



RIVER TIMES

YOUR UPDATE ON LONDON'S SUPER SEWER



Jubilee trees planted at Wandsworth Park



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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 up-to-date news on our events, our progress and other exciting things happening in your area.

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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM STEVE LOUSLEY

Welcome to the latest edition of the River Times, your update on London's super sewer. Work on this vital infrastructure in West has been progressing well, with the tunnel due to be operational in 2025.

In the West section, we have finished tunnelling and are currently constructing a secondary lining of concrete for the inside of the tunnel. The secondary lining is due to be complete by the end of the year. The lining will protect the structure and help to ensure its 120-year lifespan.

After four years of tunnelling machines working away beneath the River Thames, we celebrated the end of tunnelling with a unique performance in the tunnel depths. Watch the video by scanning the QR code on page four.

On page 5 you will see that the first riverside ventilation column that will adorn sites along the route of the super sewer has been installed along Putney Embankment.

Elsewhere in the edition, you can read about the new community centre in Fulham that now provides a new resource for the local community. And on page 6, you can read about the 27 new community-led initiatives in London to help 'green and clean' the city.

Finally, for music lovers, a music academy in London produced four amazing songs, with one of them celebrating the River Thames.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the River Times and 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.

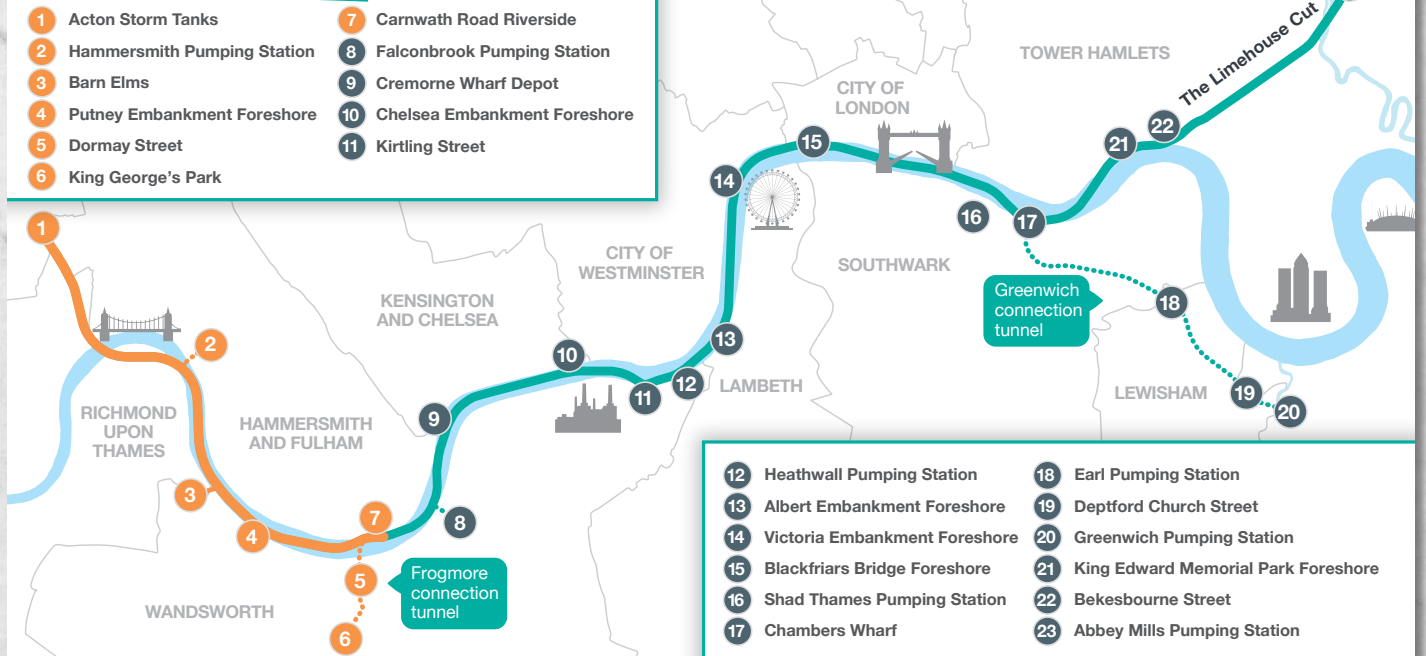
That's where we come in...

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.



TIDEWAY ROUTE MAP





END OF TUNNELLING: UNIQUE PERFORMANCE

To commemorate the end of tunneling, a live performance took place 70 metres underground in the depth of the tunnel itself.

The performance, from London-based composer and musician Rob Lewis, was streamed and is available on Tideway's YouTube channel and fuses multi-instrumental music with the sounds of the sewer construction, capturing the unique acoustic properties of the space.

Tideway Chair, Sir Neville Simms, said: "Completion of tunnelling for London's new super sewer is testament to the hard work and contributions of thousands of people and organisations, over many years – and it brings us closer to the ultimate goal of a cleaner River Thames. This performance celebrates a significant milestone in our efforts to

create a more sustainable London for our growing population and we are pleased to commemorate the end of tunnelling in such a unique way."



WANDSWORTH PARK CELEBRATED WITH JUBILEE TREES

An area of King George's Park in Wandsworth celebrated the start of spring with some new trees, as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative.

The special tree-planting ceremony took place within the corner of the park that has been supporting the work to clean up the river.

Once complete, Tideway will have connected the underground sewers beneath the park to divert flows into the new super sewer, playing a vital role in improving the health of the waterway, and will leave behind a new area of seating and landscape for the public to enjoy.

The last of the Prunus 'Accolade' cherry blossom

trees, to complete the avenue of cherry trees, planted as part of Tideway's landscape works at King George's Park, was planted by Colleen Harris, the Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London representing the Borough of Wandsworth.



