

## The story behind Alton Water



Back in the 1850s, only a third of Ipswich had access to running water. Although other reservoirs were constructed during the 1900s, it was clear during the 1960s that the demand for water was still growing, along with the population of Ipswich and the surrounding areas. As a result, Alton Water was approved for construction in 1972 and building was completed six years later in December 1978.

Anglian Water took on Alton Water in 1974 during the early stages of construction and it remains an Anglian Water park today, nearly 50 years later! To fill the reservoir, water was pumped through a pipeline 1200mm in diameter for over 4 miles from the River Gipping.

Later, between 1984 and 1987, a treatment works was constructed to ensure high quality drinking water was provided to the region. The works treats over 10 million gallons of water a day - that's enough to fill over 15 Olympic-sized swimming pools!

Today Alton Water continues to supply water to a large part of Suffolk, including Ipswich, Stowmarket, Felixstowe, and is also a beautiful setting for the general public to enjoy.

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