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**YOUR UPDATE ON LONDON'S NEW SUPER SEWER**



*Back at work after  
15 years unemployed*

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

This year, our work begins in earnest on all our sites, a highlight being the start of tunnelling at our Kirtling Street site in Battersea.

By January, we had completed the excavation of the shaft at Kirtling Street, enabling construction of the tunnel later this year (turn to page 5 for more).

But before then, we need to take delivery of our two enormous tunnel boring machines (TBMs), which are being delivered by barges on the Thames, reducing the number of trucks on the road.

The first, Millicent (named after suffragist Millicent Fawcett), was being delivered at the beginning of February.

We're proud to be giving back to the communities in which we work, and you can read about a handful of our initiatives in the pages of this newsletter.

On page 6 you can read about our partnership with Pursuing Independent Paths, a charity that helps adults with learning disabilities through training and education programmes.

And on page 7 you can read the inspiring story of Joe O'Dwyer, who spent 15 years out of work before joining Tideway—a decision he says is the "best thing I've ever done".

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the River Times—if you think we could help your community, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Tom Tagg**  
Project Director

## 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...

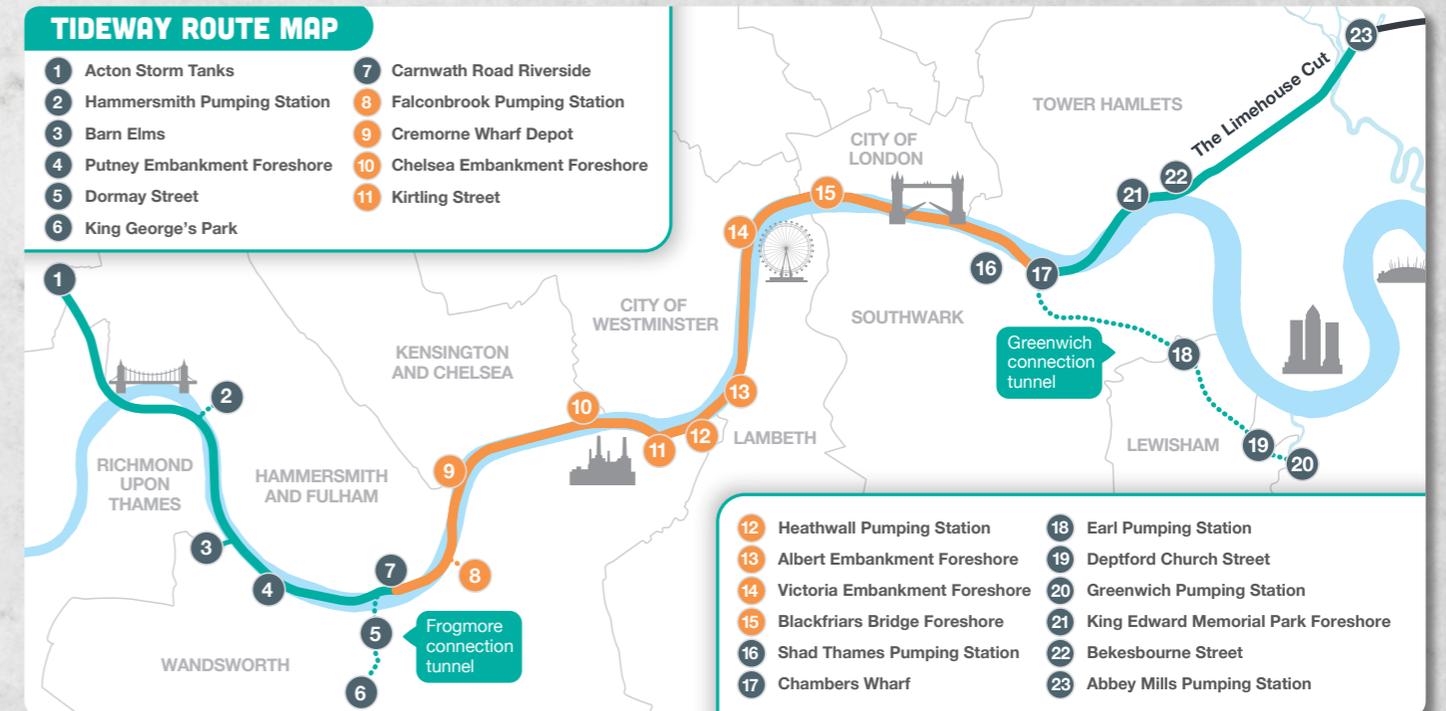
We're building a 25km 'super sewer' under the Thames to intercept those nasty overflows and clean up our river.

The project will also bring thousands of new jobs, as well as new public space, creating a better environment for Londoners.



### TIDEWAY ROUTE MAP

- |                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Acton Storm Tanks           | 7 Carnwath Road Riverside       |
| 2 Hammersmith Pumping Station | 8 Falconbrook Pumping Station   |
| 3 Barn Elms                   | 9 Cremorne Wharf Depot          |
| 4 Putney Embankment Foreshore | 10 Chelsea Embankment Foreshore |
| 5 Dormay Street               | 11 Kirtling Street              |
| 6 King George's Park          |                                 |



## LOCAL NEWS



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### OFFICE EQUIPMENT DONATED TO LOCAL GROUPS



Benches, lockers, desks and chairs were among a collection of furniture donated by Tideway to a primary school in Battersea and a community centre in Chelsea.

Falconbrook Primary School and the World's End Lots Road Big Local Community Hub will both benefit from the donation as they strive to offer an increasing number of services with shrinking budgets.

The donated furniture not only has a lot of use left in it, but is also being recycled, cutting down on waste and eliminating the need for the manufacture of new furniture.

