



**GREENACRES™**  
RAINFORD  
Cemetery & Ceremonial Park





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*My husband's send-off was perfect, the whole day was all we wanted. Thank you from all my family & friends for making it so special.*

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## Welcome

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GreenAcres Rainford is a unique, natural cemetery and ceremonial park. Nestled in the metropolitan county of Merseyside, Rainford, along with our other parks has helped many families say goodbye in a caring, tranquil and beautiful environment. The natural surroundings of woodland, coupled with the warm, welcoming ceremonial building, make GreenAcres the perfect place for a personalised service for you and your family.



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*A gorgeous place  
to be laid to rest in  
beautiful surroundings  
with wildlife, birds and  
flowers. Perfect.*

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# Woodland is a much-loved part of the English countryside and each season holds a special appeal

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In the springtime we are treated to a carpet of bluebells; the summer spreads a canopy of dark green leaves above and foxgloves decorate the forest floor. In the autumn we are dazzled by a blazing spectacle of red and gold as the leaves turn and then fall. The winter arrives and life rests under the snow and frost waiting to burst forth as the cycle of life turns again towards the spring. For many there still remains a connection with the woodlands in our modern age, both as places of natural beauty and in continuing to provide safe habitats for an array of flowers, plants and wildlife.

## **Providing you with choice**

Our main aim is to offer a natural venue that is a beautiful alternative to an established churchyard or municipal cemetery. GreenAcres Rainford provides a choice where families can come together to commemorate the passing of a loved one in a beautiful natural setting.

Along with our many years' experience of organising woodland burials, our award-winning Ceremonial building at GreenAcres Rainford provide a very special place for the funeral and Memorial Service, whilst the woodland and orchard offer a choice of plots.

But most importantly we provide an experienced, compassionate and highly professional team to ensure that on your chosen day the funeral runs as smoothly as possible.

# Your options

Whether you are looking for a Cremation Service, Full Burial or Ash Interment, GreenAcres Rainford provides a lovely setting in a beautiful English woodland and orchard. So whether you would like to overlook a carpet of bluebells in the spring or to rest under the shady canopy of an old English oak tree, the park offers many options to choose from. With such a glorious variety of trees, we are sure you will find the perfect place for you.

## Cremation Service

Cremations are becoming increasingly popular. There are many reasons why people choose cremation over burial, the high cost of funerals may be one. But all too often we hear that cremation services are rushed and impersonal. Here at GreenAcres we believe everyone should have the perfect funeral, one which is affordable and never rushed. Our relaxed and beautiful woodland setting provides the perfect environment to say goodbye without being conscious of time.

## Burial Service

If it is a Full Burial you are looking for, our park offers tranquillity and beauty for the funeral service and of course the weeks, months and years afterwards during which you and your family may return to visit and reflect on the life of your loved one.

All of our burial plots are double-depth. This allows for the plot to be used by a second person, perhaps a close family member or loved one, when their need arises.



## Ash Interment

If you require an Ash Interment you can choose a Burial Tree from the many throughout the woodland and orchard. You may decide to use the Woodland Hall for a service or, if you have held a service elsewhere, a simple graveside committal may be preferred. An Ash Scattering can take place in our designated area.

There are no rules governing the order in which the service, interment or scattering take place – the timing of these arrangements is personal and at GreenAcres we will work with you to accommodate your wishes.

### Options available

Cremation Service

Burial Service

Ash Interment

Ash Scattering

**Unlike other cemeteries, we do not charge a non-residency fee if you live outside of the area.**

An Interment Fee is charged for the safe preparation of the grave for each Burial or Ash Interment plot and is in addition to the plot price.



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*Thank you for such a beautiful service, you made an incredibly difficult time that little bit easier. All of our family commented on what a beautiful service it was and of course the stunning setting.*

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# Where services are held

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## The Gathering Hall

Our warm and welcoming Gathering Hall provides the perfect place for families and friends to gather before the Memorial Service takes place. We can also offer you exclusive use of the Gathering Hall following the service to celebrate the life of a loved one, for as long as you require.

## The Woodland Hall

Our uniquely enchanting Woodland Hall is where the funeral and Memorial Service can be held. Flexible seating and a beautiful wooden lectern are complemented by a wall of full-length glass panels that offer panoramic views of the meadow and woodland beyond, inviting the calm and tranquil ambience into the room.

