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## **Every Royal Park secures a prestigious Green Flag Award in a 'clean sweep' across all sites**

London's Royal Parks have been recognised as among the best in the UK, after all of them received Green Flag awards this year - the international quality mark for parks and green spaces.

The Royal Parks charity manages London's eight Royal Parks along with other important green spaces in the capital. They all secured the award together with Brompton Cemetery.

The award is the international quality mark for parks and green spaces.

All parks have also achieved the Green Heritage Site Accreditation, supported by Historic England, for the management of its historic features.

After two years that have seen parks and green spaces play a vital role for people through lockdowns as a place to relax, exercise and meet friends and family safely, the news that the Royal Parks have all achieved the Green Flag Award is testament to the hard work and dedication of the teams that make these green space a great space that everyone can enjoy.

Nicholas Petridis, The Royal Parks' Landscape Management Officer, said:

*"Once again, we have shown that our staff deliver exceptional work and maintain these parks at the very highest standards to welcome visitors.*

*"The Green Flag and Heritage Awards have helped us aspire to meet a better standard for the Royal Parks, and to continue working as a team with a common vision. This year's judging revealed that we achieved our highest score ever for Hyde Park and we are incredibly grateful for this accomplishment, and well done to everyone who helped us in doing this. "We are proud of the work that we have achieved and are delighted to welcome visitors to these incredible natural spaces within the city."*

All the Royal Parks scored very highly on all aspects of best-practice management. This included excellent scores around operational planning which sets objectives and records progress on initiatives that will improve the condition of the parks.

The parks were also praised for the introduction of the new branding strategy which has provided a unity across all parks under the umbrella of The Royal Parks charity.

The Green Flag assessment process also includes a site visit to meet park teams. This includes meeting staff across park management planning, volunteer management, and biodiversity management to showcase work in the field.

Petridis added: *“We are proud to celebrate the fantastic support of our community volunteers and our apprentices to share their valuable contribution with the judges.”*

Keep Britain Tidy’s Accreditation Manager Paul Todd, added: *“I would like to congratulate everyone involved in making these wonderful parks worthy of a Green Flag Award.”*

*“The Royal Parks are a vital green space for the community in London. This award is testament to all the hard work of staff and volunteers, who do so much to ensure that it maintains the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award.”*

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A full list of Green Flag Award-winning parks and green spaces is available [here](#)

**About The Royal Parks**

The Royal Parks is the charity which manages, protects and improves the parks in an exemplary and sustainable manner so that everyone, now and in the future, has the opportunity to enjoy their natural and historic environments.

The charity looks after eight of London’s finest open spaces: Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James’s Park, The Green Park, The Regent’s Park and Primrose Hill, Greenwich Park, Richmond Park and Bushy Park. It also manages other important open spaces in the capital, including Brompton Cemetery and Victoria Tower Gardens.

It costs around £45m a year to manage the parks. The charity raises around 80 percent of this money itself, with the remaining 20 percent coming from the Government.

For further information please visit: [www.royalparks.org.uk](http://www.royalparks.org.uk) and follow The Royal Parks on Twitter @theroyalparks, Facebook.com/TheRoyalParksLondon and Instagram.com/TheRoyalParks

### **About The Green Flag Award:**

The Green Flag Award Scheme (<http://greenflagaward.org/>) is run by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, under licence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, in partnership with Keep Scotland Beautiful, Keep Wales Tidy and Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful.

Keep Britain Tidy is a leading environmental charity. We set the standard for the management of parks and beaches, inspire people to be litter-free, to waste less and live more sustainably. We run campaigns and programmes including the Great British Spring Clean, Eco-Schools, Love Parks, Eco-Schools, the Green Flag Award for parks and green spaces and the Blue Flag/ Seaside Awards for beaches. To find out more about Keep Britain Tidy, our campaigns and programmes visit [www.keepbritaintidy.org](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org).

Any green space that is freely accessible to the public is eligible to enter for a Green Flag Award. Awards are given on an annual basis and winners must apply each year to renew their Green Flag Award status. A Green Flag Community Award recognises quality sites managed by voluntary and community groups. Green Heritage Site Accreditation is judged on the treatment of the site's historic features and the standard of conservation.