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## YOUR UPDATE ON LONDON'S NEW SUPER SEWER





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

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

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## WELCOME MESSAGE

It is my great pleasure to introduce the first edition of the River Times. My name is Chris Darton and I am the Delivery Manager for the central section of the Thames Tideway Tunnel.

From our main drive site at Kirtling Street in the Nine Elms area of Battersea, we will launch two tunnel boring machines, one heading west to Fulham, and the other east to Bermondsey.

We're making good progress at Kirtling Street. This summer, as you'll read on page 7, we completed the walls of the shaft and have recently completed our 'acoustic shed', which will reduce noise and dust locally and act as a visual screen, so we can work around the clock and get the job done quicker.

But at Tideway, we're about much more than simply delivering London's new 'super sewer'.

As you'll read in this newsletter, we want to improve the areas in which we're working, creating a lasting legacy for London.

We encourage our staff to volunteer locally, get involved in charity fundraisers, and are committed to employing people from the boroughs in which we work – you can read about a selection of our initiatives in this newsletter.

The Thames Tideway Tunnel is not only an exciting engineering project, but vital for our great city and the health of the River Thames, and I hope you enjoy reading about our progress across London.

I'm lucky to work with such a talented and dedicated team, and although we have a long way to go before our project is complete, I know that at the end of our work, we'll have something we can be truly proud of.

**Chris Darton, 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 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.





# LOCAL NEWS



## PADDLE STEAMER REOPENS DOORS AFTER BEING MOVED TO NEW HOME ON VICTORIA EMBANKMENT

An historic fixture on the River Thames has reopened her doors to the public after being moved more than 100m upstream to make way for Tideway's site along Victoria Embankment.

Paddle steamer Tattershall Castle reopened in the spring after she was moved from her old home, allowing Tideway to start work to intercept the Regent Street sewer overflow.

Pawel Czajkowski, Boat Relocations Project Manager for Tideway, said: "We are delighted this iconic Thames landmark can continue serving the public while we carry on with our vital work to clean up the River Thames nearby. "It was very important to us that the Tattershall Castle could stay open as usual and keep allowing visitors to enjoy the River Thames."

A Tattershall Castle spokesperson said: "We have also taken the opportunity to give the Tattershall Castle a fresh new look as part of her relocation and we're welcoming guests back on board."

The floating pub and restaurant was built in 1934 as a passenger ferry on the River Humber and was also used during the WWII.

PS Tattershall Castle was first opened on the Thames as a floating art gallery, before opening in 1982 as a restaurant.



## LOCAL NEWS

## RESIDENTS JOIN VOLUNTEERS FROM TIDEWAY FOR CLEAN-UP



Locals living in Battersea joined forces with volunteers from the central section of the Tideway project and the environmental charity Thames21 for a foreshore clean-up.

Together, the group made huge strides in tidying and clearing an area of foreshore beneath Battersea Bridge – which is a notorious hotspot for litter next to one of the River Thames's sewage outflows.

Clad in Tideway's specially-designed personal protective equipment (PPE), the group worked hard to clear the bank and made incredible progress after just a few hours of work.

Tideway works closely with Thames21 and regularly organises volunteering days that involve clearing areas of foreshore along the capital's 400-mile network of waterways.

## NEW LIFT AND STAIRS OPEN BY BLACKFRIARS

The brand-new lift and stairway that will connect Blackfriars Bridge to the new pier for the first time has been officially opened.

A formal ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Lord Mayor of the City of London took place in the summer.

The work will connect Paul's Walk to the bridge station, allowing people of reduced mobility step-free access between the platforms and the street in that area for the first time.



# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Tideway offers work experience placements to students and young people living in the boroughs in which we work. Many have already benefitted from the scheme. For more information, get in touch with us at education@tideway.london



Tideway staff raised more than £12,000 for a variety of charities after a 15-strong group cycled from the source of the Thames to central London. The money will be split between a number of charities who share an office block with Tideway in Vauxhall.

## NEW LEASE OF LIFE FOR WANDSWORTH SCHOOL

Falconbrook Primary School in Wandsworth got a makeover when two dozen volunteers from Tideway decorated disused classrooms and tackled some unruly gardens. Work at the nearby Falconbrook Pumping Station is due to begin early 2018. Cheryl Campbell from the school said: "I'm so pleased with the painting in and the outdoor area."

# **TIDEWAY NEWS**

## PRE-EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME LAUNCHES

Earlier this year, Tideway launched its preemployment programme, aimed at providing training and full-time jobs for local people.

The course began with an assessment day, where 12 candidates were chosen for the six-week programme.

The course consists of four weeks' health, safety and site training, including Tideway's bespoke safety induction and a CSCS test.



The candidates spent a week working on site and four were offered full-time positions on the project.

Project Manager (Contracts), Mariano de Andres, said: "Part of the vision for Tideway is to leave a lasting legacy in the boroughs around our key sites.

"Programmes like this increase job opportunities in our local communities, such as Lambeth and Wandsworth, and help us address skills gaps for people who are eager to work in construction."



## MAJOR STEP FORWARD FOR NINE ELMS SEWER WORKS

In August, a key piece of work on the shaft at **Tideway's Kirtling Street site in Nine Elms was** completed, signalling a key milestone for the project.

This marks the end of a crucial phase of work, which began in November 2016, to form the perimeter of the shaft for the central section of the Tideway project - the point from which the two tunnel boring machines (TBM) will be launched.

Following the completion of the acoustic shed, which is designed to minimise noise and dust in the neighbourhood, the excavation of the shaft will begin.

Ricardo Ferreras, Project Director for the central section, said: "This is a huge achievement for the team and comes after several weeks of hard work and dedication.

Ponciano Perez, Project Manager, said: "It is crucial that we deliver our project taking into account our neighbours.

"The acoustic shed will allow our Kirtling Street site to continue operating as per programme while mitigating the impact of our works in the local community."

Go to www.tideway.london for more construction updates

# **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 *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.



## **NICOLE JALAS**

**Legacy Co-ordinator** Kirtling Street, Nine Elms

#### Learned at Tideway

Before joining the construction world, I did not know how much collaboration was needed from so many different teams to make up such a huge infrastructure project like Tideway. As part of the Legacy team, I have learned that you need much more than a construction site to make the Thames Tideway Tunnel a reality. We are working hard to give back to the community and inspire the future generations, in the hope of leaving an important legacy behind.

#### **Enjoyed at Tideway**

Working closely with the Skills and Employment team, we are committed to employing ex-offenders on the project. We visited Brixton prison a few months ago where we interviewed potential candidates, soon to be released to get them involved. What I enjoy most are opportunities like this and seeing how we are making a difference in our communities.

#### **Future aspirations**

In the future, I look to forward to finishing my apprenticeship and gaining all the skills required to become a project manager, and even run a project of this size one day! This is the beginning of my future and I look forward to continuing my journey with Tideway.

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