The Gathering Hall & Woodland Hall offer:

- Comfortable seating for up to 90 people
- Excellent acoustics with high-quality audio systems from which your music choices can be played
- Hearing loop
- Baby changing and toilet facilities
- Easy access for wheelchair users

## Your options

There are a variety of ways in which families and friends utilise our facilities and the surrounding woodland and orchard. Some of our most popular examples include:

- Conducting a full Memorial Service followed by a burial
- Holding a Cremation Service in the Woodland Hall with the coffin in place, before the coffin is taken to the crematorium
- Interring a loved one's ashes in our 65 acres of English woodland and orchard
- Using the Woodland Hall for a service after attending a cremation elsewhere, offering friends and family an opportunity to extend the time they spend together reflecting on the life of their loved one and recalling loving memories

If you would like to know more about the options we offer please contact us for an informal discussion. Or visit our website at [www.greenacrescelebrate.co.uk/rainford](http://www.greenacrescelebrate.co.uk/rainford)

# Prestige options

## **Private Garden** (available during 2018)

Offering panoramic views across the valley, our Private Gardens have been designed to allow privacy and seclusion to lay your loved ones to rest. These unique private areas offer a place of tranquillity and reflection in the weeks, months and years afterwards when you return to visit. Accessible by a private gate to which you will have a key, each garden includes your first interment fee.

## **Exclusive Family Tree**

Our Exclusive Family Trees allow families to purchase up to four double burial plots around a pre-selected tree within the park. The price includes the first interment fee.

## **Exclusive Burial and Feature Tree**

An Exclusive Burial Tree and Ashes Feature Tree allows families the option to purchase a double burial plot or double Ash Interment plot around a pre-selected tree within the park. We have various options available to suit all budgets. The price includes the first interment fee.

## **Lawn Grave**

The Lawn Graves in Oak View have been designed on the war grave principle to have a memorial of limited size at the head of the grave with the rest of the grave laid to lawn. Offering stunning views across the park, a Lawn Grave offers a double burial or double Ash Interment plot, with the option to purchase the grave next door on a pre-need basis.



### **Prestige options available**

Lawn Grave

Feature Tree

Exclusive Burial Tree

Exclusive Feature Tree

Private Garden



# Saying goodbye to babies and children

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*Over 6 weeks have passed now since my lovely son was buried with you and I had to let you know how glad I am we chose you.*

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Losing a baby or child is a part of life no one should have to experience. At GreenAcres Rainford we will do all we can to help ease the pain in a professional and caring way.



### **Pregnancy loss of under 24 weeks**

All babies, regardless of the stage of pregnancy can have a funeral. At Rainford, we have a special area for the interment of a pregnancy loss of under 24 weeks. Overseen by a member of our experienced team, the interment is usually arranged with the relevant hospital. Families can choose to place a single wooden memorial post in memory of their little loved one.

### **Babies and children aged up to 18 years**

We have a carefully selected area within the park dedicated to the burial of babies and children aged up to 18 years where families can choose to lay their precious loved ones to rest. Surrounded by nature, this special area offers a peaceful and tranquil setting for quiet reflection. A single wooden memorial post can be placed to mark the grave and we also offer full use of the ceremonial building should you wish to hold a service.



# Ways to remember

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There are so many ways that you might want to remember your loved ones and, as with the funeral, this service is completely personal.



## Memorials

Ash Interment and Full Burial plots can be marked with a single wooden memorial of your choice. It is traditional for woodland graves to be marked with a simple wooden plaque, adorned with an inscription of your choice and set on a short wooden post. However at GreenAcres we also offer the opportunity for personalised wooden memorials to mark the grave of your loved one.

## Lavender Memorial Garden

In our busy lives it can be difficult to find a peaceful space in which to remember those who are no longer with us. Surrounded by the natural beauty of the park and fragrant lavender bushes, families can choose to place a wooden plaque on the obelisk which sits at the heart the heart of the Lavender Garden.

## Living Memorials

Living memorials offer an additional way to remember a loved one, as well as providing habitats for a range of wildlife. They are available to everyone, regardless of whether or not their loved one is laid to rest in the park.

