

## EMPLOYMENT

We are dedicated to creating local employment and apprenticeship opportunities on site and are actively engaging with the local community and Lambeth Working (Lambeth Council's job brokerage and recruitment services).

So far this year, we have had 168 local residents working on site as well as one apprentice and 1 graduate engineer. These numbers are set to increase.

## A HELPING HAND

Teams from Canary Wharf Contractors have been very busy in the past few months raising money for charity and assisting in the community.

A team from our sub contractor Alandale cleared the blocked gutters at Waterloo Action Centre just before heavy rain struck! Our sub contractor EMS sponsored a local young boxer to raise money for The Lighthouse Club; a charity to support injured construction workers and their families.

CWC staff took part in the Olympic Velodrome Challenge which raised over £12,000 for The Lighthouse Club, and congratulations to the Lollard Street Project Team who came in first place out of 25 entries in a Dragon Boat Race event in Millwall Dock to raise money for the Canary Wharf Contractors Fund which donates to many local and national charities.



## CONTACT US

Boa Viagem (bon voyage!) to Glyn Hibbert, our neighbourhood liaison manager, who will be away from the 4th September as he takes his place as a Powerlifting referee at the Rio 2016 Paralympics.



Glyn is a familiar face to many of you and will be back on the 16th September but in his absence any queries can be directed to Graham Perryman who will manfully try to fill Glyn's big boots!

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# SOUTHBANK PLACE

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**WELCOME** to the latest edition of the Southbank Place Newsletter.

Firstly we'd like to extend our thanks for bearing with us during the road closures whilst we installed the cranes.



#### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The demolition phase of the project is nearing completion and construction of the new buildings is starting to gather pace. The basement areas in the Chicheley Street end of site are progressing well, and over the next few weeks the main structural cores of two of our buildings will progress rapidly upwards.

A core is an important component of all buildings as it provides the structural spine supporting the skeleton of floor slabs, beams and columns. The cores are constructed before the rest of the structure by a method known as slip-forming. In slip-forming, concrete is pumped into the top of a continually moving (or 'slipping') mould or slip-form rig. The rig is three stories tall and is surrounded by platforms where workers stand to fix steel reinforcing bars and direct the wet concrete evenly over the core. So behind the screens you can see in the photograph there are lots of workers beavering away. The screens are to make it a safe working place and to stop anything falling out. The rig is moved by powerful hydraulic jacks.

A cycle begins that sees the core rise by up to 3m each day - taking up to 150m<sup>2</sup> (18 trucks) of concrete. At the end of each day it is important to wash-down and tidy up the slip-form in preparation for the next day.



*Slip-form method*

Works are well underway reinstating the newly separated Shell Tower. The opening in the tower is being clad with Portland Stone and windows reclaimed from the demolished wing buildings.

Not only being environmentally friendly, this also serves to maintain the aesthetic qualities of Shell Tower as the Portland Stone in the wings and the tower originates from the same quarry.



*Pile Casing*



*Shell impressions are still clearly visible on the fossilised rock.*

Piling works have been progressing well on the Belvedere Road end of site.

However activity was slightly hampered by the discovery of a piece of limestone 50 metres underground. Excitement reigned when our in-house geologist declared it to be from the Thanet Sand bed that runs underneath London and that it was in fact 55 million years old.

This piece of unassuming rock was so impenetrable it tore the teeth of the piling rig, causing a bore hole to be filled in and resituated nearby.

By the end of September the demolition phase will be complete with piling works anticipated to be completed by the end of the year. We will be beginning work on the escalator barrel in the York Road LUL exit. Construction of the core for the building "Two Southbank Place" will also commence.

#### ULTRASITE UPDATE

Our most recent inspection by Considerate Contractors has seen the site score increase from our previous inspection. Comments from the inspector included:

*"a multifaceted approach to engagement that includes the contractor taking part in regular meetings of the neighbourhood coordination group and almost daily meetings with lead people in adjacent buildings"*

*"Considerable efforts have been made to minimise the impact of deliveries, not just locally but across London."*

*"There is a challenging target of employing 15% of the workforce from the local community... through working with the local Council with much more planned."*

*"lots of work taking place to encourage new people into the industry"*

We look forward to our future inspections.