



CLEARING RUBBISH FROM RIVERS

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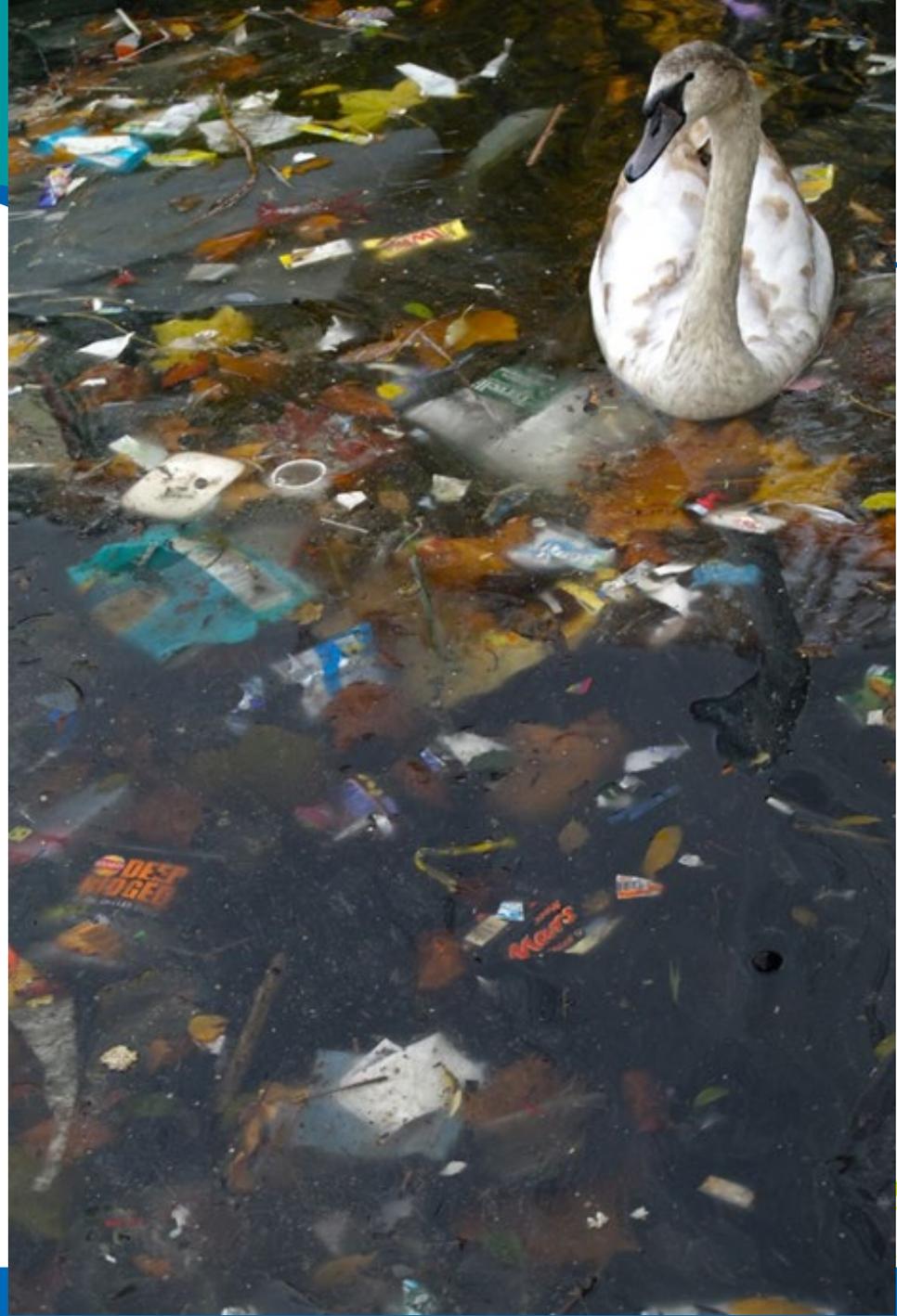
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CENTRAL LONDON AREA







1994: The National Rivers Authority and Tidy Britain Group sets up Thames Clean - galvanising community action.

1998: Thames21 is formed.

