

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/00792

Date of request: 7th July

Request:

Today, at around 06.15 am, I saw a fire engine arrive in Richmond Park near Kingston Gate. At about 06.40, I saw firemen extinguishing a fire that was smouldering in a log from a veteran tree near Kingston Gate.

1. Any recorded log or logs, in whatever form, of a. details of the call-out to Richmond Park today, b. the logged reasons for the fire;
2. The number of times The London Fire Brigade has been called out to a suspected fire in Richmond Park in 2025 and 2026 in each year solely for each of a. April b. May c. June d. July;
3. For each of 2a, 2b and 2c above, a. logged reasons for the fire and b. action taken.

Given logged reasons for today's fire are covered in 1. above, you do not have to include this information in response to request 3. Please however include today's incident in the information in part 2.

Section 11 of the Freedom of Information Act requires public bodies to follow any reasonable request as to a means of communication. By making a request via WhatDoTheyKnow and automatically providing an @whatdotheyknow.com email address for the purposes of a response, I trust it is clear that a response via email is being requested.

Response:

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 7 July 2026.

You requested information relating to a call-out to Richmond Park near Kingston Gate on 7 July 2026, together with aggregate data relating to London Fire Brigade (LFB) call-outs to suspected fires in Richmond Park during April, May, June and July 2025 and 2026. We have addressed each part of your request below.

The LFB Data Team has provided the requested information. Page 2 contains details of the call-out to Richmond Park on 7 July 2026. Page 3 shows the number of call-outs to suspected fires in Richmond Park during the period April to July in both 2025 and 2026. Page 4 sets out the logged reasons and actions taken in relation to the call-outs referenced in Parts 2a, 2b and 2c.

For reporting purposes, fires are classified as accidental, deliberate or unknown, based on the most probable cause identified at the scene. A deliberate fire is one that is believed to have been started intentionally, although not necessarily with malicious intent. For example, some deliberate fires are started by children. The recorded motive reflects the nature of the uncontrolled burning. Therefore, while a bonfire may be deliberately lit, if it subsequently spreads and sets fire to a nearby shed, the resulting shed fire would be recorded as accidental, as it was an unintended consequence of the bonfire.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our website:

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>

Part 1: Call-out details and logged reason for the fire (7 July 2026)

Field	Value
Incident Number	131478-07072026
Time of call	07/07/2026 06:12
Time of stop	07/07/2026 06:47
Address (as logged)	Street Record, Unnamed Road - Richmond Park - Ham Gate to Park, Richmond Upon Thames, TW10 5HW
Incident Type / Stop Code	Secondary Fire
Property Type	Outdoor / Grassland, woodland and crops / Hedge
Fire type	Secondary Fire
Motive / Cause	Not known
Main action by Brigade	Hosereel (low pressure) (HR) - tank supply only
Pumps attended	1

Part 2: Number of suspected fire call-outs, Richmond Park, by month

Scope: Primary Fire, Secondary Fire, False Alarm - Good Intent

Year	Month	Count
2025	April	3
2025	May	1
2025	June	7
2025	July	0
2025 Total		11
2026	April	1
2026	May	6
2026	June	1
2026	July	4
2026 Total		12

Part 3: Logged reason for the fire and action taken (April, May, June only)

Year	Month	Station	RefNo	Incident Description	FireMainCause	FireAction	FireMotive
2025	April	Richmond	057314-05042025	Secondary Fire		Extinguisher - other	Accidental
2025	April	Richmond	058183-06042025	Secondary Fire		Hosereel (low pressure) (HR) - tank supply only	Accidental
2025	April	Kingston	061875-11042025	Secondary Fire		Water - from bucket/containers	Accidental
2025	May	Kingston	078219-06052025	False Alarm - Good intent			
2025	June	Kingston	101755-10062025	Secondary Fire		Immersed in water	Accidental
2025	June	Kingston	104208-13062025	False Alarm - Good intent			
2025	June	Richmond	110161-21062025	Secondary Fire		Hosereel (high pressure) (HRJ) - tank supply only	Accidental
2025	June	Kingston	110790-21062025	False Alarm - Good intent			
2025	June	Kingston	115843-28062025	Secondary Fire		Water - from bucket/containers	Accidental
2025	June	Richmond	117107-29062025	Secondary Fire		Water - from bucket/containers	Deliberate
2025	June	Richmond	117614-30062025	Primary Fire	Faulty fuel supplies – Electricity	Dry powder (DP)	Accidental
2026	April	Kingston	063827-10042026	Secondary Fire		Other small means	Deliberate
2026	May	Kingston	079871-02052026	False Alarm - Good intent			

2026	May	Kingston	085183-10052026	Secondary Fire	Water - from bucket/containers	Accidental
2026	May	Kingston	095680-24052026	Secondary Fire	Hosereel (high pressure) (HRJ) - tank supply only	Accidental
2026	May	Kingston	096510-25052026	Secondary Fire	No firefighting	Accidental
2026	May	New Malden	101514-30052026	False Alarm - Good intent		
2026	May	Kingston	102517-31052026	False Alarm - Good intent		
2026	June	Kingston	122282-26062026	False Alarm - Good intent		