

## **Colicci to run cafe at the Horniman Museum and Gardens**

Family-run company Colicci is the new café supplier at the Horniman Museum and Gardens in south London, running the existing Horniman café and catering kiosks, plus a second café in the Gardens opening in 2025.

The Horniman is the first museum partnership for Colicci, which already has cafes, kiosks and restaurants in London venues including Hyde Park, Dulwich Park, Peckham Rye Park, Chiswick House and Gardens and Richmond Park.

The catering contract begins this month (March 2024), with a refurbishment of the Horniman café due in June.

The new café in the Gardens is being developed as part of the Horniman's [Nature + Love](#) project, alongside a newly created, nature-inspired play area. It is expected to open in 2025.

Andrew Smith, Head of Commercial at the Horniman Museum and Gardens, says: 'We're delighted to welcome Colicci as our visitor catering supplier. They were appointed following a competitive tender process and impressed us with their menus, design, organisation and values. We look forward to seeing our visitors enjoy Colicci's food, ambience and, of course, coffee and ice cream.'

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### **Notes to Editors:**

- **Colicci** serves memorable moments across London's parklands alongside historic, iconic and cherished public spaces across the Capital. The Company was founded in 1982 by Ernie and Josephine Colicci, with their son Rob joining the company as Director in 2008. Our sites have a constant and evolutionary dialogue with their nature rich environs, with 9 cafe restaurants and over 35 kiosk sites operating across Central London's green spaces. Colicci won [Restaurant & Bar Design Award](#) in 2019 for their biophilic kiosk design for The Royal Parks. With specialty

coffee at the spine of our offering our menus are seasonal, locally sourced and accessible to all.  
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- The Natural History Gallery closed for redevelopment from Monday 4 March 2024 as part of our [Nature + Love](#) project. The gallery will reopen in 2026.
- **The Horniman Museum and Gardens** was [Art Fund Museum of the Year 2022](#), the world's largest museum prize.
- **The Horniman Museum and Gardens** opened in 1901 as a gift to the people in perpetuity from tea trader and philanthropist Frederick John Horniman, to 'bring the world to Forest Hill'. Today the Horniman has a collection of 350,000 objects, specimens and artefacts from around the world. Its galleries include a World Gallery of anthropology, music, an acclaimed aquarium, The Studio – a flexible arts and exhibition space, and a natural history gallery (closed until 2026 for redevelopment as part of [Nature + Love](#)). Indoor exhibits link to the award-winning display gardens – from medicinal and dye gardens to an interactive sound garden, Butterfly House and an animal walk – set among 16 acres of beautiful, green space offering spectacular views across London. [horniman.ac.uk](http://horniman.ac.uk)
- **The Horniman Museum and Gardens** relies on income from ticket sales, memberships, the shop and the Café to help care for the Gardens, animals and Aquarium residents, to run events and to look after the collections. The support of our visitors and donors is hugely appreciated. [horniman.ac.uk/support-us](http://horniman.ac.uk/support-us)
- **The Horniman Museum and Gardens** is core-funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and since 1990 has been governed by an independent charitable trust, registered charity no. 802725.
- On 29 July 2019 the **Horniman Museum and Gardens declared an ecological and climate emergency**, pledging to place carbon reduction and environmental issues at the heart of its work. The declaration – and the subsequent **Climate and Ecological Manifesto**, published in January 2020 – is a consolidation of existing work and a commitment to renewed ambitions to reduce the Horniman's environmental and pollution footprint, increase biodiversity, and inspire others to do so. Find out more about the Horniman's manifesto commitments and progress so far at [horniman.ac.uk/climate](http://horniman.ac.uk/climate).