

REDUCING GRASSFIRE RISK

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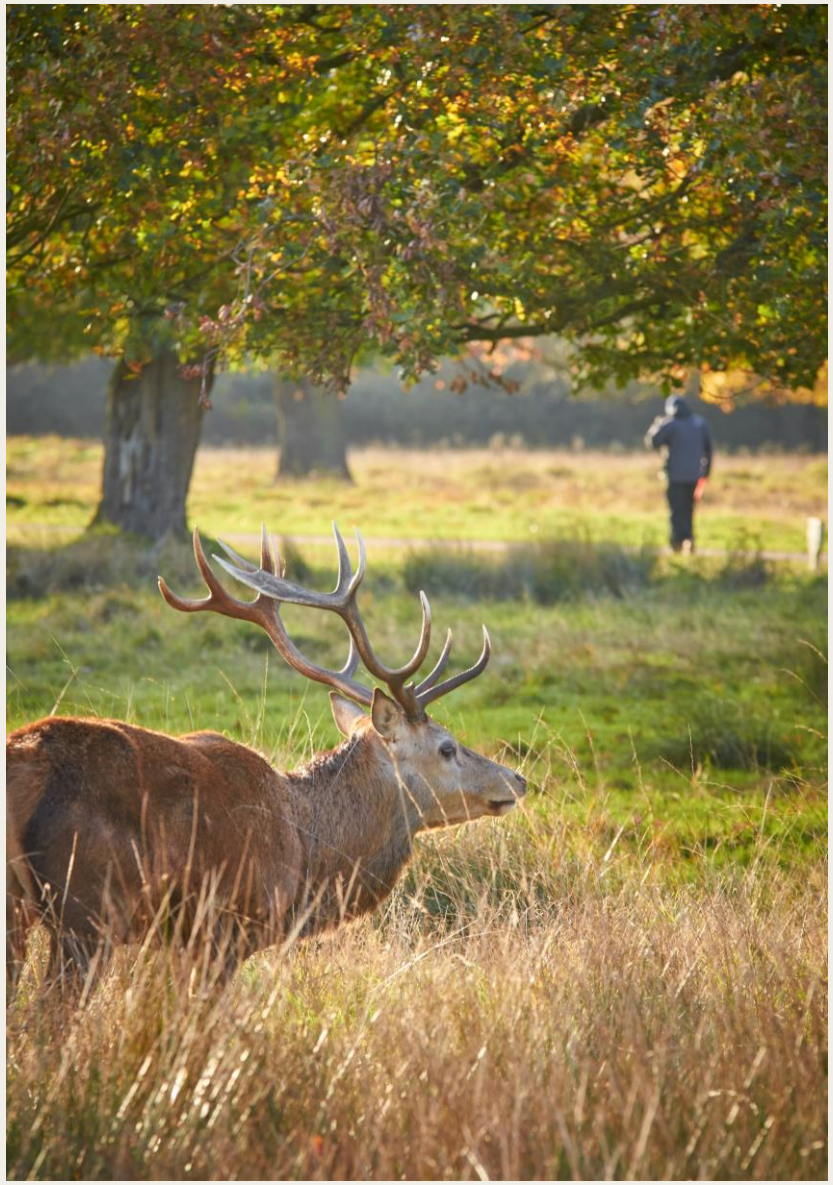
BACKGROUND

