

Inland and Coastal

ROWING & WATERSPORTS

CAMBOIS ROWING CLUB

Offering a safe and stable platform with year-round access, we installed a purpose-built rowing pontoon to improve access to the River Wansbeck in the widest range of conditions.



Project Summary

Working in collaboration with project leader Alan Fairholm along with Neil Dawson, and Robert Delap from Northumberland County Council, the team worked hard to ensure that the design and budget met the club's specific needs.

The project involved installation of a 30m long, 2.4m wide rowing pontoon, with a specific three-gangway design so that a team of three can safely carry boats to the water's edge without having to turn or cut corners. The gangways also have side protection so that the safe and secure platform is completely accessible for all.

Our innovative system uses the access gangways as structural support for the pontoon and secures it safely to the riverbank without the need for expensive and complex piling or anchoring systems in the water.



Client | **Cambois Rowing Club and Northumberland County Council**

Date | **August 2024**

Where | **Black Close Bank, Ashington**

“Inland & Coastal have been fantastic throughout the project to install the new pontoon. We now have a pontoon that has transformed the access to the Wansbeck for all river users no matter their age and ability.”

Alan Fairholm, Project Leader, Cambois Rowing Club

SHIPLAKE ROWING FACILITY

The project at Shiplake saw the installation of a 35.9 linear metre rowing pontoon, designed to meet the demanding needs of a modern rowing facility.



Project Summary

Shiplake College has enhanced its rowing facilities with a new floating pontoon, replacing the previous fixed quay that struggled with access issues during fluctuating river levels. The new pontoon ensures consistent water access, allowing the college to host more events and attract participants and spectators.

Designed for safety and performance, it features a low freeboard for easy oar clearance, excellent stability and slip-resistant GRP decking. Collaboration with Cook Piling ensured seamless delivery and installation, overcoming challenges like site flooding and steep riverbanks. The facility now provides a stable, safe platform for launching boats, benefiting students, visiting rowers and the college's rowing program. and complex piling or anchoring systems in the water.



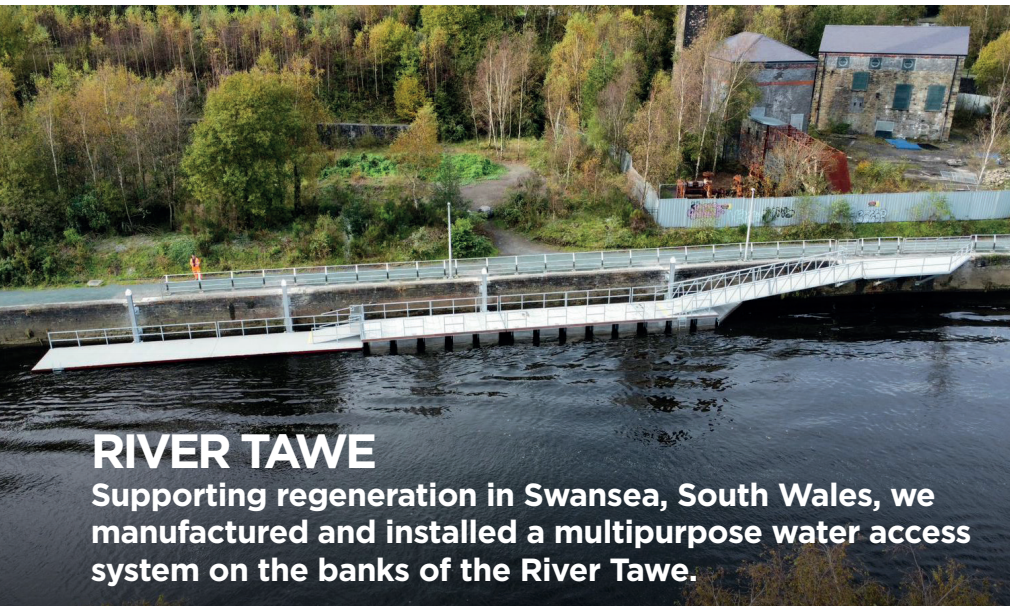
Client | **Cook Piling**

Date | **October 2024**

Where | **Henley-on-Thames**

“We benefited greatly from Inland and Coastal being on site at our initial meeting. They demonstrated the benefits of the pontoons and showed examples of previous projects. We have worked together before and know they will ensure the job is completed on time to budget.”

David Clarke, Commercial Director, Cook Piling



RIVER TAWE

Supporting regeneration in Swansea, South Wales, we manufactured and installed a multipurpose water access system on the banks of the River Tawe.

Project Summary

Working closely with multiple stakeholders, the mixed-use floating pontoon and gangway are fabricated from high quality steel and linked to the quayside by a bespoke bridgehead platform and footbridge and have been developed to help deliver a range of economic benefits to regenerate the area and encourage tourism, as well as create jobs locally.

Fitted to the historic quay wall with specialist fixings to retain the character and features of the quay, the dual-level pontoon features our unique solid GRC (glass reinforced concrete) and GRP (glass reinforced plastic) watersports decking options which, coupled with energy efficient LED lighting, offers year-round, non-slip access to the water for the many river based users groups, including Copper Jack cruises, the City of Swansea Rowing Club and Swansea University Rowing Club.



Client | Swansea Council

Date | November 2023

Where | River Tawe Swansea Wales

“The Tawe was at the heart of Swansea life for many years; it will be again in future as we breathe more life into the river corridor for the benefit of local people and visitors.”

Swansea Council cabinet member,
Robert Francis-Davies



PREHEN BOAT CLUB

With the large tidal rise and fall of the river Foyle, the project’s objective was to provide safe access to the water for all water sports enthusiasts, as well as increasing the range of tide where disabled access was possible.

Project Summary

Engaged by main contractor Civco Ltd on behalf of Derry & Strabane District Council, we undertook the construction of a large landing platform accommodating three 19-metre-long gangways, which provides access via a transition ramp to 40 metres of lower freeboard rowing pontoon, with additional marina services provided.

Considerably longer than what would be required on inland rowing facilities, the three-gangway set-up was required to allow the rowing boats to be carried parallel to the line of the pontoons. This approach avoided users having to turn the rowing boats which would be impractical and put them at risk of falling into the water. The landing platform and gangways will now provide rowers and other users on the river Foyle, including swimmers, with safe access to and from the water.



Client | CivCo – on behalf of Derry & Strabane District Council

Date | November 2023

Where | Derry, Northern Ireland

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