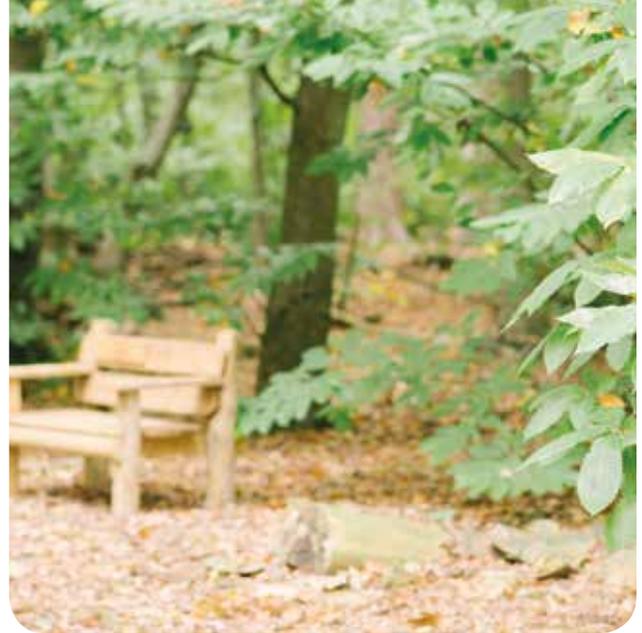
Our full range of Memorial Options can be found in our Ways to Remember brochure. Please contact us if you would like a copy or visit [www.greenacrescelebrate.co.uk/rainford](http://www.greenacrescelebrate.co.uk/rainford)

## What's included in the price?

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- The exclusive rights to your burial plot
- Secure and flexible leasing option that grants access to the park for you and your family members'
- An independent trust is in place to maintain the woodland
- Preparation of the grave and all administration costs
- Staffing and administration before and after the service
- The right to place a single, wooden memorial on the grave. The dimensions of the memorial must fall within park guidelines
- The use of the burial park facilities such as an electric buggy for those with limited mobility
- A secure site, which is staffed 365 days a year
- We have various options to suit all budgets and our fully trained team can provide guidance and advice. We at GreenAcres are committed to a compassionate, caring and personal service

**We do not charge a non-residency fee if you live outside of the area.**



*A beautiful setting...  
We were able to personalise  
the service and give my unique  
husband a unique service.*

# Frequently asked questions

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## **WHY DO YOU OFFER VARIOUS PLOT LEASE PERIODS?**

A shorter-term lease is an option for families who wish to secure a plot at a reduced rate, or who simply have no desire to memorialise long-term.

## **WHAT HAPPENS IF I DECIDE NOT TO RENEW A LEASE?**

Every five years, during the duration of the lease, we will write to the registered owner, and offer the option to extend the lease. If you do not wish to renew your lease options, then the grave can no longer be memorialised. Existing burials in the plot are not removed or disturbed, however, any remaining space in the plot will be made available for sale. Eventually your exclusive rights of burial will run out (currently 75 years).

## **HOW DO I KNOW THAT YOU WILL TAKE CARE OF THE WOODLAND?**

Unlike some other burial sites or cemeteries, we take the long-term care of the place where your loved one is buried very seriously. A proportion of each sale is placed into

an Independent Trust Fund in order to provide funds to secure the long-term preservation and maintenance of our beautiful woodlands for many years to come.

## **MUST THERE BE A RELIGIOUS SERVICE?**

We pride ourselves on our relationships with both the local clergy and the local independent celebrant team, ensuring the requirements of both the religious and secular community are met. Our ground is not consecrated, but individual graves can be blessed if you wish.

## **DO YOU SAY WHAT KIND OF COFFIN IS ALLOWED?**

The choice of coffin is a very personal one. Perhaps you would prefer not to have a coffin and would rather a shroud or other natural fabric covering that will not harm the environment. Other eco coffins include cardboard, willow, banana leaf and bamboo which, along with traditional wooden coffins, are acceptable at all of our parks. We are committed to complying with our

eco and conservation policies. With this in mind we do not allow metal caskets or zinc-lined coffins to be interred.

## **CAN PEOPLE BE BURIED TOGETHER?**

All of our Full Burial and Ash Interment plots are double depth. This allows for the plot to be used by a second person, perhaps a close family member or loved one, when their need arises. Should you choose not to share a final resting place then there is no obligation to use the second interment space.

## **WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO MARK THE GRAVE?**

Some people choose not to mark a grave with a wooden memorial which is very much a personal choice. However, whenever we bury anyone at our parks we record the graves very carefully and use traditional mapping to ensure that there is a permanent record of each person who is buried with us and their location.

## **WHAT PAYMENT OPTIONS DO I HAVE?**

You can choose to pay at the time of

booking or after the funeral. You can pay via credit or debit card, cheque or by a bank transfer. For those who wish to secure a place with us in the future you can pay in advance using our interest-free instalment plan. Please enquire at the park for full details.

### **HOW DO WE ARRANGE A FUNERAL AT GREENACRES RAINFORD?**

We always work very closely with your chosen Funeral Director. In many instances we will show the family around the park and our buildings. During that initial visit we will let the family know what to expect on the day and if they do decide to select a plot at the park we will confirm these details, along with a confirmed time and date, with their Funeral Director. We will ensure that every detail of the funeral is double checked. If we notice during the arrangement period that a tiny detail has been overlooked, we will draw it to the attention of your Funeral Director immediately.

