



RE:PORT

YOUR LOCAL UPDATE FROM THE PORT OF TILBURY

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Thank you to the crew on board the Saga Cruise ships who have lit up the sky in Tilbury with their creative messaging.

00. REFLECTION ON THE YEAR

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected everyone and continues to have an impact on all aspects of our lives.

As a business that is very much part of the local community we focused on the immediate need of our staff and how we could support people locally through work and donations for organisations offering support packages.

Throughout this time the Port of Tilbury continued to operate, with an increase in Port services and ensuring the movement of freight, from personal protection equipment to produce for the supermarket shelves, our teams at the Port earned their title - key workers again and again.

Alongside this we finished construction of Tilbury 2 the new Port, that is already seeing a growth in business.

We understand that it has been really tough for many people and as an organisation you will see some of the projects we have supported over the past year from the Tilbury Town Fund to the skills and employment program Routes to Logistics and of course the Thames Freeport which will create career pathways and opportunity for many of our young people.

We hope that the regeneration of Tilbury will strengthen our communities and support the places and people, underpinning positive change for everyone.



Charles Hammond OBE
Chief Executive Officer



Carole Cran
Chief Financial Officer



Stuart Wallace
Chief Operating Officer

01. THAMES FREEPORT BID WIN

Thames Freeport is open to do business with new customers, hours after the Government announced that it would be one of eight new freeports in England.



Stuart Wallace, Chief Operating Officer at Forth Ports (owner of the Port of Tilbury), said:

“This is fantastic news and we are ready to hit the ground running. The freeport builds upon the successful completion of our new port, Tilbury2 and provides the platform for further expansion. The freeport policy’s special economic measures will turbocharge the best of the private sector, attracting value add manufacturing activity to the ports, the Thames Estuary and the wider South East, alongside supporting key infrastructure projects in the coming years. The Thames Freeport will be that catalyst to level up the left behind communities along the estuary.”

The benefits of Thames Freeport include:

- £5.1 billion additional GVA
- Over £4.5 billion in new public and private investment
- 25,000+ new jobs with many more
- across supply chains, with significant investment in training and skills
- 1,700 acres of development land – much with planning consent
- £400 million port investment into some of the most deprived areas
- 20% of the UK’s most deprived communities are in London and the South East
- Freeports are in our DNA – DP World began as a free trade zone in Jebel Ali, while Tilbury was a freeport until 2012.

Thames Freeport is a digitally linked economic zone connecting Ford’s world-class Dagenham engine plant, the global ports at London Gateway and Tilbury, and many communities in urgent need of ‘levelling-up’. Businesses looking to expand are being urged to take advantage of the tax benefits of relocating to the Freeport and being part of a customs zone, which makes it easier and cheaper to move goods into and out of the country.

Working with the Port of London Authority, Thurrock Council, Barking and Dagenham Council, the South East LEP, the Thames Estuary Growth Board and other key stakeholders we will continue to develop key Thames Freeport programmes, including the proposed hydrogen fuel production, storage and fuelling project.

For further details visit:
www.thamesfreeport.com

LATEST NEWS



- London's leading provider of river, road and rail freight solutions, Walsh, has signed a 20-year agreement with the Port of Tilbury to help to meet the capital's demand for construction materials in the most sustainable way.

The deal enables Walsh to create two new freight hubs at the port – the first will be a logistics terminal with aggregates processing plant and the second will be a rail-linked freight facility. Transporting aggregates by river and rail significantly reduces road miles and traffic congestion and represents a fraction of the carbon emissions of road haulage.

- Rail freight of aggregate increases to two per week.

The Port of Tilbury and FM Conway today announce that they have extended their agreement for a further five years to load aggregate for FM Conway's Theale facility.

FM Conway is the largest independent supplier of asphalt in the south east and driven by innovation and customer service, the new agreement will also see the doubling of rail freight using its rail service provider Freightliner to Theale with two trains leaving Tilbury each week from January.



- The crew on the Saga Cruise Ship's have been very creative during the pandemic in lighting up the Ships with uplifting messages.

