

**Press Release: Rainbow Corner to increase facilities at the Windlesham Field of Remembrance in response to community demand**

Rainbow Corner Nursery approached the Trustees and Committee of the Field of Remembrance to consider a proposal to place a suitably appropriate, removeable cabin to expand their facilities at the Windlesham Hub. This would help meet increased demand for childcare places following the Government's expansion of childcare funding. In response Surrey County Council are offering grants to existing experienced nursery providers in priority areas like Windlesham to increase their childcare capacity for babies and pre-schoolers. Rainbow Corner are eligible to apply and plan to submit a grant application by 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

The proposed cabin would provide a dedicated baby room, allowing the main room in the Hub to be used for preschoolers aged 2 and upwards, and enabling Rainbow Corner to open 8am – 6pm. These changes could allow up to 20 families to benefit from a place. Rainbow Corner is already heavily oversubscribed with waiting lists full until earliest April 2026. 65% of the current waiting list are Windlesham parents.

One of the key charitable objectives for the Windlesham Field of Remembrance is to support our community by providing facilities for their benefit. This initiative has received strong support from the Trustees and Committee, who recognise the value of high-quality childcare facilities in this central village location.

The proposed structure would be designed to blend with the surroundings, using wood cladding, have a footprint of 48m<sup>2</sup> and could be removed if required. The cabin, which is subject to planning permission being granted, would be built on site in a week, with careful consideration of the field during construction and no need for tree removal. The cabin would be located at the end of the fenced outdoor play space currently used by the nursery and next to the Hub. A walkway providing access to the field will be maintained behind it.

The Field of Remembrance recognises that village residents may be interested in the proposed cabin and the Trustees would like to reassure the village that there are no other plans to expand or build on the Field of Remembrance. This small additional facility would contribute towards the Field's financial sustainability. We will keep the community informed via a dedicated webpage which will be updated as the project progresses: [windleshamfor.com/cabin](http://windleshamfor.com/cabin)

*"We are very grateful to the Field of Remembrance Trustees and Committee for supporting our proposal for a cabin to meet the demand in the local community. We very much enjoy being an integral part of the village by providing much needed childcare facilities to residents."*

Lucy Whitehead, Owner/Director Rainbow Corner Windlesham

*"By working with Rainbow Corner's experienced, professional team we can support the Windlesham community with additional facilities for working families."*

Mike Sheard, Chair Windlesham Field of Remembrance

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Links:

Windlesham Field of Remembrance

Rainbow Corner [rainbowcorner.co.uk](http://rainbowcorner.co.uk)

Surrey County Council - Expansion of Early Education and Childcare

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/community/news/categories/families-and-young-people/expansion-of-funded-early-education-and-childcare>