80 Years of IWater
A Historical Timeline

1945

- Inaugural meeting of 'Association of Water Distribution Officers'
- Inaugural Annual Conference in London

1950

- **1946** Published the first 'Water Distribution Officer's Journal'
- **1946** Rebranded as the Association of Waterworks Officers
- **1946** First volunteer committee formed the Northern Area
- **1947** South East Area formed
- **1948** South West and Midlands Area formed

1960

- **1953** South Wales Area formed
- **1954** Eastern Area formed
- **1955** Scottish Area formed
- **1955** North Wales Area formed

1970

- **1961** Northern Ireland Area formed

1980

- **1973** Licensed to award what are now known as Incorporated Engineer (IEng) and Engineering Technician (EngTech) registrations

1990

- **1989** Launched Drilling & Tapping
- **1990** Rebranded to 'Institution of Water Officers (IWO)'
- **1991** Purchased the first Head Office in Newcastle
- **1998** Relocated to Gateshead
- **1998** Licensed to award Chartered Engineer (CEng)

2000

- **2004** Launched CPD Awards
- **2004** Part of the formation of the Society for the Environment (SocEnv)
- **2004** Licensed to award Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv)
- **2005** Launched the President's Cup to celebrate our volunteers
- **2006** Welsh Area formed, amalgamating the North and South Wales Committees
- **2007** Established our volunteer Area Forum to exchange ideas and share best practice

2010

- **2010** Rebranded to the 'Institute of Water (IWater)'
- **2011** Launched the Allen Bolton Award
- **2012** Launched the Rising Stars Programme
- **2013** Licensed to register Chartered Scientist (CSci)
- **2014** Licensed to award Registered Scientist (RSci), Registered Science Technician (RSciTech) and Registered Environmental Technician (REnvTech)
- **2014** Established a Diversity Champion and Rising Star position on our Board of Directors
- **2017** Launched a dedicated Magazine and rebranded the Journal as two distinct publications
- **2019** Introduced Environmental Sustainability Policy and Environmental Management System

2020

- **2020** Licensed to award Registered Environmental Practitioner (REnvP)
- **2024** Launched the IWater Inspire Award
- **2024** Amalgamated the Journal content into the Institute of Water Magazine

2025

- Launched our new membership grades
- 80th Anniversary