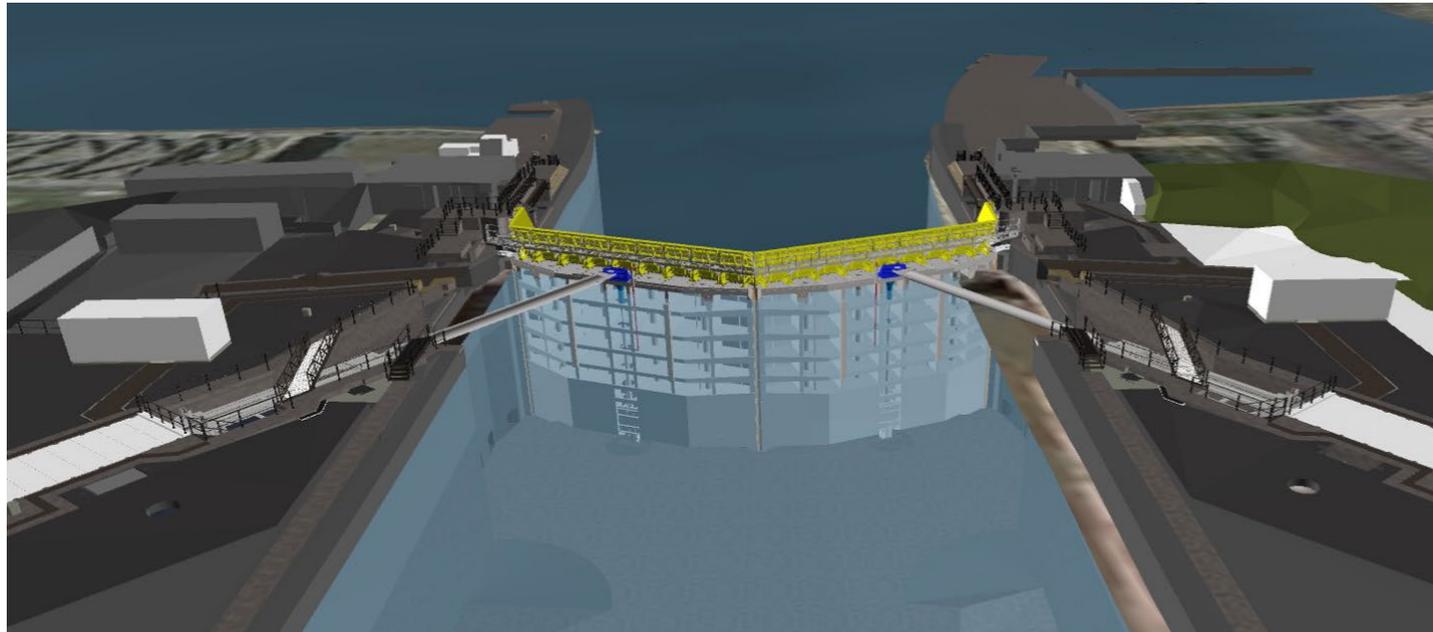
The most recent one celebrated the life of Captain Sir Tom, an inspiration to us all.

- The Port of Tilbury made a donation of 319 teddy bears so that every pupil could have one to take home to love. These bears are a reminder of how Treetops School came together when the world was apart.



The Port of Tilbury supporting fellow Key workers in the NHS at the start of the pandemic.

04. NEW DUAL ACTION FLOOD GATES PROJECT



Construction work has started on an innovative scheme to improve Tilbury's flood defences with the installation of new dual function flood lock gates.

In a project of national importance, the existing port lock gates will be replaced with pioneering dual function lock gates, and the Environment Agency's tidal barrier will be removed.

This is a major joint project between the Environment Agency and The Port of Tilbury that will safeguard thousands of homes and businesses in the local area.

Work started in January and is expected to last for 18 months with the new lock gates planned for installation in late 2021 / early 2022.



Once the work is completed it will ensure a high standard of flood protection for Tilbury and provide a new navigation lock for operations at the busy port.



05. TILBURY'S GRAIN SILO REBUILD GETS UNDERWAY

Major building work is underway at the UK's largest grain terminal at the Port of Tilbury following a fire in 2020 which damaged its grain silos.

The Tilbury Grain terminal has been in operation for over 50 years and is a key strategic facility in the South East of the UK for the grain import and export markets handling over 2million tonnes of product from around the world. Grain is a key commodity in the UK food supply chain for a number of uses, most notably within the flour milling and bakery industries.

Demolition of the damaged concrete silos is underway and, at the same time, construction of phase one of metal silos is underway with the first three new silos having been constructed. The new silos, both phase one and phase two which will see the reconstruction of the concrete silos, will come online in stages. Phase one is expected to return 20,000 metric tonnes of capacity in early 2022 and the remaining 34,000 m/t of storage will be restored in 2023. These will all be constructed to the highest health and safety standards and will be industry leading.

Peter Ward, Commercial Director at The Port of Tilbury said:

"The grain terminal is a vital asset at The Port of Tilbury and plays a major role in supplying businesses with the grain needed to support their brands. Following the fire last summer, we worked hard to ensure there was limited interruption to customer service and now with the new silos being constructed, we can be confident that the new facility will set the highest industry standards for silo construction. In the meantime, we want to extend our thanks to our customer base for the loyalty and support they have shown us through what has been a difficult period."



