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

Last year, we made great progress at our sites in the eastern section of the project, and continued giving back to the communities in which we're working.

In this edition of the River Times, you can read about one of our biggest-ever litter-picks on the Isle of Dogs (page 5), the steps we're taking to minimise disruption to our neighbours in Bermondsey (page 6) and about the industry award we won for our local investment work (page 7).

Also on page 6, you'll learn about an antique pocket watch that our team of archaeologists discovered at our site in Deptford, as well as the free artwork Tideway helped create for commuters passing through Greenwich.

On page 7, you can also find coverage of our paddle-boarding half marathon, in which Tideway staff paddled 13 miles down the River Thames to raise thousands of pounds for a range of charities as part of City Giving Day.

The project is progressing well—in Bermondsey, we have completed our 'cofferdam', a new area of land within the Thames, and are set to begin excavating the shaft soon.

At our Greenwich site, we welcomed our 'hydrofraise', a machine that has begun creating the walls of the shaft, while in Beckton, a tunnel boring machine has begun work, which you can read more about on page 5.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the River Times, and please don't hesitate if you'd like to get in touch.

Jim Avant
Delivery Manager

ABOUT US

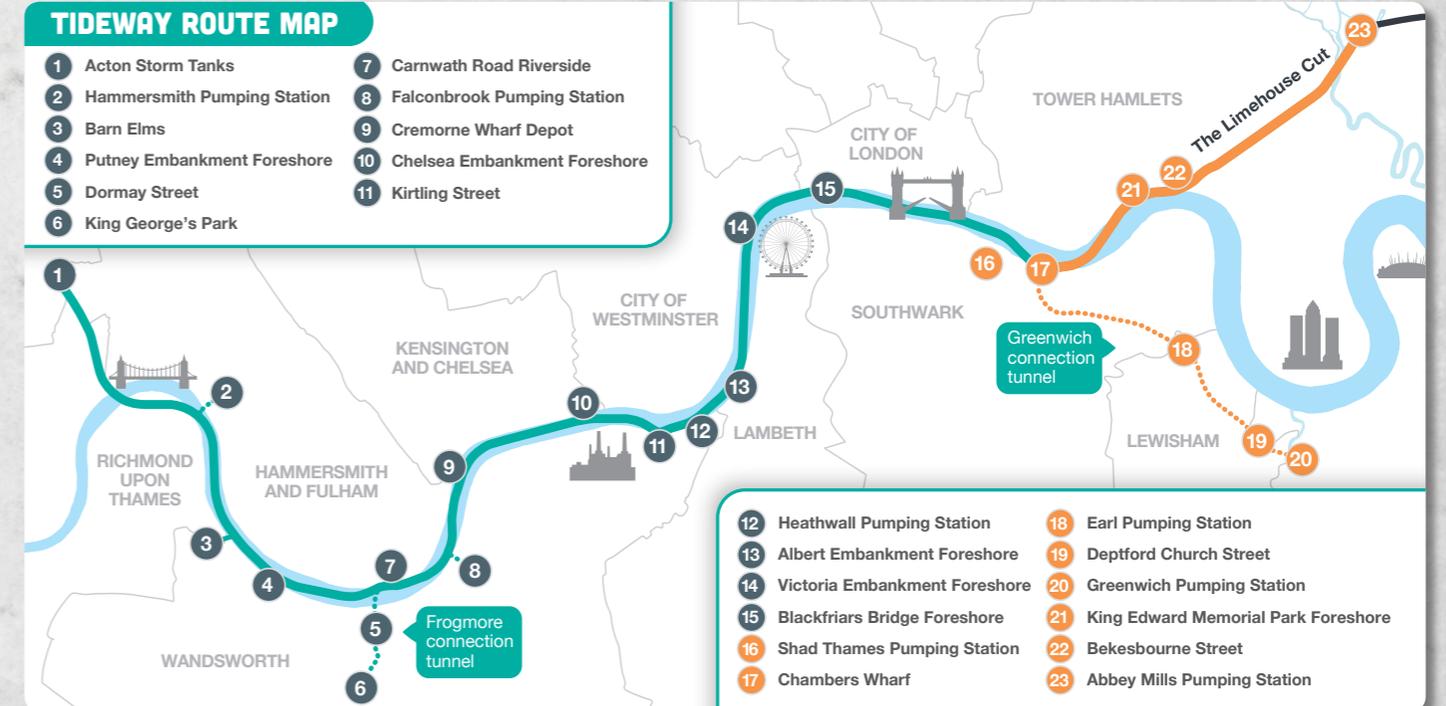
London relies on a 150-year-old sewer system built for a population less than half its current size.

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.



LOCAL NEWS

'ACTIVE ROW' LAUNCHED TO HELP STUDENTS AT 76 SCHOOLS IN LONDON



For more on Active Row, visit: londonyouthrowing.com/News/active-row-launch

Thousands of London's school children will be given the chance to improve their life skills through indoor and on-water rowing thanks to a funding boost from Tideway.

The programme, 'Active Row', is being run by London Youth Rowing (LYR), the sporting charity dedicated to improving the physical and mental wellbeing of young people across the capital.

