

**PRESS RELEASE**

**BRAMSHOTT WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND**

**CHARITY NUMBER 301766**

We wish to advise the public that the Bramshott War Memorial Recreation Ground is held in trust and that the Parish Council is the corporate trustee. Trustees must take a consistent and legal position on the use of all the property and buildings on the Recreation Ground and develop an agreed policy that meets the objects of the charity.

The Trust's registration clearly states that its sole charitable object is for recreation. The Trust owns the land and some buildings, and any funding for maintenance of these comes from the sports clubs, who use the Recreation Ground, and council tax payers.

Parish councillors therefore have two clearly defined and separate roles. As councillors they are responsible to the electorate; as trustee they have to comply with charity law and uphold the objects of the trust laid down by the original benefactors. A fuller and clearer explanation of these separate roles and responsibilities is provided by Action Hampshire, who provide advice to local councils, in their information sheet number 36 (link below):

[http://bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/VHIS\\_36-Feb2015-1.pdf](http://bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/VHIS_36-Feb2015-1.pdf)

*(if you are unable to click on this link, please either copy and paste it into your browser, or use the link on the front page of the parish council website)*

Full details on the trust may be obtained from the Charity Commissions website [www.charitycommission.gov.uk](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk) using the above charity number.