06. NEW BORDER INSPECTION POSTS

Forth Ports welcomed the UK Government funding to support a new and enlarged border infrastructure at the group's key import/export hubs – Grangemouth, Tilbury and Tilbury2 – totalling £11.7m from the Port Infrastructure Fund.

Contractors are on site and the new border inspection facilities are set to be approved and operational for 1 July 2021.

Charles Hammond OBE, Chief executive of Forts Ports Group commented:

“This £11.7m funding allocation for new border facilities will complement our existing work with cargo owners, shippers and the wider freight community to ensure that our global gateways stay highly productive and congestion free.”

Charles Hammond added:

“Harnessing our vast experience and proven performance of handling rest-of-world trade supported by I.T. backed border and booking systems, an extensive network of ferry and container connections, and excellent onward rail and road linkages to the largest domestic consumer markets, we will ensure that goods continue to

flow efficiently across our borders and onward to their final destination.

“Supply chains are realigning as they seek greater resilience and a low carbon route close to market, and our ports are ideally placed to support through our investment in infrastructure, market leading turnaround times and capacity for growth.”

07. INVERTEBRATES UPDATE FROM BIOSCAN

A wildlife area created in 2014 by The Port of Tilbury, as part of the development of London Distribution Park, has seen a rise in key insect and invertebrate species according to a new monitoring study.

The habitat site, which in 2019 was recognised as of national importance for insects and other invertebrates, was created seven years ago by spreading chalk slurry over an area equivalent to six football pitches on the bare surface of a former landfill, and then placing ‘dunes’ (made from waste fly ash) and chalk bunds on the top. It was then left to develop.

Some of the interesting insects and invertebrates found by the latest study, which was conducted by one of the foremost invertebrate surveyors in Britain in conjunction with ecology experts Bioscan, include striking species such as this Pantaloon Bee *Dasypoda hirtipes*, which sports large pollen baskets on the hind legs, akin to a costume of fluffy yellow pantaloons.

Commenting on the results, John Speakman, Snr Asset Manager for Property at Port of Tilbury, said:

“Port of Tilbury takes its responsibilities as a developer seriously. This is further confirmed through the results of this study clearly showing that, working with our advisers at Bioscan, this habitat, is now an important nature area for creatures. In an area that is predominately industrial, it is pleasing to see this ‘urban meadow’ thriving. Through our partnership with landowners and ecology experts, we have collectively delivered on our environmental objectives when we developed the London Distribution Park.”



08. SKILLS

KICKSTART

Forth Ports announced that it is offering unemployed young people the opportunity to join the Port of Tilbury for paid six-month traineeships this spring, as part of the Government's £2.4 billion Kickstart work programme. The opportunities available range from administration through to operations, will give 16 to 24-year olds a chance to gain important experience in a real working environment.



APPRENTICESHIPS

The Warehouse and Supply Chain Operative Apprenticeship programme has just completed and has successfully trained 26 young people (who started the programme aged between from 18-24 years). The apprentices developed their skills over a 2-year period and every one of the 26 young people involved have been kept on in full time roles across the port.

As key workers, the Port of Tilbury has operated throughout the pandemic lockdown restrictions and has played a vital role in the smooth flow of food, medicines and construction materials for the UK. At the same time, they have also maintained a focus on training and development to ensure that their programmes continue to support the current and future workforce of the port.

Paul Dale, Asset and Site Director at The Port of Tilbury said:

"We are extremely proud of our apprenticeship programmes at The Port of Tilbury and I am very pleased to welcome the 26 young apprentices who join us in full time employment."

We have a long history of investing in our people to ensure that we have the skills for our business in the future and there are a lot of opportunities here at our busy port as we rapidly expand our facilities. Many of our apprentices go on to have long careers with us in roles including engineering, operations and finance."

**PORT OF TILBURY
RECRUITMENT
SKILLS AND
TRAINING DAY**

**TUESDAY 29TH JUNE, 11AM - 8PM
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Our recruitment day will include Port Tours, Simulator Sessions, Virtual Reality Experience's and the opportunity to meet our team find out more and fill in applications for our latest vacancies.

The Port of Tilbury over 130 years of Transport and Logistics on the river Thames.