- strengthening partnership-working along waterways
- creating collective responsibility

2019: 34 staff with a turn over of £1.5million. 80 events, 35 companies, 2,050 volunteers



PEOPLE POWER



THE COMMUNITY AND PORT OF LONDON - JOINING FORCES

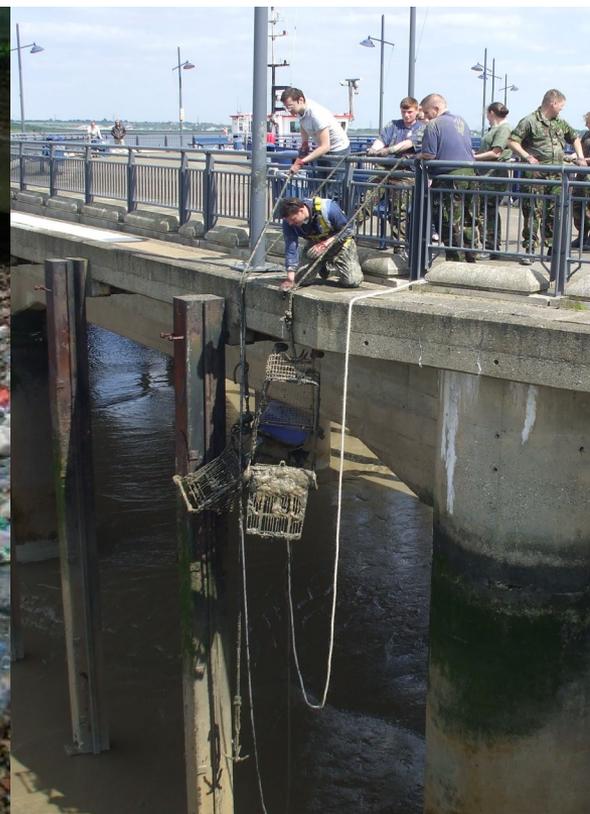


LOCAL VOLUNTEERING ACTION





THE VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE



EVENT EQUIPMENT



VOLUNTEERING ACHIEVEMENT



COLLECTION OF FLOATING LITTER



THE NEED FOR A NEW APPROACH



THAMES RIVER WATCH

Understanding the health of the tidal Thames

- Rallying groups, individuals, schools & businesses along the Thames
- Training and supporting a new network of volunteers
- Testing and monitoring the health of the river, leading to a new public dataset
- Increasing public understanding - more Londoners connected to, caring about and benefiting from the river

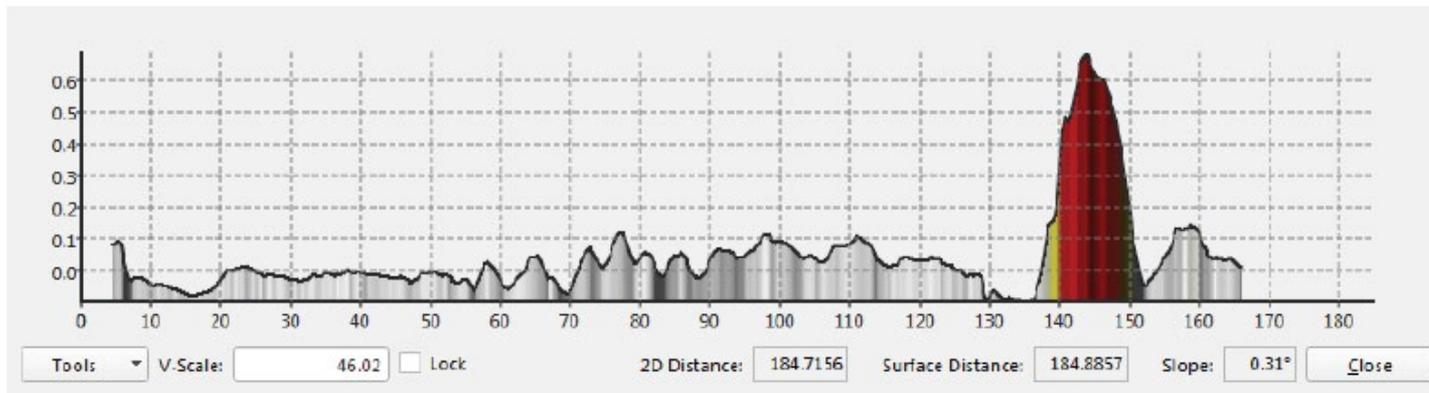
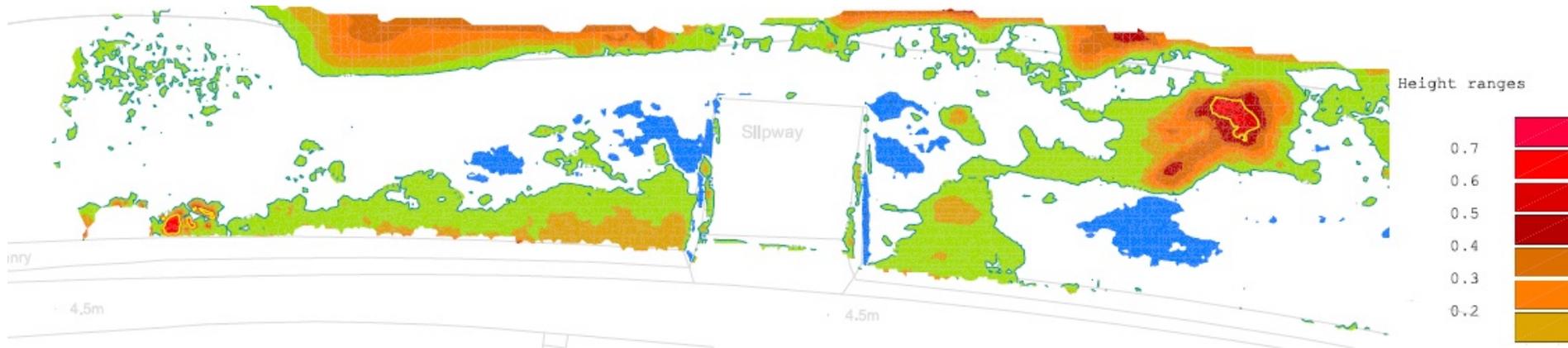


