

# The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators

Promoting a diverse and sustainable  
environment

## Monthly Update



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### Message from the Master



I hope you all are having a wonderful summer. Our Company has been active, and it has been great to see so many of you in person or virtually over the past two months. (The Master's blog on the web site has a few highlights). As you can see below, we have plenty planned for the coming month. Water is hitting the headlines in ways it has not for many years and we are seeking to use our experience, expertise and networks to positive effect in this vital area. As our motto says, without water there is no life (and without sewage treatment life is short).

With every good wish,

Colin Drummond  
Master

Follow the Master on: [https://  
masterwaterconservator21.blogspot.com/](https://masterwaterconservator21.blogspot.com/)

### September Webinar

Dr Matthew Greetham from Ofwat will be presenting at this month's webinar "Ofwat's approach to reducing the harm from storm overflows at PR24" on 22nd September at 5:30pm. Joining details will be on the website shortly.



### Defra Consultations

Water Conservators have responded to two recently issued consultation papers by Defra: Consultation on Environmental Targets and Consultation on the Government's Storm Overflows Discharge Reduction Plan. This was followed by a successful zoom meeting with the Director of Water at Defra who has requested a follow up meeting. These issues are generating a lot of press coverage at the moment and Past Master Peter Matthews is planning to mobilise the considerable experience and expertise within our company to lead our response in terms of future options for governance and regulation. Contact Peter at [slepeymatthews@gmail.com](mailto:slepeymatthews@gmail.com) if you would like to get involved.

### Pollinating London Together



The Water Conservators along with 24 other Livery companies are members of Pollinating London Together. PLT was created with a specific mission: to create spaces in central London where all the natural pollinators can thrive, and their habitats can be enjoyed with everyone. Water Conservators have been encouraging schools to take part in the Citizen Science aspect of the project by planting seeds and counting pollinators (see below at Hugh Myddelton School). Contact Past Master Rob Casey at [rob.casey1@hotmail.com](mailto:rob.casey1@hotmail.com) if you know a school that would like to take part. We are also planning a future PLT event at the Museum of Water and Steam at Kew.

### Associate Member Programme

The Company is planning an exciting programme of events for existing Associate Members and potential new young members with the aim to encourage

professional development and offer mentoring. This includes a pub evening on September 7th at the Fox on the Green, Islington Green (see website for details) plus 2 webinars, one by Simon Spooner of WS Atkins on November 2nd and one by Professor Sean Comber in Spring 2023. There is also a dinner planned at the India Club for December 14th. Contact Court Assistant Ramon Bravo at [bravo.g.ramon@gmail.com](mailto:bravo.g.ramon@gmail.com) for further details.

### September Events

(see website for details)

- 3 September Visit to All Hallows and Mithraeum
- 7 September Associates Pub Evening at Fox on the Green – Islington Green
- 16-18 September Masters Weekend - Somerset
- 22 September WCWC Webinar – Storm Overflows and PR24
- 25 September WCT Sponsored Walk – Regents Canal
- 27 September Michaelmas Court Lunch Trinity House

### Climate Change Update

As one of the leading Livery Companies in the Livery Climate Action Group the Water Conservators have produced a Climate Action Plan as part of the City of London Corporation's Climate Strategy to achieve net zero in the Square Mile by 2040. The Court has also approved the initial estimate of our company carbon footprint. Past Master Rob Casey is leading the LCAG subgroup on calculating carbon footprints and will now be leading a team of Water Conservators to look at how we will implement our Action Plan.

### Obituaries

We sadly record the death of two prominent and much loved members of the Water Conservators Company. Philip Fletcher, CBE was an Honorary Freeman of the Company and Chairman of Ofwat from 2006 to 2012. Malcolm Butchers was a Court Assistant and Walbrook Warden of the Company in 2018/19. Further details will follow in the winter edition of the Conservator.

