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**Kensington Roof Gardens** (formerly known as **Derry and Toms Roof Gardens** and later **The Roof Gardens**) is a private [roof garden](#) covering 6,000 square metres (65,000 sq ft) on top of the former [Derry & Toms](#) building on [Kensington High Street](#) in [central London](#).

Originally opened in 1938, the gardens were open to the public until January 2018 when the leaseholder, [Virgin Limited Edition](#), was unable to reach an agreement with the freeholder about renewal of the lease.<sup>[1]</sup>

## History [ edit ]

Derry and Toms new [Art Deco](#) department store was opened in 1933. The gardens were laid out between 1936 and 1938 by [Ralph Hancock](#), a [landscape architect](#) who had just created the "Gardens of the Nations" on the 11th floor of the [RCA Building](#) in New York, on the instructions of Trevor Bowen (then [vice-president](#) of [Barkers](#), the

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