LOCAL NEWS

RIVERSIDE VENTILATION COLUMN INSTALLED AT PUTNEY

The first riverside ‘signature ventilation column’ that will adorn sites along the route of the super sewer has been installed along Putney Embankment.

The columns represent an artistic and sculptural engineering solution and will eventually occupy nine sites at which Tideway is creating new public spaces.

The form of the 5m-high sculpture is inspired by flowing water, while each column features a poem referencing an aspect of the local area’s heritage.

Putney is one of the sites on the super sewer project at which Tideway is creating a new piece of public land out into the River Thames.

These ‘public realm’ sites will house a number of artistic elements, including bespoke landscaping, permanent artwork as well as specially commissioned poetry focussing on an aspect of the area’s heritage written by poet Dorothea Smartt.

Putney MP Fleur Anderson said: “It’s great to see the final form of this site really beginning to take shape. The installation of this signature ventilation column at Putney – the first riverside example on the Tideway project – shows the progress being made on London’s new super sewer.”



COMMUNITY CENTRE IN FULHAM NOW OPEN

A new community centre in Fulham built for the local community and supported by Tideway, is now open to the public.

The brand new Sands End Arts & Community Centre (SEACC) building replaces the former centre on Broughton Road, which closed in 2010.

SEACC’s Walnut Tree Café and three function rooms are now open for local groups to book and use, providing a fantastic new resource for the local community.

The vision for the centre was made possible by Hammersmith and Fulham Council (LBHF) with backing from Tideway, with the building’s award-winning design utilising sustainable building products and referencing the area’s heritage.



NEWS IN BRIEF



Tideway proudly walked in the parade to stand up for LGBT+ equality and to celebrate our diverse workforce. Sergio Sciamanna said: “This was my first Pride and it was a colourful and happy experience which made me understand that diversity can only enrich ourselves.”

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IMPACT OF CHARITY PARTNERSHIP REVEALED

The impact of our partnership with Thames21 to engage communities up and down the tidal Thames and highlight the problem of plastic pollution has been shown in a new report.

The Thames River Watch programme was set up in 2014 to create a network of citizen scientists to collect essential data on the health of the River Thames. Tideway project staff alone have volunteered more than 3,300 hours.

TIDEWAY NEWS



27 NEW COMMUNITY-LED, ‘CLEAN AND GREEN’ INITIATIVES IN LONDON

A series of 27 London-based projects designed to ‘clean and green’ the city have been given a helping hand to turn into reality with support from a new ‘Our Space’ initiative, which is backed by Tideway.

The Our Space Awards aim to help Londoners improve their communities through active local engagement and increase a sense of ownership over shared spaces.

Work on the winning projects will soon begin, with awards going to a wide range of local initiatives, ranging from tree planting, to improving air quality, to reducing social isolation.

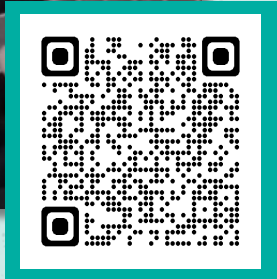
Tideway’s mission to improve the communities in which it works saw the super sewer project get involved to help further protect the city. The awards will be administered and delivered by Groundwork London, a federation of charities mobilising practical community action on poverty and the environment across the UK.

MUSIC ACADEMY BACKED BY TIDEWAY RELEASES FOUR NEW SONGS

A music academy in Wandsworth – one of five community groups in the borough to receive support from the Tideway project – has now produced and released four beautiful songs, including one celebrating the River Thames.

Last year, Tideway committed funding to five local groups to deliver positive and impactful projects in the local community. One of the projects, Ebb and Flow, aimed to connect young people from the World Heart Beat Music Academy with residents of Nine Elms to celebrate the Thames and the local area through music.

The four songs are: River, Step Inside, Tread Lightly – and Go with the Flow, which you can listen to by scanning the QR code on the right.



SUPER SEWER SECONDARY LINING PROGRESS – WEST

Great progress has been made with the construction of the Super Sewer. Secondary tunnel lining has finished and shaft lining is 84% complete in West section.

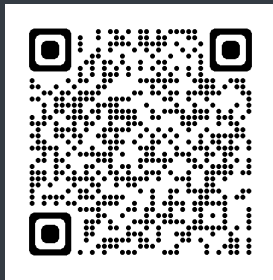
The secondary lining is required to give the super sewer extra strength and to create a smooth surface over which the flows from the sewer network can travel once the tunnel is operational.

In the picture to the right, you can see the segmental primary lining and the poured secondary concrete lining, which gives the tunnel an internal diameter of 7.2m – which is the width of three London buses side-by-side.



GO BEHIND THE SCENES

In episode 16 of Tunnel Vision, we reveal the incredible story behind the typeface being used across the Tideway project and take a close look at Putney Embankment Foreshore, where the beautiful new river wall is complete. Scan the QR code below to watch!



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WOMEN IN ENGINEERING



PAULINA DOMBRIZ

Deputy Delivery Manager

What made you want to become an engineer?

Probably not a single reason, I wanted to see things built and contribute to a better environment. I was a very good student, I enjoyed maths and physics, amongst the different engineering degrees, civil engineering was the one I was finding more exciting. My second option was Mining engineering. Once I made my decision to become an engineer I did not listen to the naysayers, the ones that were just questioning if as a woman I should not make a different degree and go to business, pharmacy or biology.

What advice would you give to women who are thinking about becoming engineers?

It does not matter what gender you are, when you choose what you want to become. Do not listen to the naysayers, usually they do not know what they are talking about. There is no guarantee that you'll be right in your decisions, but this is the same for any decision you make in your life. Work hard, keep learning, be humble, do not put any barriers to yourself and follow your dream.

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