a fundraising football match in aid of the Lighthouse Club, raising over £1,300. Read about this on page 6.

We've been collecting wet wipes from the foreshore, hosting charity quiz nights and holding activity days for local residents. If you or anyone you know is interested in routes into the construction industry, turn to the back cover to hear how Kayla, one of our Apprentice Engineers, is finding her role and what she hopes to achieve in the future.

On page 4 there are details of how to get involved in the upcoming Regatta London, an event that promises be a huge spectacle on the river.

I hope you enjoy reading about all of this, and for further information on each of our sites, go to www.tideway. london/locations. If you have any further questions or would like to discuss anything relating to the project, we're always available.

Steve Lousley 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, tens of 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 spills 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.





LOCAL NEWS

BARGES BETTER THAN LORRIES FOR LONDON'S AIR QUALITY, STUDY FINDS



Tideway is the first major infrastructure project to develop comprehensive data demonstrating the reduced impact on air quality of moving material by river instead of road.

We're moving as much material as possible using barges on the River Thames, and kept an average of 200 lorries off the road each day last year. This has clear benefits for congestion, pedestrians and cyclists, as well as our neighbours.

Air quality is a big issue in London, but Tideway is spearheading new approaches to freight movement in the capital. To date, we've moved more than a million tonnes of material by river, keeping more than 100,000 lorries off London's roads.

This year alone at Carnwath Road in Fulham, we have kept 3,700 lorries off the road by using barges.

RIVER THAMES TO HOST LONDON'S BIGGEST PADDLE EVENT

Regatta London is planned to take place on Sunday, 29 September 2019, inviting paddleboarders, kayakers, canoers and rowers to take part in a 12-mile journey on the River Thames through central London.

The Tideway-founded event will see the River Thames closed to all other marine traffic, raising money for a number of charities—including London Youth Rowing, Mates in Mind and Thames21.

Event organiser Andy Triggs Hodge, triple Olympic-goldmedallist, said: "This is a unique opportunity for people to experience the River Thames and to see one of the greatest cities in the world from a different angle."



Go to <u>www.regatta.london</u> for more information

LOCAL NEWS

PUTNEY FORESHORE TIDY



Every year, tonnes of litter is left on the foreshore at Putney from the thousands of spectators who cheer on the start of the annual Oxford Cambridge Boat Race.

With the help of local MP Justine Greening, the Tideway team working along Putney Embankment decided to tackle the issue head on. Armed with bin bags and litter picks, the group walked the foreshore picking up litter to prevent it being washed into the River Thames.

The site team carried out some garden landscaping and gave the outside space a complete transformation, ensuring it was ready for race-day and optimised the amount of people that could attend this much-loved community hub.

Justine Greening MP said: "Fantastic to do the Boat Race tidy up with local residents, Tideway, and the Keep Britain Tidy team. Really appreciated all the support and it is great knowing our Thames foreshore is cleaner today because of our efforts. Thanks again to everyone who helped out. It's made a difference!"

ACTON OPENS THEIR DOORS TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Tideway's Acton site opened its doors for more than 20 guests from the local community who were keen to find out more about work on the super sewer.

Visitors heard about the work taking place at Acton and why the super sewer is needed, before getting a chance to see the construction firsthand from the site's viewing platform.

The team at Acton have successfully completed construction of the shaft, which is needed to prevent untreated sewage entering the River Thames.

Acton Storm Tanks is the westernmost construction site on the Tideway project and is effectively the 'start' of the tunnel.



NEWS IN BRIEF



Fifty people from across the Tideway project took part in London's biggest and most diverse Pride yet. Over a million people took to the streets of Central London in support of LGBT+ rights and to cheer those marching in the parade.

FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER

For the second year running, Tideway hosted a 5-a-side football tournament, raising over \pounds 1,300 for the charity Lighthouse Club. The charity provides financial and emotional support to those working in construction who are affected by injury or illness.

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

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This summer, Tideway held a quiz night in aid of the charity Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY). CRY works to prevent young sudden cardiac deaths through awareness, screening and research, and supports affected families. The event raised over £400.

TIDEWAY NEWS

OPEN CALL TO ARTISTS

The Carnwath Road Residents Group and the Society of Fulham Artists and Potters Group (SoFAB) have announced plans for a new art exhibition on the hoardings at Tideway's Carnwath Road Riverside site and have issued a call out to local artists to submit their work.



The theme centres around individual interpretations of the area between Wandsworth Bridge to Putney Bridge: The Past, Present and Future (river, wildlife, ecology and the local area).

If you'd like the chance to see your artwork on the hoardings please email carnwathartgallery@gmail.com or visit www.tideway.london. Entries must be received by Friday 27 September.

RACHEL STARTS TUNNELLING JOURNEY

A century after Rachel Parsons helped found the Women's Engineering Society (WES) and became its first president, a tunnel boring machine (TBM) named after her has started work at our Carnwath Road site in Fulham.

The name Rachel was chosen as part of a public campaign to name six TBMs after inspirational women who lived or worked in the areas where Tideway is working.

As well as helping set up the WES in 1919, Rachel Parsons was one of a group of eight women who started an engineering company in Fulham where all the employees were women.

Sally Cox, Project Director, said: "In the centenary year of the Women's Engineering Society, we are delighted to recognise the work of Rachel Parsons in leading the way for women in engineering and construction."



OARSOME CHALLENGE RAISES OVER £34,000



Sixteen teams from across the Tideway project took part in this year's Oarsome Challenge raising more than £34,000 for London Youth Rowing and other London charities including South London Cares, Single Homeless Project and Drive Forward Foundation.

The challenge sees teams of eight rowers donning fancy dress and rowing a 13-mile stretch of the River Thames from Shadwell to Chiswick.

ONCE IN A LIFETIME FINDS AT BARN ELMS

A team of archaeologists working on our site at Barn Elms have uncovered some interesting finds.

Items varied in date from Prehistoric to early medieval period and include pottery, flint and daub. The discovery points to a large amount of human activity in the area from over 2,500 years ago. MoLA (Museum of London Archaeology) described it as a 'once in a lifetime find'!

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 communications officers.

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 <u>www.tideway.london/</u> <u>about-us/jobs</u>

MEET THE APPRENTICE



KAYLA BROWNE

Apprentice Civil Engineer Carnwath Road Riverside

What have you learned at Tideway?

I have learned so much since I joined the project in January. At Carnwath Road, I've been involved in so many different things including task briefings, ordering materials and learning more about this amazing project. I have since moved to Barn Elms and learned about the exciting archaeological work happening on site as well as the complexities of sprayed concrete.

What have you enjoyed about being on Tideway?

I've enjoyed getting stuck in to the work and had the chance to start from the bottom and work my way up—but the best feeling is completing my tasks and the pride I feel in seeing the final product. I have enjoyed my time on site as I learn something new every day, whether that be what drill they use for certain activities or actually seeing how the shaft is sunk.

What are your aspirations for the future?

Before the end of my apprenticeship, I hope to have completed my EngTech, the first step to become a chartered member of the ICE. I intend to continue my on-site experience and studies by topping up my qualifications to a degree and continue working towards further chartership or looking into fellowship. I would also like to go on various training courses (e.g. first aid) to upskill my competency in construction.

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