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Our ref: FOI 26/32

2 June 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 20 May 2026 in which you asked the following:

My query was about the magnificent holm oak that sits near Blackheath Avenue. I asked if it had any history in the records

Please find our response below

it's probably around 100 years old and because it's open grown it has its remarkable symmetry and button mushroom shape

Some further information may be found here

<https://www.royalparks.org.uk/visit/parks/brompton-cemetery/famous-graves-burials/holm-oak>

There is no specific information relating to this specific tree in the archive. The majority of the records dealing with the early history of The Royal Parks may be found under WORK 16 at The National Archive

[Office of Works and successors: Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens: Registered Files | The National Archives](#)

I hope this information satisfies your request.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original email, quoting the reference at the top of the page and should be addressed to:

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Yours sincerely,
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