



The spring clean individuals after their hard work collecting rubbish

Team of volunteers clear up the waste

RICHMOND Park is once again spick and span after a team of 80 volunteers cleaned it of litter on a blustery and wet Sunday.

The park's first ever "Spring Clean" event, organised by the Friends of Richmond Park (FRP) and supported by the Royal Parks, split into seven groups and covered all parts of the 2,500 acre park on March 5.

A spokesman for FRP said:

"Massive thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work, to The Royal Parks for their support, and to Daniel Hearsom's Pembroke Lodge for the much-needed refreshments afterwards.

"This may well become an annual event."

Adam Curtis, the park manager, said the litter pick focused on rubbish which had blown into the more remote areas of the

park in particular.

Mr Curtis said: "Not only does litter look unsightly, but it's also really bad for the environment. It pollutes lakes, attracts rodents and harms wildlife.

"We ask that everyone plays their part in keeping Richmond Park pristine, by ensuring they dispose of their litter responsibly. A huge thanks to everyone who volunteered on the day."

Chamber hosts business event

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ENTREPRENEURS of all ages and sectors gathered for the Richmond Chamber of Commerce's Richmond Entrepreneurs Conference 2017 at Richmond Adult Community College.

They were joined by business leaders, including sponsors Richmond upon Thames College, One Duke St, Revolution Bar and the Richmond & Twickenham Times.

The Chamber of Commerce CEO Anne Newton said: "The Conference delivered on so many levels, inspiring, informing and engaging over 100 businesses and non-profits from sectors as varied as industrial, professionals, retail, tech and creative.

"The chamber is the voice of business across the area, marketing, representing and supporting over 5,000 businesses."

Former Twickenham MP Sir Vince Cable closed proceedings with an upbeat rally call to en-



The Richmond Chamber of Commerce's Richmond Entrepreneurs Conference 2017

trepreneurs, and journalist and TV presenter John Stapleton led an upbeat Question Time-style panel.

There were lively discussions around topics such as upcoming

business rate changes, and developments on the high street.

Ms Newton said: "Do be sure to watch this space for more chamber business events in south west London."

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