

Releasing Balloons and Wildlife in The Royal Parks

Policy Statement

In order to protect the environment, we ask that people refrain from releasing balloons in the Royal Parks.

Whilst releasing balloons into the atmosphere is a popular activity, many people are unaware of the effects balloons can have on the natural environment and wildlife.

Balloons can get caught in trees and shrubs, potentially hampering growth. Removing them from trees and from the rest of the parks can also be costly.

Balloons can also be a danger to wildlife that is commonly attracted to the bright colours of balloons. Birds and other animals have on occasion consumed deflated balloons, causing injury and even death.

For these reasons, the releasing of balloons is not permitted in the Royal Parks.

Releasing Wildlife in the Royal Parks

The release of wildlife into the Royal Parks is not permitted. Releasing wildlife is not only cruel but it could be considered an offence under the 1969 Abandonment of Animals Act.

This includes the release of doves. Over time, in the wild, doves become feral pigeons, which are a pest.

We hope that you will assist The Royal Parks' staff in keeping all eight parks beautiful and protecting our wildlife by complying with this policy.