

## Friends' initiatives to reduce plastic waste in the Park



Most of the seven million disposable coffee cups used every day in the UK cannot be recycled as they have plastic linings. They end up in landfill or are incinerated. In Richmond Park, disposable cups are served from three locations: the kiosks at Pembroke Lodge and by Pen Ponds car park and the Roehampton Gate cafe.

Responding to growing awareness of plastic in the environment and litter in Richmond Park (as well as the cost and waste of one-use cups), the Friends has

launched its own initiative: The Visitor Information Centre is trialling not just re-usable coffee/tea cups but ones that are also collapsible. These nifty 'Stojo' cups (pictured) can be 'collapsed' or folded in on themselves to be tucked into pockets or handbags. They're available in a range of colours and priced at just £7.50, much cheaper than those available elsewhere.

Another Friends' plastic-reducing initiative is to encourage Park visitors to replenish water bottles from mains water taps available around the Park. We have produced a map on our website showing where these taps are so visitors can easily find water to refill their containers, at [www.frp.org.uk/news/1508-drinking-water-in-the-park](http://www.frp.org.uk/news/1508-drinking-water-in-the-park)