### COMMUNITY CENTRE SECURED THANKS TO FUNDING BOOST

Councillor Gerrard Hargreaves (pictured) formally opened a community centre on the World's End Estate after a £55,000 donation from Tideway secured the premises for three years.

The Big Local Community Centre, run by the World's End and Lots Road (WELR) Big Local Partnership, will continue to offer valuable community investment projects.

Tom Travers, Legacy Lead for Tideway, said: "Our aim is to clean up the Thames, but we want to leave a lasting legacy for communities local to our work.

"Our support can include offering our time, know-how and sometimes grant resources to improve

local facilities—and we will continue to offer our support here."



## LOCAL NEWS

### JUSTINE GREENING MP VISITS APPRENTICES IN BATTERSEA



Justine Greening MP visited apprentices working at Tideway's Kirtling Street site in Battersea ahead of a major government summit on skills and employment.

The MP for Putney had already built a relationship with Tideway in her home constituency and met with the team to talk about the project's skills and apprenticeship programme.

Ms Greening was given a tour of the site, including a trip inside the 'acoustic shed', which has been built to minimise dust, noise and light pollution for our neighbours.

The former Education Secretary was later introduced to some of the apprentices working on the project, learning about the huge variety of programmes offered on the Tideway project.

Tideway has committed to employing one apprentice for every 50 full-time staff members working on the project.

### DIGGING DEEP IN BATTERSEA AS SHAFT FINISHED

A 53m deep shaft has been completed at Tideway's Kirtling Street site in Battersea, marking a key milestone for the project.

Two tunnel boring machines (TBMs) are set to begin tunnelling at the bottom of this shaft later this year.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### LAMBETH PUPILS TO GET YEAR OF MENTORING

A business mentoring programme run between the education charity Envision and Tideway is going into its second year. Students from St Martin in the Fields School for Girls in Lambeth will now benefit from the scheme, which runs throughout the year, and will develop skills in presentation, communication, teamwork and project management through a Tideway business mentor.

### INSPECTION SUCCESS

Our site in Battersea recently scored an impressive 45 out of 50 on the Considerate Constructors' Scheme site inspection. The site was described as "an exemplar in the industry".



### STUDENTS ON BOAT TOUR CAREERS CLUSTER

Dozens of students from schools close to Tideway's sites in central London joined engineers and other professionals on the project for a Thames boat tour as part of the Wandsworth Careers Cluster. Students were able to learn about careers in engineering.

## TIDEWAY NEWS

### ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES GET ARTY



A London-based charity that supports adults with learning disabilities visited Tideway's site in Battersea for an art workshop.

Students from Pursuing Independent Paths (PIP) set up in the viewing platform at Kirtling Street.

Using the busy site below (and views of the iconic Battersea Power Station), the students exercised their creativity, focussing on the cranes, barriers and excavators.

PIP offers adults with learning disabilities the chance to realise their potential by offering training and education in a wide range of areas, from literacy to creative arts.

Tideway has been working with PIP for around a year, offering work experience to its students and hosting CV-writing workshops.

Staff at Tideway raised almost £400 over the Christmas period, by buying and selling festive cards designed by PIP's art students.



## ANCIENT DRY DOCK DISCOVERED IN BATTERSEA

Tideway's site in Battersea was transformed into an archaeological dig when workers unearthed a 190-year-old dry dock.

While excavating the shaft (from which two of our tunnel boring machines will begin tunnelling), the team found the well-preserved remains.

The Museum of London Archaeology (MOLA) worked closely with Tideway on the find to carefully remove the artefacts.

Archaeologist Louise Davies said: "The discovery of the dry dock is a great opportunity for us to learn more about the development of the river and the personal stories of the people that have used and relied on the Thames over the centuries."



### JOE BACK TO WORK AFTER 15 YEARS OUT

Joe O'Dwyer from south London said joining Tideway was "the best thing I've ever done" after spending more than 15 years out of work.

Through his local Job Centre, the 53-year-old earned a string of qualifications and certificates on a five-week college course.



Soon after, Tideway offered him a role as a General Operative—and Joe said he hasn't looked back.

He shared his story with a group of people who were all homeless, formerly homeless or at risk of becoming so, as part of Work Ready Week.

He said: "I've been on the project now for over nine months, and things are a lot better. I'm debt-free, I was on holiday last week.

"I've got a clean shirt, a nice watch on my hand and a few bob in my pocket.

"The people I'm working with are very nice, so I'm a happy bunny sitting here today.

"Since I've been on this project, I've got employee of the month three times. I'm going for the fourth one now. They reckon I'm fixing it."



For more about job opportunities in your area, visit: [www.tideway.london/about-us/jobs](http://www.tideway.london/about-us/jobs)

# 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](http://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.



### HARRY JARVIS

**Apprentice Engineer**  
Blackfriars Bridge Foreshore

#### Learned at Tideway

Working closely with the surveying team I can understand their involvement with the project. I have become confident using various surveying equipment and have developed additional on-site skills. I have become familiar with different BIM (Building Information Modelling) software packages and learned how important they are in delivering projects.

#### Enjoyed at Tideway

Being new to the industry, I enjoy getting to know the team and seeing how different roles contribute to the project. Attending quarterly meetings gives me a good overview of the project and the specific activities on other sites. Furthermore, thanks to Tideway's Apprentice Forum, I am able to keep in touch with other apprentices on the project for support or advice.

#### Future aspirations

Looking to the future, I would like to gain experience working on transportation and high-rise projects to see what different challenges they bring, helping me to become a more well-rounded engineer. It is also my ambition to travel and work overseas in different environments.



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