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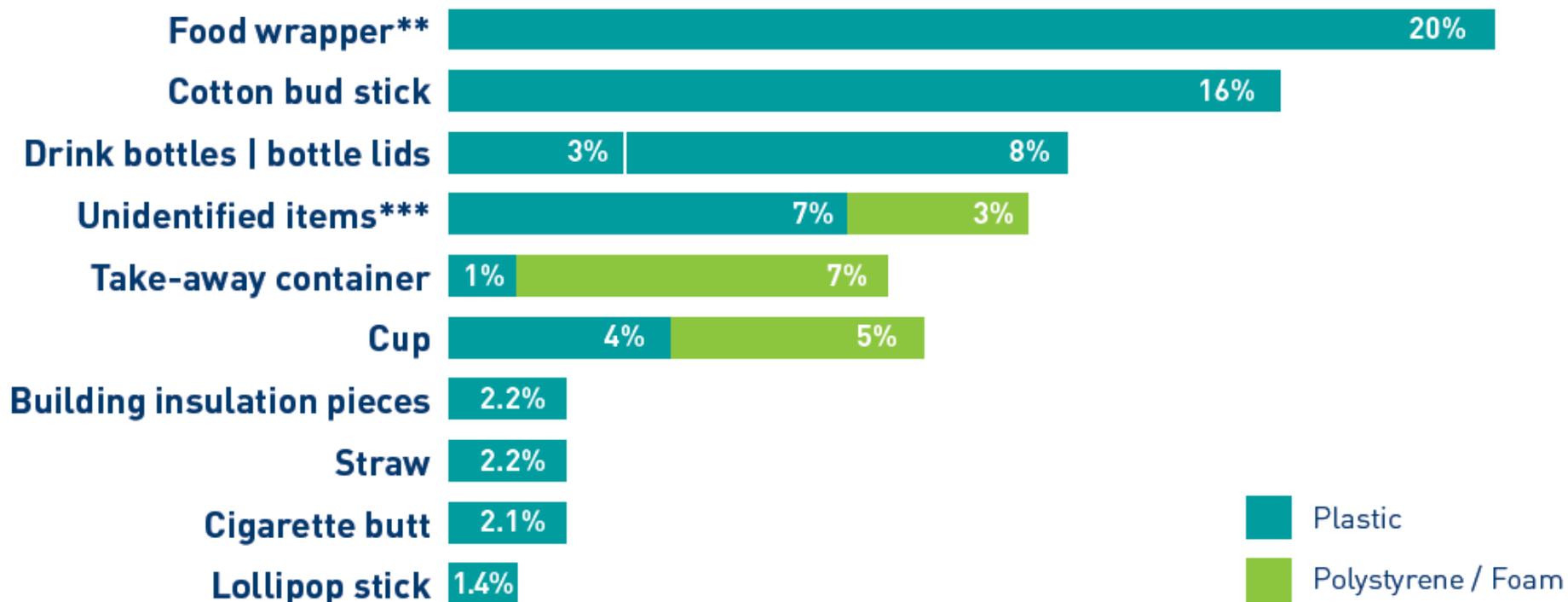
WET WIPES MOST COMMON ITEM



