



Tidal Thames Environment and Heritage Conference

The River Users' perspective: Using the river to bring about improvements to the environment

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RIVER THAMES SOCIETY

Introduction

- The River Thames Society was formed in 1962 by a group of people representing all aspects of river activity who shared a common concern about the state of the river and a need for all its various users to unite in an independent organisation.
- We have 5 branches covering the Thames, from Source to sea and we continue to campaign against pollution, seek to influence planning decisions and help protect and promote the river at every opportunity.
- We have River Wardens scheme, with members monitoring the Thames Path and foreshore, with problems encountered raised with, local councils and other bodies. On the non-tidal river wardens and other members work with National Trails volunteers on restoration projects and on tidal reaches in co-operation with Thames 21 and other bodies on regular clean ups. We own a section of river bank near Marlow, donated by a member, which we manage as nature reserve.
- We run an annual awards scheme which aims to promote young people's activities and mark significant contributions to the well-being of the river from individuals and organisations
- We work with many other bodies and organise social, cultural and educational events and are represented on Environment Agency and PLA forums and the Thames Path Partnership.
- I have brought together a number of slides that I hope illustrate the theme of this conference.

Source



Penton Hook Lock Island



Eel



Richmond Draw-Off



Tidal Meadow Syon Park



Chiswick Eyot



Queen's Wharf, Hammersmith



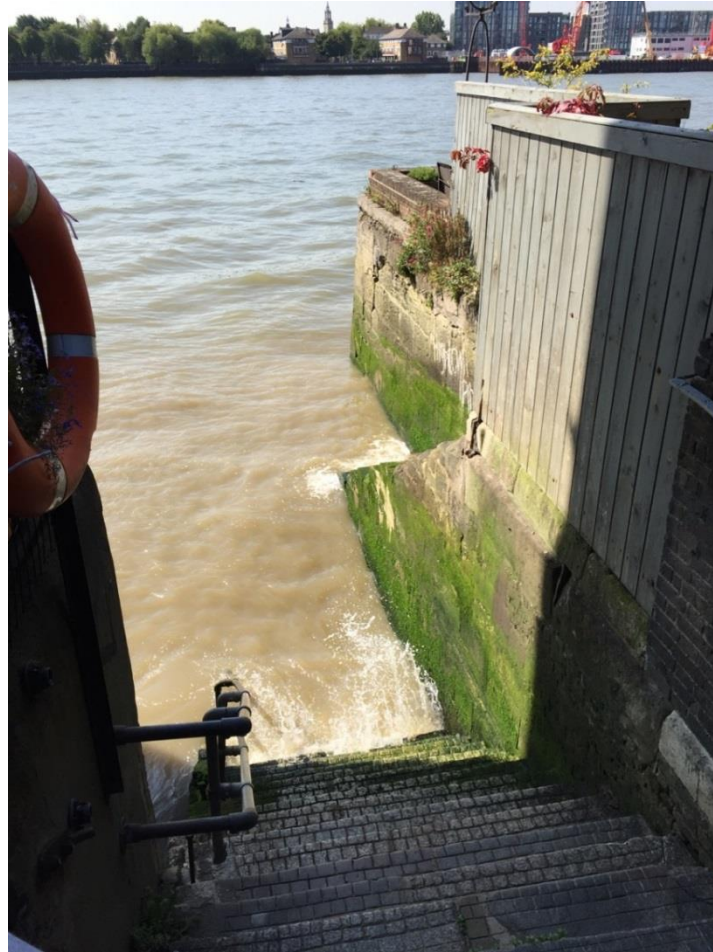
Wandsworth



Broomhouse Drawdock, Fulham



Wapping Old Stairs



Great River Race



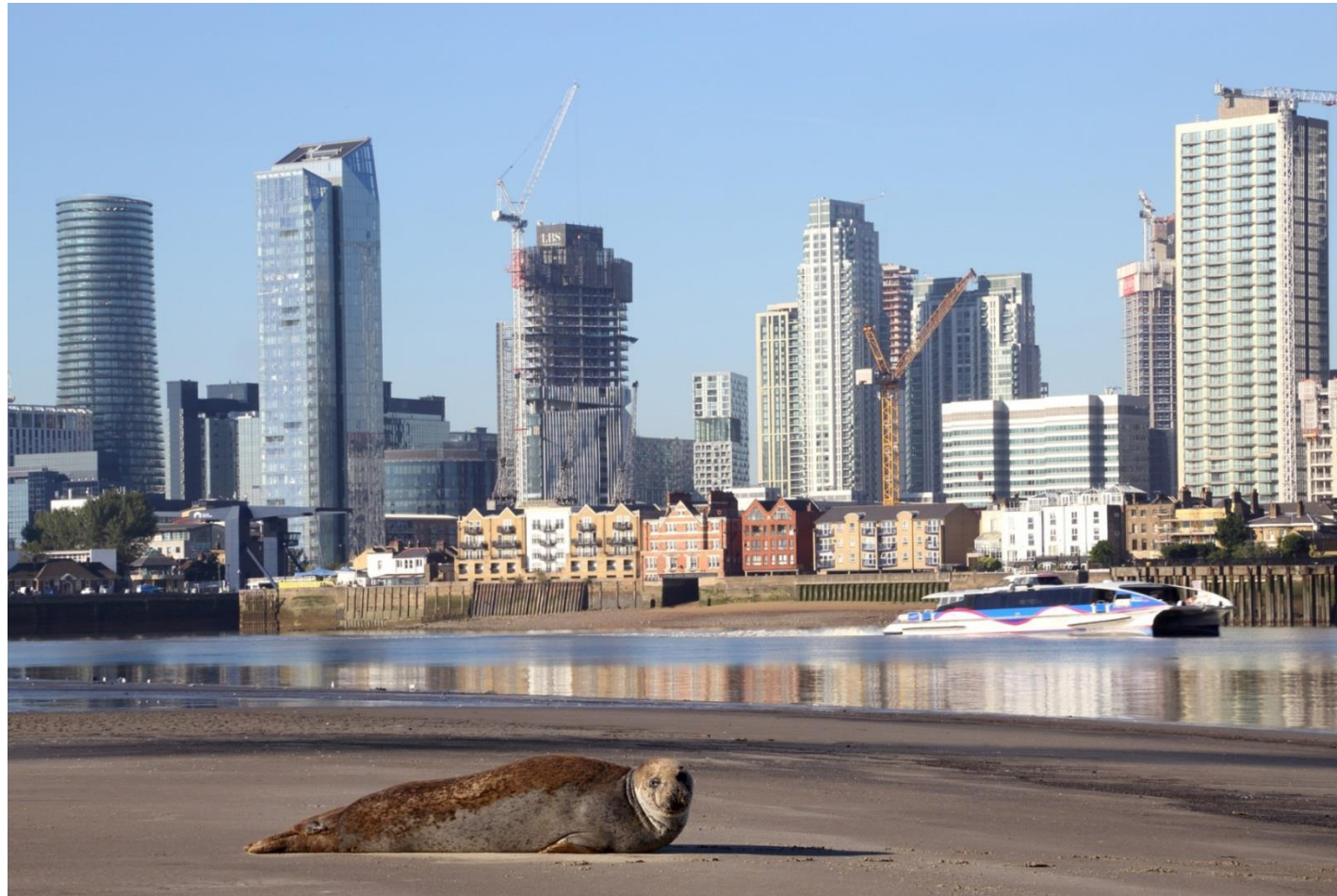
Gate, Greenwich



New Planting, Greenwich



Blackwall Point



Bugsby's Reach, Greenwich



Thames Path, Woolwich



Barge, Gallion's Rainham



Concrete Barges, Rainham



Sea Reach



