



## The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators

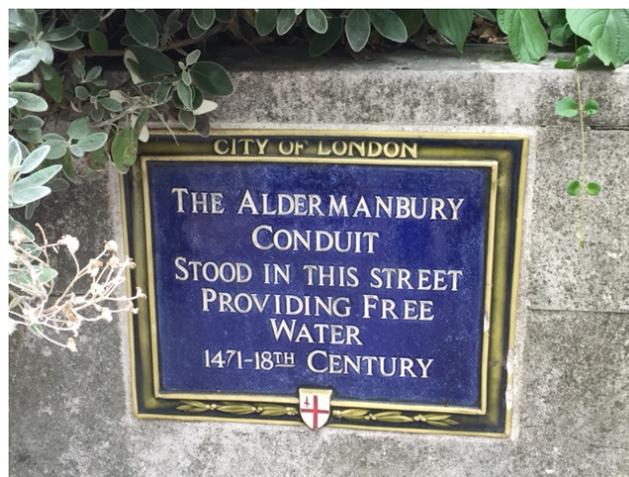
### PRESS RELEASE

#### UNVEILING OF “WATER BLUE PLAQUE” IN FLEET STREET 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018

There are 110 Livery Companies in the City of London – the term “livery” originates from a specific form of dress worn by retainers of noblemen which evolved to denote the status of belonging to a trade.

The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators, one of the Modern Livery Companies, has through the tenacious work of one of its Past Masters (Ted Flaxman) undertaken extensive research on the history of London’s water supply. It is evident that there were a number of key locations where free water was made available for the general population for hundreds of years.

Three key sites where this service was provided have been identified and agreement reached with the City of London Corporation to mark these important historic locations with a “Blue Plaque”.



The first plaque denoting the Aldermanbury Conduit in Aldermanbury (*above*) was unveiled in 2010;

and the second, denoting the Great Conduit in Cheapside in 2015 (*below*).



The third plaque denoting the Fleet Conduit in Fleet Street (*below*) will be unveiled by Sherriff the Hon. Elizabeth Green on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 11.45am.



Members of the Press are invited to attend the brief ceremony (outside Barclays Bank at 81, Fleet Street, EC4Y 1EL), with the opportunity to take further photographs.

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**Notes for editors**

**The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators** is one of the 31 'modern' Livery Companies formed in the City of London over the last 80 years. The Company promotes and spreads awareness of the science, art and practice of water and environmental management and hopes to play an informative role to the Government, the City and the public about the many and important ways that water affects our lives.

Founded as a Guild in 1988 and achieving full livery status in 2000, the Water Conservators in order of precedence is the 102nd Livery Company in the City of London.

- The Water Conservators are passionate about sustaining and conserving the public requirements of clean water, both for domestic and industrial purposes
- The Worshipful Company seeks to support and promote advancement of education within the industry

The Company's focus on water and related environmental matters puts it at the heart of some of the most important issues facing the world today.