

PRESS RELEASE

BRAMSHOTT WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND

CHARITY NUMBER: 301766

The Bramshott War Memorial Recreation Ground is a registered charity (301766). The Trustees have considered the options for the Pavilion (Beacon) building which has housed the Willows pre-school for a number of years under an Annual Licence arrangement. The Parish Council is the corporate trustee and as such they have to comply with charity law and uphold the objects of the trust laid down by the original benefactors. The key consideration for the Trustees has been that the Trust was set up to support only recreational activities for the whole community on the Bramshott War Memorial Recreation Ground.

Although the Willows management were willing to pay for repairs to the building they would require a long term lease. On advice from the Charity Commission this could not be done within the terms of the current deeds as they do not allow for nursery education provision.

The Trustees were mindful of the building being uninsurable in its present condition and with much regret the decision has been made to close the building with immediate effect and start demolition at the earliest opportunity.

The Trustees are very aware that this will have an effect on nursery provision in Liphook and are very sympathetic to those parents and children who will be affected by this action.

The trustees will continue in their endeavour to assist the Willows in finding temporary accommodation until a permanent solution can be found.

Further information about the charity can be found on www.charitycommission.gov.uk (using charity number 301766), and Action Hampshire's Information Sheet number 36:

http://bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/VHIS_36-Feb2015-1.pdf

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Trustees of the Bramshott War Memorial Recreation Ground

30th July 2015