

NEW RIVER SPONSORED WALK RAISES £2,500 FOR THE WATER CONSERVATION TRUST AND WATERAID

Thames Water and the Water Conservators Company joined forces to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the opening of the New River in 29 September 1613 with a sponsored walk along nine miles of its route. This privately funded venture, to bring water to London was started in 1600 and, after breaks looking for additional finance – the second with funding from James I for a half share in the profits, the project was completed by Sir Hugh Myddelton, a goldsmith and merchant adventurer.

Starting at New Gauge on the River Lea walkers passed a number of historic sites including one of the original sources at Chadwell Spring, and a number of Victorian pumping stations. The New River conveyed water from these sources to the Round Pond in Islington to supply the growing population of the City of London

Twenty nine walkers completed the walk to Broxbourne. Sponsorship has raised over £2,500 for WaterAid and The Water Conservation Trust. The Trust is raising money to expand its schools programme which encourages more children to consider a career in science, especially in the water industry.



**Walkers are shown the historic sluice at New Gauge
by Gary Stephens (Thames Water)**



Walk marshals (and assistant) arriving at Broxbourne

Thanks go to Thames Water staff who contributed time and knowledge to make the walk very interesting.