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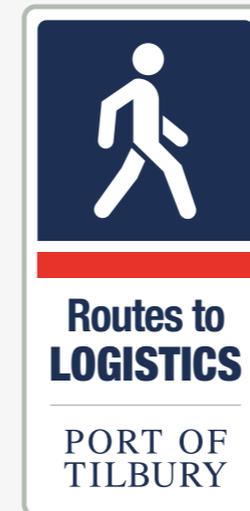


ATTENTION TO LOGISTICS

The Attention to Logistics programme has established a bursary scheme and created training facilities specifically targeted at the veteran community, helping ex-servicemen, women and their families back into work in the logistics sector. Delivered by Tilbury on the Thames Trust in association with the Port of Tilbury Logistics

Academy and the Royal British Legion, the bursary and facilities will create tailored opportunities for veterans to develop their skills and potential. The Attention to Logistics programme will create improved pathways to these new opportunities for veterans whose military service make them well suited for careers in Logistics.

The apprenticeship programmes are delivered through their bespoke award-winning Logistics Academy located at the port which has access to a state-of-the-art Technology Suite housing two simulators that are used to develop plant operation skills for example, container handling.



Routes to Logistics a brand new program due to be launched at the end of March 2021 for the local Tilbury community by the Port of Tilbury.

The program will run an introductory training course of up to 3 days on working in the Transport and Logistics industry. The purpose is to build aspiration and develop follow on support and training, tailored to the individual to help them into work.

The course includes access to key accredited courses First Aid, Health and Safety, Fork Lift Novice Licence and IOSH managing safety course with additional e-learning modules that can be accessed from anywhere and cover all aspects of personal development, accredited health and safety and aspects of the Logistics Industry.

**For more information:
www.tott.org.uk/attention-to-logistics**

**To register for further information please email:
Training.Coordinator@potll.com**

09. TILBURY TOWN FUND

Towns are home to some of our key businesses and employers, and are where the majority of the population live. They serve as important centres to their surrounding areas but face some significant challenges: an ageing population, fewer economic opportunities and less investment than cities.

The Town's Fund will help ensure Tilbury has the fundamental building blocks of a strong local economy in place. It will help identify real opportunities defined by the local community, helping to future proof and rationalise public investment around key local priorities, as part of agreeing a Town Deal.

The Tilbury Town Deal will play an important role in ensuring our communities can prosper, projects are designed locally and give investors the confidence to back Tilbury.

Chaired by Peter Ward, Commercial Director for the Port of Tilbury, Tilbury Town Board consists of local businesses and community partners including Creative People and Places Partnership, One Community Development Trust and Thurrock MP, Jackie Doyle-Price.

The board is the vehicle through which the vision and strategy for the town is defined in collaboration with the local community. The vision is to drive the economic regeneration of the town to deliver long term economic and productivity growth.



The Tilbury Town Fund Investment plan has been submitted and is part of an assessment process by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. The projects focused on The Hub (Station Area), The Heart (Town Square) and The Heritage (Riverfront)

Many thanks to everyone that has completed a survey or got involved in developing this plan it has been fantastic to see so many people get involved and really have a stake in the ideas that are being considered for The Hub, The Heart and The Heritage of the Town.



The Cruise Industry has had a difficult time, but collaboration has been key to developing measures that will support the industry with many Cruise Companies now starting to enquire about visits to Tilbury.

Capital Cruising have been working hard with our Cruise Partners to upgrade and enhance the terminal, so it meets covid support measures.

In partnership with the Port, SAGA Cruises have now been awarded Lloyds Shield

plus status, achieving the highest covid compliant standards.

We hope that it won't be too long before these beautiful ships will be back to work and people can get away for their holidays.

10. WINDRUSH BRIDGE

In a three-part documentary 'Home Sweet Home', Joanna Lumley's journey starts at Tilbury Docks in Essex where she interviews artist EVEWRIGHT who has created a site-specific art installation Tilbury Bridge Walkway of Memories.

Joanna is taken on a tour of the artwork which is located in one of the original passenger walkways 55 x metres in length where the Empire Windrush Ship arrived and docked in Tilbury in 1948. She explores some of the stories that celebrates and commemorate the arrival of people from the Windrush.

The installation is an immersive visual art experience, installed by the artist on to 72 windows with 432 panes of glass collaged with photographs, documents, boat passenger tickets and memorabilia. The stunning artwork includes audio stories about the lives of some of the elders and their families, whose images are featured in the

installation. Using QR codes, visitors will be able to access these stories on their own devices. 160 minutes listening time in 10-minute segments across 22 listening windows are placed throughout the installation. It is a tribute to those that travelled not only on the Empire Windrush in 1948 but to the many that came before and the many that followed that journey to the UK.



The Exhibition on the bridge opens from the 28th June 2021.



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