Historic Parkland Grade 1 Listed SSSI

Biodiversity Framework

Increasing meadows in all of our parks



THE ROYAL PARKS CONTEXT

Grassland



Deadwood

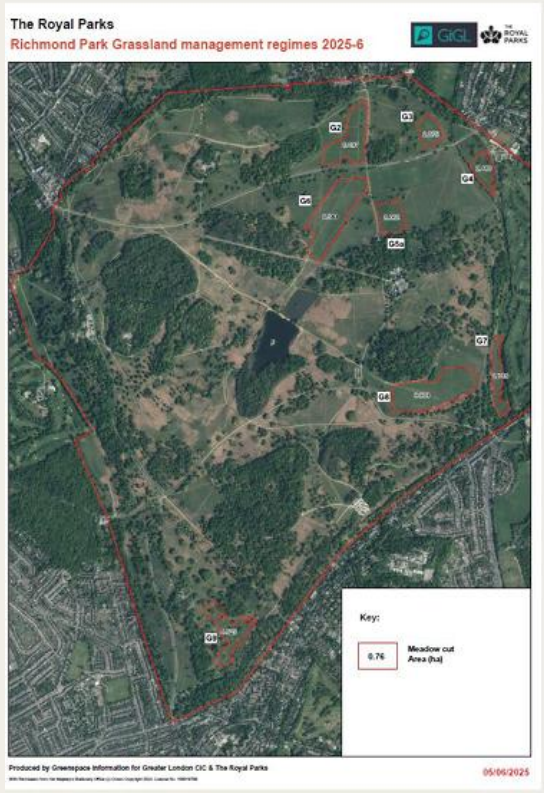


Dead Hedging



GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT





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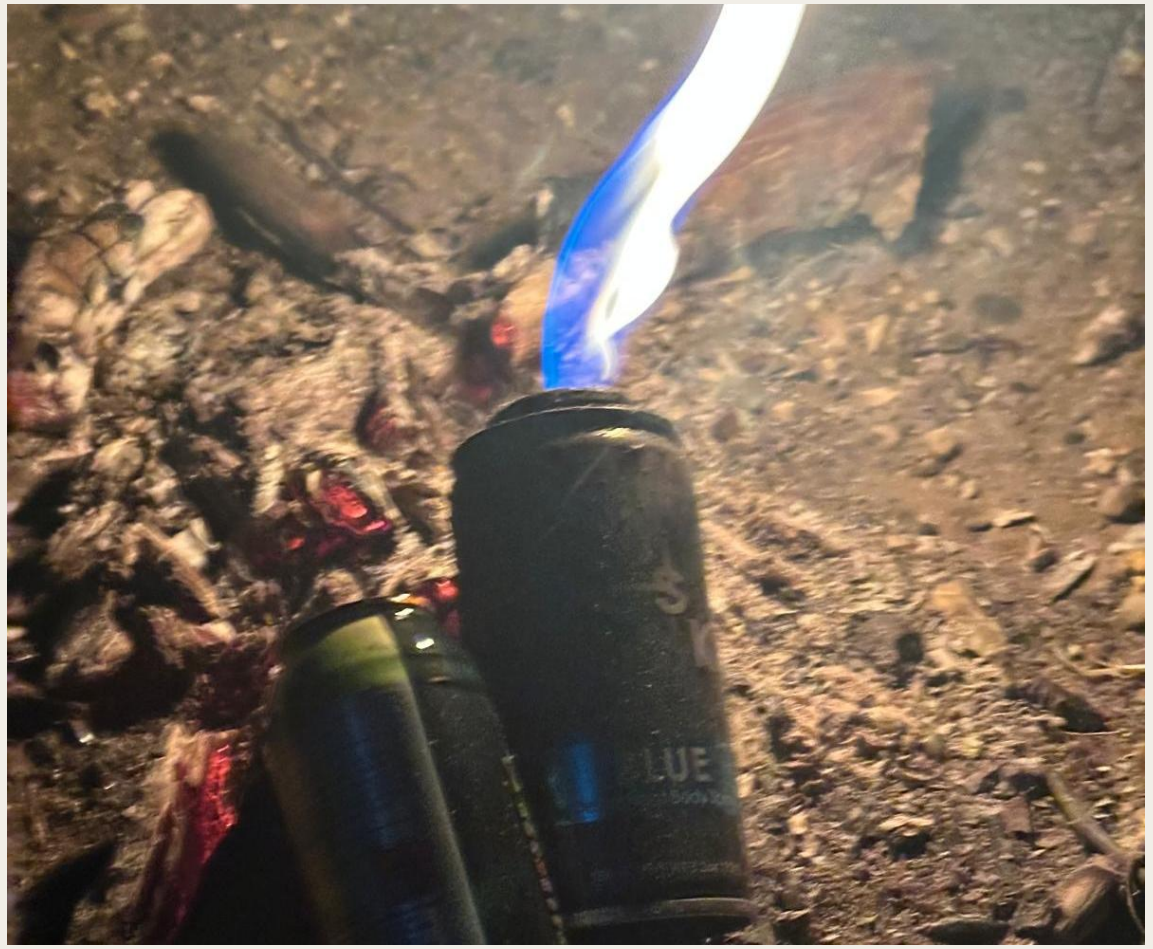
REVIEW OF MAINTENANCE PROGRAMMES







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Why London Fire Brigade is running wildfire drills

Richmond Park hosted a wildfire drill last week





LOST WATERWAYS PROJECT





MESSAGING





Severe weather in the parks

Find our guidance on staying safe during severe weather, including advice to protect yourself, other visitors, wildlife and the landscape, as well as information on closures and impacted park services.

Updated: 18 August 2026

Dry weather and drought conditions

Visitor safety guidance

Following an extended period of exceptionally dry weather, much of England is now experiencing drought conditions. To help protect the parks, habitats and wildlife during this time, some temporary changes may be necessary, and we will share the latest updates on this page.

Visitors are reminded that:

- BBQs and open fires are strictly prohibited in all parks
- Cigarette butts must be fully extinguished and disposed of safely
- Litter, especially glass, must be placed in bins or taken home if bins are full (glass bottles can focus sunlight and ignite fires)
- Water is available at fountains throughout all parks and green spaces, and visitors should travel with reusable bottles to stay hydrated
- Swimming in any lake or waterbody within the Royal Parks is forbidden apart from in the Serpentine Lido in Hyde Park during designated public swimming sessions.

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HOW DID WE DO?





