

The Royal Parks Environmental Policy

Covering an area of 2000 hectares the Royal Parks are: Bushy Park, The Green Park, Greenwich Park, Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, The Regent's Park and Primrose Hill, Richmond Park and St James's Park. The Royal Parks also manages Victoria Tower Gardens, Brompton Cemetery, Grosvenor Square Gardens, Longford River and the gardens of 10, 11 and 12 Downing Street. The eight Royal Parks have been awarded Green Flag status, which recognises them as some of the United Kingdom's best kept green spaces and heritage landscapes. The Royal Parks are also subject to a number of international, national and local conservation designations.

We believe that all aspects of our operation should be carried out in a way that minimises our adverse impact on the environment and maintains the economic viability of the parks. Therefore we have adopted environmental practices based on a sustainability framework with four key pillars;

- **Conserve and enhance the unique landscapes, built heritage & biodiversity**
- **People, education, fairness and improving wellbeing**
- **Mitigation and adapting to climate change**
- **Sustainable growth- providing environmentally excellent and financially viable green open spaces to the public**

Within these pillars our key commitments include:

- Effective conservation of landscape, wildlife and buildings
- Promotion of sustainable development through education and community engagement
- Enhancing biodiversity by appropriate management of The Royal Parks and participation in Biodiversity Partnerships
- Promotion of sustainable events to ensure everything practicable is done to not negatively impact on biodiversity
- Using raw materials and utilities as economically as is practicable, while investigating all realistic possibilities for reduction, recovery and recycling of waste
- Managing transport options to reduce harmful emissions, as well as actively encouraging more sustainable modes of travel such as cycling
- Responsibly assessing, controlling and reducing the unsustainable use of natural resources
- Ensuring all Royal Parks procurement decisions consider our sustainable procurement guidelines
- Seeking to ensure that our sponsors, partners and contractors operate within ethical and sustainability policy requirements
- Ensuring that all Royal Parks staff are kept informed and involved in the sustainability strategy and their individual responsibilities within it in helping to deliver policies
- Consulting stakeholders in the decision making processes

We will continually assess all areas of our operations which impact on the environment and incorporate the necessary procedures and controls to prevent environmental damage and pollution. We will comply with all relevant legislation, and with the standards and obligations to which we subscribe. We will set objectives and targets to ensure continual improvement in our environmental and social performance. A Green Housekeeping Committee has been established within The Royal Parks to facilitate and implement the commitments made within this policy and to ensure compliance with the requirements of the internationally recognised environmental management system standard BS EN ISO 14001: 2015 We will strive to provide leadership and expertise in the sustainable management of urban park environments. Working in partnership with like minded organisations, we will aim to extend the boundaries of sustainable practice and promote sustainable development to the wider community.



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