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Welcome to the Spring newsletter from GreenAcres

Bluebell Watch at GreenAcres

As we turn the corner into spring, visitors to our parks will soon be treated to an abundance of bluebells.

Join us in our Bluebell Watch and enjoy watching these delightful little flowers burst into colour and carpet the woodland floor.

Bring your camera and share your photos with us. We'll then choose our favourites and post them on our Facebook page for everyone to enjoy.

To find your nearest park taking part in Bluebell Watch click [here](#).



NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARKS



The stunning Woodland Service Hall at Heatherley Wood

Supporting our local community

Did you know that GreenAcres Woodland Burials offer local community groups the opportunity to use our beautiful buildings free of charge, once a year?

We really do 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! To contact your nearest park for more details click [here](#).

GreenAcres opens new park in Grayshott

GreenAcres Woodland Burials - Heatherley Wood in East Hampshire has become the fifth park to join the GreenAcres Group.

Once part of the National Trust's Ludshott Common, a lowland heathland of international designation, the park is set in 12 acres of beautiful mature Meadow and Woodland owned by East Hampshire District Council.



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Woodland update



Spring brings a busy time for our Woodland team who do a marvellous job in looking after our 220 acres of Meadow and Woodland. This is just some of the things they've been getting up to lately:

The Woodland Team at Colney has been hard at work and The Meadow is now fully open. This beautiful addition to the woodland offers a new perspective to the park and one of the prettiest views in Norfolk! This spectacular landscape rests under the huge Norfolk Sky and is the perfect place to admire Mother Nature in all her glory!



During the winter months, the team in **Epping** have planted a number of fruit trees along the entrance drive, with several Essex varieties of apple alongside pear, cherry, damson and gage. They have also been busy coppicing hornbeam and birch in Hornbeam Dell, which will let in light and hopefully improve the ground flora and understorey, encouraging more wildlife to the area.

Work is progressing on the new Orchard in **Chiltern**. A selection of different fruit trees will be planted over the next few weeks adding another dimension to the park for you to wander around next time you visit your loved ones.



The Woodland team in **Rainford** has been busy planting over 7,000 saplings throughout the park. They have also improved the woodland ecological system through management techniques such as selective mowing and felling of invasive trees and shrubs.

The Meadow in **Heatherley Wood** has been cut to remove the grasses and provide a lower nutrient base for the wildflowers while the bund has been planted up with holly, gorse, hawthorn, blackthorn, dog rose and guelder rose amongst other species to provide a screen and have value as a hedge row for wildlife.

The area around the building and car park has been planted with a mixture of appropriate trees and shrubs for colour and wildlife and will provide important nectar and pollen sources as well as giving colour to the area. A dead hedge has been built along the edge of the woodland area providing an important habitat for breeding birds such as wren, cover areas for small mammals and suitable habitat for insects that feed on rotting wood. A long woodchip path runs through the length of the woodland area, providing access for families to the burial trees and will generally provide a platform for the development of fungi.

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WHAT'S ON AROUND THE PARKS



Easter weekend in the parks

Join the Rainford team on **Saturday 4th April** at our **Woodland Explorer Day** for children. Children of all ages can try their hand at craft making, bug hunting and tree identification and enjoy a tasty treat at the end.

Our Chiltern park will play host to an **Easter Egg Hunt** with a difference on **Saturday 4th April!** Interactive and educational fun for children of all ages... and yes, the grown-ups can join in the fun too!

FREE family fun for children and adults of all ages!
Our events are very popular so booking is advised.

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All of our parks have a full programme of events throughout the year. For more information and to book click [here](#).

Auction of Recipes for Macmillan - World's largest Coffee Morning

GreenAcres - Colney will be helping raise much-needed funds for Macmillan on Friday 25th September.

We know September may seem a long way off but part of our fundraising will be achieved via an auction of recipes!

We are not after something you have recently cut out of a Sunday supplement or local magazine. No, we want you to share family secrets that have been handed down from generation to generation, or the perfect war-time pudding (made from ration-book ingredients) or your Aunt Edna's Spotted Dick or Grandma's strawberry jam recipes.

In fact we are hoping to attract any tasty recipe that has a story or a great memory attached to it. If you would like your recipe to be put up for auction please send an [email](#) with Recipe for Auction in the subject line. All proceeds from this event will be Match-Funded by GreenAcres and sent directly to Macmillan.

Macmillan Coffee Mornings will take place on Friday 25th September in our Colney, Epping Forest and Chiltern parks. For more information click [here](#).



Easter opening times at GreenAcres

Our parks are open throughout the Easter period. Please check opening times before visiting by contacting your local park.

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Readings and Poems for Funerals

Our website now offers over 150 beautiful poems and readings that are suitable for a memorial or funeral.

The poems and readings have been selected for their beauty, comfort and inspiration. Each work is free of copyright.

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