

What's happening?

Best Practice at *Blackfriars* Community Relations

Overview:

Under the Thameslink Programme, significant improvements are being made at Blackfriars to both the Thameslink and London Underground Stations. Complex construction works are being delivered in a high density urban area, with space constrictions and virtually no on site lay-down. Innovative methods have been used to ensure works take place sustainably and good relations are maintained with local stakeholders to ensure that disturbance is minimal.

Best Practice:

As part of Balfour Beatty's 2020 Road Map there is an objective to improve the quality of life for communities and individuals. This is not only through the creation of physical amenities on which communities rely but improving the social environment as well.

To date the project team has:

- Donated redundant, waterlogged, sawn timber planks to Camley Street Natural Park which have been made into planters.
- Donated protective equipment to a local theatre group who built a theatre from recycled materials and showcased plays on climate change.
- Decorated the main site hoardings with artwork from a Community Canvas initiative.
- Helped the Blackfriars Settlement to move offices, mend storage space and have donated over £1000 to the charity.
- Inform local residents about upcoming works through monthly newsletters.
- Developed special noise screens bespoke to the equipment to shield local neighbours from construction noise.



The first of lorry load of redundant sawn timber is unloaded at Camley Street Natural Park.

Meeting our objectives & targets:

By donating surplus materials and maintaining good relations with the local community groups, the project is able to meet the following objectives and targets:

- Network Rail's Sustainable Design and Construction Strategy
 - Minimise Waste Production
 - Protect and enhance biodiversity
 - Support health and amenity
- Balfour Beatty's Blackfriars Sustainable Action Plan
 - Reduce the waste that we generate and manage it as a resource
 - To generate and demonstrate excellent community liaison
- Blackfriars environmental objective
 - Divert 90% of all construction, demolition and excavation waste by weight from landfill
- CEEQUAL – Evidence of contractor considering waste management during construction