Supported by funding from Tideway and Sport England, LYR will be working with 76 schools over the next four years and aims to target 8,000 young Londoners.

Activities will take place in Shadwell and Stratford as well as at a range of other venues in London.



LOCAL CHARITIES BENEFIT OVER BUSY CHRISTMAS PERIOD

Tideway staff were involved in a range of fundraising activities over the Christmas period.

Food donations left beneath Christmas trees in Tideway offices were taken to the Holy Trinity Church in Bermondsey (pictured) and shared with those in need.

Other initiatives included a Christmas carol service that raised hundreds of pounds for the Evelina Children's Hospice in Lambeth.



LOCAL NEWS

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STUDENTS GET STUCK IN FOR ISLE OF DOGS LITTER-PICK



More than 30 pupils from Canary Wharf College joined volunteers from Tideway for a huge litter-pick on the banks of the River Thames.

The team worked hard throughout the morning to clear as much litter as possible from the River Thames foreshore on the southern edge of the Isle of Dogs.

Students joined with volunteers working on the eastern section of the Tideway project, digging deep into the foreshore to retrieve the hidden litter deposited by the river and buried beneath the mud.

One of the day's biggest challenges was the removal of an industrial sack of rubbish, which was buried beneath so much sediment that it required the efforts of four people to remove it.

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



TUNNEL MACHINE BEGINS IN BECKTON

A tunnel boring machine (TBM) that will burrow 850m beneath Europe's biggest sewage treatment works has been launched.

An eager crowd gathered at Beckton Sewage Treatment Works to see the machine begin its journey.

Despite being the smallest on the Tideway project, this tunnel boring machine is vital, acting as a final bypass mechanism for the Thames Tideway Tunnel and the Lee Tunnel.

Mark Morrison, Senior Project Manager, said: "The team deserves huge credit. It's taken them two years to get to this point.

"Our new tunnel will play a crucial role in relieving the future Thames Tideway Tunnel of sewage and rainwater at times of extreme high flows, preventing damage to the environment."



NEWS IN BRIEF

UK'S FIRST HYBRID MIXER

This new hybrid mixing wagon, the first of its kind working in the UK, has begun delivering concrete to Tideway's Chambers Wharf site in Bermondsey. It uses an electric motor while concrete is being poured, meaning that we are able to dramatically reduce both noise and pollution for those living close to our sites.



SWEDES VISIT TIDEWAY

Visitors from Sweden travelled to Chambers Wharf to learn about our work ahead of a similar sewer project in Stockholm. Their tunnel will be a similar diameter to our Greenwich Connection Tunnel.



A free newspaper created by Tideway's artist in residence Tania Kovats was handed out to passers-by and commuters in Greenwich.



For more information, visit: www.tideway.london/our-community/art-and-heritage

TIDEWAY NEWS

FROZEN IN TIME: WATCH DISCOVERED IN DEPTFORD



Archaeologists working at Tideway's site on Deptford Church Street have unearthed an antique pocket watch among demolition rubble.

Beneath the cracked and discoloured glass face, it is possible to make out the black Roman numerals, indicating a time of 4.35.

X-radiography of the watch reveals that thanks to its robust metal casing, the complex inner workings are perfectly preserved.

Historical records of the area show that housing was originally built in the late 1800s, and demolished in the 1960s. Experts will now work to restore the watch to its former glory and learn more about the moment in time it represents.



LOCAL INITIATIVES RECOGNISED WITH AWARD

Various programmes tailored to benefit those living and studying around our sites on the eastern section of the project were recently highlighted for a community investment award.

Our 'Breaking Barriers' initiative, run with London Youth Rowing, helps students from St Michael's Catholic College and the Walworth Academy to gain key life skills through rowing and mentoring.

While our work with Diversity Hut (pictured), a new social enterprise set up with the support of Tideway, supports people from different backgrounds to find work in construction and address the diversity gap in the industry.

These programmes were key to Tideway winning the NCE's 'Community Engagement Award'.



The judges commented on Tideway's "determination to leave a legacy that will challenge and set a high bar for those who follow".

THOUSANDS RAISED BY 'SUP' HALF-MARATHON

More than two dozen stand-up paddle-boarders from Tideway, including some working on the eastern 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.

Jeremy Galpin, Legacy Lead for Tideway East, said: "I must give a huge thank you to all those who supported us. 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.



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Piling Specialist

Southwark resident working at Chambers Wharf.

Learned at Tideway

I think I've really developed as a worker. I've learned how to be more focused, more consistent and more dedicated in my approach. At Chambers Wharf, I'm part of a team constructing the biggest shaft I've ever worked on, and my time as an apprentice has taught me so much about the process. I also took a first-aid course, which came in handy a month later when I had to treat a family member who had collapsed.

Enjoyed at Tideway

What makes me excited to come to work is the knowledge that I'm part of something big. Tideway is going to leave a massive legacy, and playing even a small role in that is something that gives me a lot of pride. Respect between work colleagues encourages me to get more young people interested and involved in this industry.

Future aspirations

I want to get more involved with the engineering, as mathematics was always my best subject at school. I want to take all the knowledge and skills I've picked up at Tideway to help me become a professional site engineer and a role-model for my twins, who were born in December.



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