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YOUR UPDATE ON LONDON'S SUPER SEWER







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

This newsletter features up-todate news on our events, our progress and other exciting things happening in your area.

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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM PAULINA DOMBRIZ

Welcome to the latest edition of The River Times

– an update for people who live and work near the
construction sites for London's new 'super sewer.' We
are on track to make the new system 'live' in 2024,
which is when it will start to protect the Thames for the
first time. When the project is fully complete in 2025, it
will prevent 95 per cent of sewage spills entering the
river – making a huge difference to the environment.

Work at all of our sites in this part of London have been progressing well and the most exciting news to report is the opening of our first new mini park in Putney, the first of seven new pieces of land being built as part of the Tideway project. Read about this on page 4. The first permanent public artwork on the super sewer project to be officially unveiled is now proudly on display at Hammersmith Pumping Station. You can learn more about the art piece and the unveiling event also on page 4.

After years of construction at our Barn Elms site,work is finished and the land has been restored, complete with new public artwork and what is thought to be London's biggest 'bug hotel'. Get all the details on page 5.

Elsewhere, you can read about Tideway's work to create apprenticeships, invest in community projects, and deliver environmental benefits, as summarised in our latest sustainability report; and on page 6 you'll see a feature on 'Loo Gardens', a surprising art installation deep in the super sewer to highlight the environmental benefits Tideway will bring to a rejuvenated Thames.

Finally, we would like to get your views to help us as we complete remaining work. Please do share your feedback with us by filling out the survey and posting it to us, or filling out the online survey via the QR Code on the front of the form.

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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.

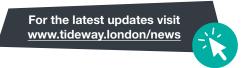
The project has provided thousands of new jobs, and is also creating new public spaces along the riverside for Londoners to enjoy.

The first new riverside space now open in Putney





LOCAL NEWS



ARTWORK UNVEILED AT HAMMERSMITH PUMPING STATION

The first permanent public artwork on the super sewer project to be officially unveiled is now proudly on display at Hammersmith Pumping Station.

Under the theme of 'Recreation to Industry: Society in Transition,' artist Sarah Staton has created a bespoke bronze plaque which occupies part of the former Brandenburg House, where Queen Caroline, the wife of George IV, died in 1821.

Local stakeholders and members of the Tideway team were in attendance at an unveiling ceremony to witness Andy Slaughter, MP for Hammersmith, unveil the plague alongside the artist.

The event was also an opportunity to celebrate the Hammersmith Pumping Station team working

toward completion of substantive works at the site.



NEW RIVERSIDE SPACE AT PUTNEY EMBANKMENT

A brand-new piece of public space built out into the Thames as part of the super sewer project has been officially opened, in Putney.

The opening of the riverside space in an area synonymous with the river community, makes visible for the first time the above ground legacy of the super sewer, with hints to the feat of engineering deep below.

The new sewer tunnel is due to be activated in 2024 when sewage overflows will be diverted away from the river for the first time. When fully operational in 2025, the tunnel will prevent an estimated 95 per cent of sewage spills from entering the river.

The 500m2 space just west of Putney Bridge is the first of seven new mini parks to be created as part of the project, all with unique architectural features

and specially commissioned artworks.

Pictured below are Kemi Akinola (Deputy Leader of Wandsworth Council), Andy Mitchell (Tideway CEO), Nevil Muncaster (Strategic Resources Director, Thames Water) and Fleur Anderson (MP for Putney) cutting the ribbon at the opening ceremony on the 15th September.



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BARNES 'BUG HOTEL' REVEALED

Tideway has finished work on one of the greenest sites on the super sewer project, complete with its own 'bug hotel', following a ceremony at Barn Elms in south-west London.

The site in Barn Elms sits among more than 100 acres of wetland and more than a dozen sports pitches next to the Beverley Brook, a tributary of the River Thames.

And now, after years of construction here as part of the super sewer project, Tideway's work is finished and the land has been restored, complete with new public artwork and what is thought to be London's biggest 'bug hotel'.

The ceremony saw visitors from across the borough. Students from Oasis Academy in Putney and St Osmunds Catholic Primary School in Barnes stopped by to see the new 'bug hotel', as well as Local MP, Sarah Olney.

