

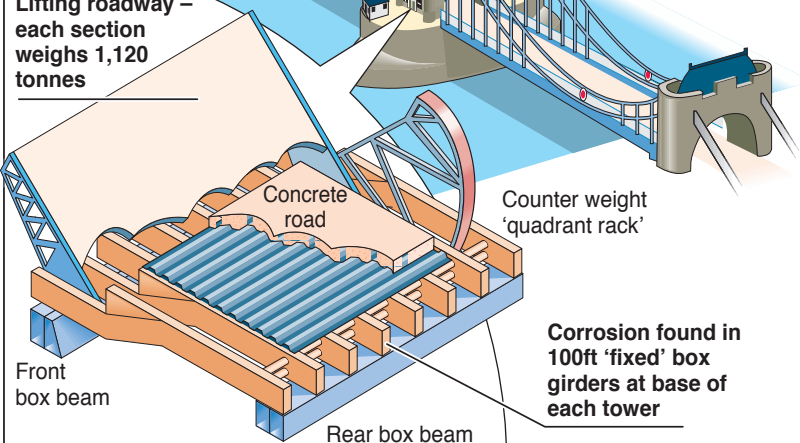
# Tower Bridge faces major repairs

London's Tower Bridge is to close for up to three months due to extensive corrosion.

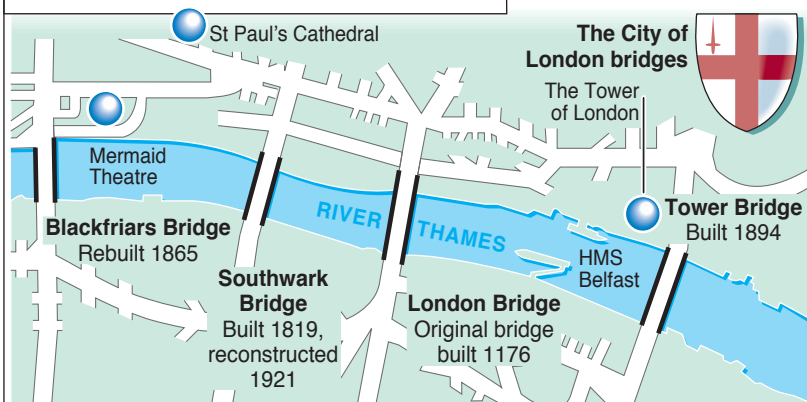
The damage – discovered during a £2 million refurbishment for the bridge's centenary – is at the base of both towers.

The bridge, which has been used non-stop for 99 years, carries 40,000 vehicles and 11,000 pedestrians each day

Lifting roadway – each section weighs 1,120 tonnes



Corrosion found in 100ft 'fixed' box girders at base of each tower



The four bridges serving the City of London are owned and maintained by the Bridge House Estates Trust, a charity set up in the 12th century