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A warm welcome to our spring newsletter. So much has happened since our last newsletter. Spring has finally arrived in the park and with the beautiful weather of late, buds have started to appear on the thousands of saplings planted in the woodland throughout the winter months and of course our beautiful bluebell shoots have started to appear.

We also found out that we're up for an award!

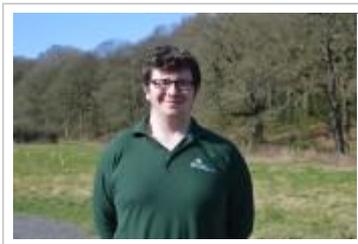
Our stunning ceremonial building has been named as one of the 15 new regional projects to be shortlisted for the prestigious RIBA North West Awards out of 40 entries.

The Royal Institute of British Architecture judging panel have now visited the park and we're waiting to hear if we've won! Wish us luck!

"This is one of the loveliest, and most peaceful environments - especially for saying goodbye to a loved one."



NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARK



Tom Cowley, Woodland Supervisor



As we turn the corner into spring, the vivid colours of the wild primroses, bluebells and foxgloves begin to adorn the woodland floor.

Waking up from a long winter's sleep, the Catkins, Alder and Hazel are slowly beginning to sprout and will soon create a much-needed canopy during the hot summer months. Baby rabbits, butterflies and bumblebees are just some of the many wildlife spotted in the park enjoying the first signs of spring.

Our Woodland team, headed up by Tom Cowley have been very busy and since opening in 2013 planted over 7,000 saplings throughout the park and improved the woodland ecological system through management techniques such as selective mowing and felling of invasive trees and shrubs.

Work in the woodland will continue throughout the year as the natural cycle of life begins again.

Bluebell Watch

Our beautiful bluebells have started to appear in the park! Look out for our regular picture updates on our website and on our Facebook page.

If you visit the park during bluebell season with your camera, please share your photos with us as we'd love to see them.



Woodland Explorer Day

Come and join us Easter weekend at our family **Woodland Explorer Day** and try your hand at craft making, bug hunting and tree identification.

Using a magnifying glass, children can investigate our woodland trail and enjoy a tasty treat at the end. You can also meet the RSPB to find out about the work they are doing in the local area.

Saturday 4th April
12noon-3pm
Free Entry

Children can bring their own packed lunch to enjoy in our stunning Woodland Hall while Mum and Dad enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee. Advance booking is advised, call or book online below. All children to be accompanied by adult.

Did you know that GreenAcres - Rainford offer local community groups the opportunity to use our beautiful building for free, once every year?

We really want to support our local community groups so if you're looking for an alternative venue to hold your next meeting then talk to us! Simply email the park for more details - keely.thompson@greenacreswb.co.uk.



Money Raised for Charities

Last year we held 27 well attended events for families and the local community.

GreenAcres - Rainford raised over £3,000 for local charities which included the Steve Prescott Foundation, Willowbrook Hospice, The Royal British Legion, The Wildlife Trust, RSPB and Child Bereavement. And across the GreenAcres Group we raised an amazing £28,000 for local and national charities.

Dates for your diary...

Easter Woodland Explorer Day	Saturday 4th April	12noon-3pm
Father's Day Service	Sunday 21st June	11am
Working Woodland Day	Saturday 4th July	10am-3pm
Zoology & Nature Event	Saturday 19th September	10am
Baby Loss Service	Sunday 11th October	1pm
Christmas Service	Sunday 13th December	11am



Easter opening times at Rainford

Good Friday	10am-3pm
Easter Saturday	10am-4pm
Easter Sunday	10am-4pm
Easter Monday	10am-3pm

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