Sarah Olney, Liberal Democrat MP for Richmond Park, said: "Opening this site back up to the public is a wonderful moment for Barnes and an important milestone for London as we all look ahead to a cleaner, healthier river when the super sewer is activated next year."





OUR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Tideway's community legacy commitment was to suport the communities in which we work through community partnerships, volunteering and charitable donations.

Our community investment programme has aimed to support communities along the tunnel route and a series of partnerships has helped Londoners to reconnect with the River Thames and to green their local communities.

Scan the QR code below and click on the icons to get more information on the work Tideway has done in West London like the Wandsworth Community Fund and more.





Did you know the tidal River Thames supports 115 species of fish and five species of shark? These are just some of the facts included in Tideway's latest Sustainability Report, which summarises the company's progress in delivering against 54 commitments, such as creating jobs and apprenticeships; boosting skills; investing in community projects; and delivering environmental benefits. Highlights include the creation of new spaces to encourage biodiversity, covering an area equivalent to three tennis courts: as well as the creation of what is thought to be London's largest bug hotel, in Barn Elms in west London. The report also details Tideway's approach of reducing the number of lorries needed to deliver the project, by making use of boats and barges to move materials and equipment. Scan the QR Code below to read the full report:

TIDEWAY NEWS

SUBTERRANEAN GARDEN REVEALED



In July, Tideway unveiled 'Loo Gardens' - a magical subterranean installation – nested within the super sewer, created to symbolise the healthier future of the River Thames. The unique underground oasis, featuring a playful, river-inspired experience, payed homage to the positive environmental impact the super sewer will have on London by preventing millions of tonnes of raw sewage entering the river every year.

Andy Mitchell, CEO of Tideway, said: "The garden points to a cleaner, greener future, and an example of the long-lasting legacy the tunnel will leave, far outlasting its construction."

Tideway also offered a chance for London residents to win an opportunity to visit Loo Gardens. One resident who got the chance to see the exhibition said: "It's blown me away. The size of the tunnel is massive, I can't guite get over it."

Check out the 'Loo Gardens' video feature by scanning the QR code above.

TREKKING AND ROWING FOR CHARITY

Tideway teams have recently trekked and rowed their way along the Thames to raise thousands for our charity partners.

In September, a group of project staff completed the Thames Bridges Trek, a 25km walk along the river – on the hottest day of the year – and raised more than $\mathfrak{L}2,600$ for staff charity partners Time and Talents and The Felix Project. Louis Robjant from the West team also took part and raised more than $\mathfrak{L}1,000$ for the Brain Tumour Charity.

The mercury hit 33C as the committed participants completed the walk from Bishop's Park in Putney to Southwark Park.

In July, seven project crews took part in a 16-mile rowing challenge in an event and raised £10,000 for our partner London Youth Rowing.

The 'Oarsome Challenge' saw a total of 23 crews, many in fancy dress, row between Greenwich

and Chiswick to help young people have access to rowing and improve their physical, social and mental wellbeing.

If you're keen to take part, the Thames Bridges Trek in September 2024 is already booking for charity places online.



TIDEWAY ON TOUR AT EAST LONDON'S BRUNEL MUSEUM

London's super sewer is featuring in a brand new exhibition taking place at the Brunel Museum in Rotherhithe until early 2024.

The 'Tunnelling Today' exhibition is a family-friendly showcase where people of all ages can learn about London's history and the 'Great Stink', interesting facts about the Tideway project, how its progressing and why the new sewer is needed to make London a cleaner and more resilient city. Also within the exhibit visitors will find a model of one of Tideway's Tunnel Boring Machines, used to create the 25km tunnel that will transfer sewage all the way to Beckton Treatment works to be treated.

The Brunel Museum is an educational charity

and tells the story of one of the world's great engineering dynasties.

Scan the QR code below to learn more about the exhibition and the Brunel Museum.



TRANSFORMING SITES IN WEST

New aerial photography, taken high above London from a helicopter, showcases the scale of work and progress at our Putney Embankment Foreshore and Barn Elms sites.









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