### **CAN WE CHOOSE THE EXACT PLACE FOR THE BURIAL?**

Throughout the park we have special dedicated Burial Trees and burial areas; along with one of our team you can choose the place that suits you best.



## **We're here to help**

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### **The team**

Our experienced park team aim to guarantee your woodland funeral is perfect. Their dedication and hard work will ensure that your final goodbye is said in the tranquillity and beauty of a well-managed woodland setting.

The team at Rainford are available 365 days a year to answer all of your questions, helping with funeral arrangements and pre-planning requirements. On the day of the funeral we will offer a guiding hand and afterwards, when you return to visit your loved one's grave, we will provide the warmest of welcomes.

Both our woodland and office team operate with years of experience, professionalism and empathy. We are very proud of the role we play in delivering impeccable service in a beautiful and totally natural environment.

# Park map

Our park at Rainford is divided into a range of areas to allow customers greater choice. Some areas provide a wider landscape with more mature trees whilst others have different natural attributes which may be more relevant to your remembrance.

With that in mind we have set our prices considering two key factors:

- The overall desirability and accessibility of the park area and
- The intention to keep prices in line with a traditional burial



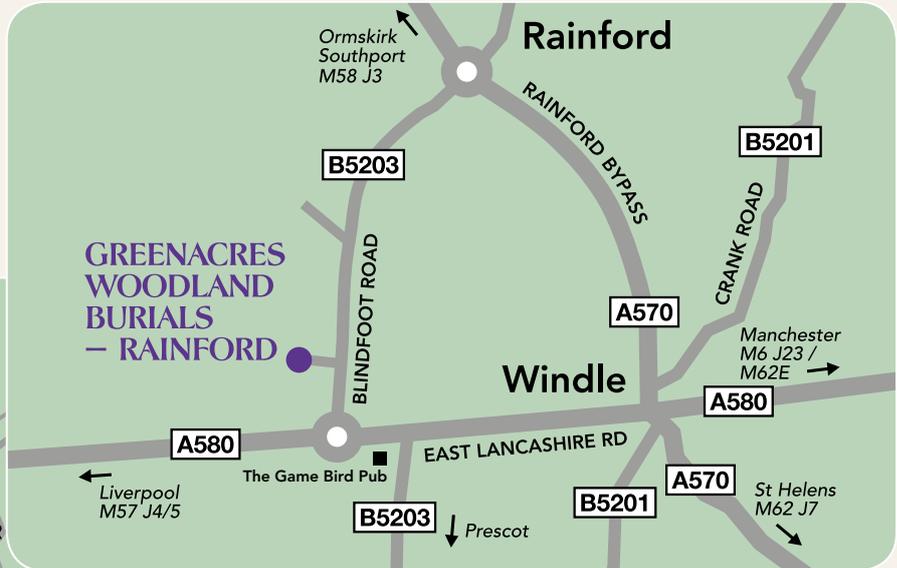
This way we ensure that our parks are open to people from all walks of life and all budgets. All graves and Ash Interment plots are for two people, allowing you the choice to bury people together if you so wish.

As a living woodland there may be times when an area is not open for a burial; but this is always made clear when you visit.

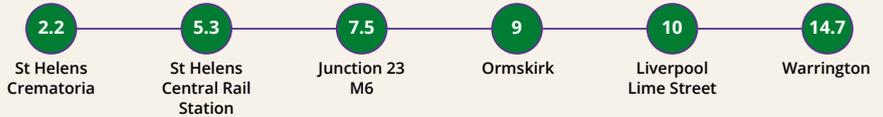
**N.B.** All areas on the map are currently available or planned for opening during 2018

# Directions

The park is easy to find and accessible from all major routes. Our location and main roads in the area are clearly marked on the maps below:



## DISTANCES BY ROAD\* (in miles)



## DISTANCES BY RAIL\* (from St Helens Central Rail Station in minutes)



\*Times and distances sourced from Google Maps and trainline.com

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### Opening hours

We are open 365 days a year and our team are available to discuss your requirements at the following times. However do check before visiting in case we have had to close early for any reason.

Monday – Friday	9.00am – 5.00pm
Saturday & Sunday	10.00am – 4.00pm
Christmas Eve & New Year’s Eve	9.00am – 3.30pm
Christmas Day & Boxing Day	9.00am – 12pm
New Year’s Day & Bank Holidays	10.00am – 3.00pm

*The park entrance will close 15 minutes before the stated closing time or dusk if sooner.*