

Revealed: FM support for King Charles III coronation

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As London once again hosted the party of the year, <u>Veolia</u> in partnership with Westminster City Council worked tirelessly over The Coronation weekend to ensure the city was clean, and the streets were ready for the first coronation in 70 years.

As an estimated two million people gathered on Saturday, the company's team ensured the streets were cleaned to grade A standard, and returned to this two hours after the event. The 100 operatives and 30 vehicles, many of them electric zero emission and hybrid types, worked around the clock to ensure that everything was fit for the coronation.

The operation included:

- Over 39 tonnes of additional recycling and refuse collected from the event area. This is in addition to the approx. 650 tonnes collected on an average weekend - Veolia managed this including multiple road closures and much more restricted collection times.
- 50 tonnes of sand was laid down to protect the horses in the procession from slippery drain covers, and enable the carriage wheels to turn the corners more easily. This was swept back up within a two-hour window to enable the streets to be safely re-opened
- Over 100 operatives across 8 teams worked from 3am to cover the event area and procession route
- 30 vehicles, more than half of which were electric or hybrid including: cage vehicles, small
 mechanical sweepers, flushers, sweepers, small electric cages, EAV bike removal vehicles and
 gritters
- Each member of staff on foot (60 people) walked about 25 miles, collectively that's a total of 300,000 steps taken, covering about 1,500 miles. Equivalent to walking from Land's End to John



O'Groats and almost all the way back again

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