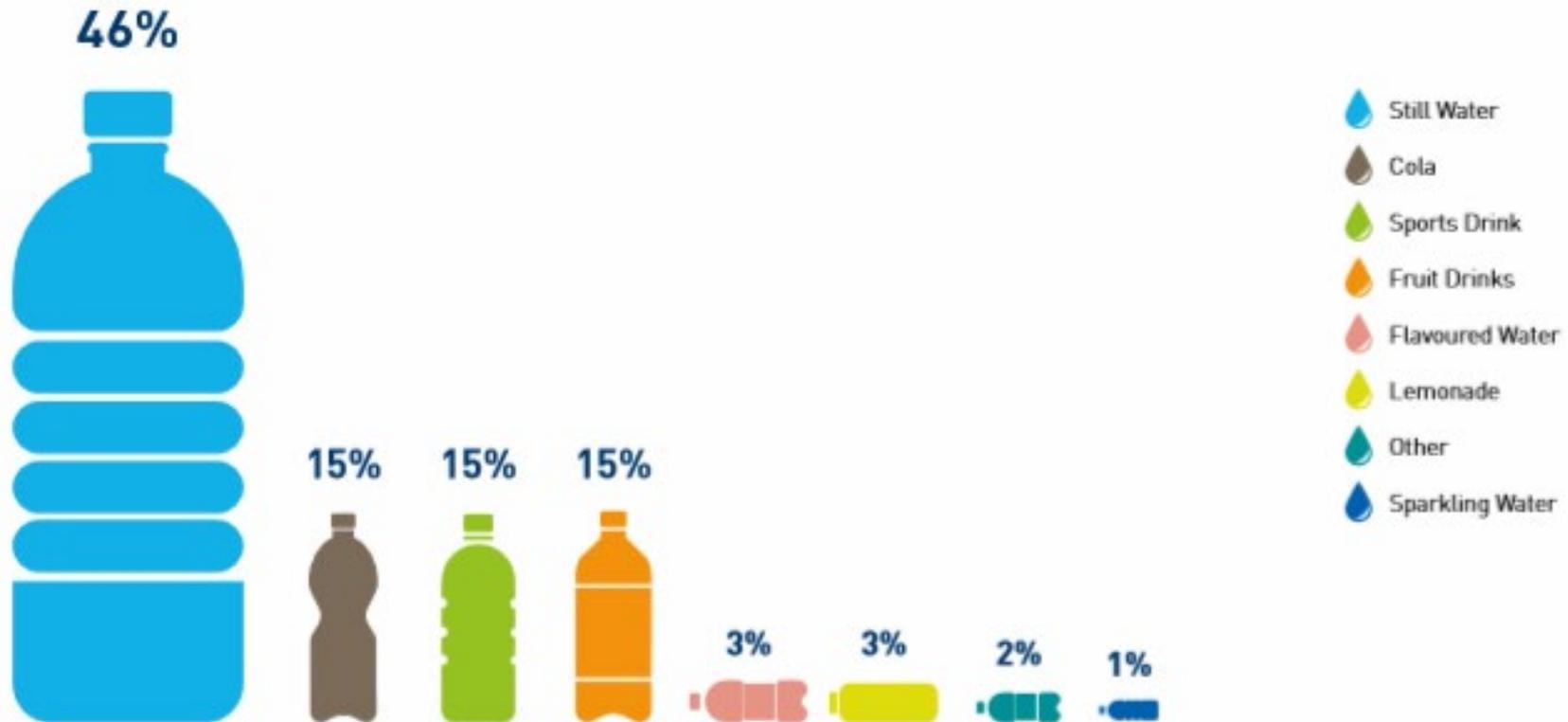
RESULTS FROM LITTER SURVEYS



The top five lightweight plastic items: account for 64% of all plastic waste found* Jan 2015 - Dec 2018



Bottles from still water found in the tidal Thames are far more common than those from other types of drinks, making up almost half of all drink bottles



CAMPAIGNING



RIVER IMPROVEMENT



SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE



WETLAND CREATION



During construction



September 2015

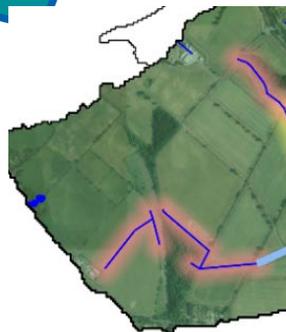


Geotexture mats installed

Trees and shrubs planted in Autumn 2015

Following completion (June 2016)

NATURAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT



- Technological innovation
- Changing the way that the health of rivers is monitored
- Metre-long remote controlled water quality monitoring boats
- Decision support systems to help build action plans for the data
- To be tested and operated by volunteer



CELEBRATING RIVERS



*In the end we will conserve only what we love,
we will love only what we understand,
and we will understand only what we are taught.*

Baba Dioum, Forestry Engineer, 1968





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