



SPRING 2022

To start out we would like to say that we're very proud and want to share the news with you that Rainbow Rural has been running for 12 years this year.



This is also our chance to say THANK YOU to all of our students, carers, schools, associations and volunteers who have supported us, we hope you have gained as much as we have through the Rainbow Rural experience.

It doesn't seem in any way possible that all that time has passed by so quickly, we've seen so many students come and go and we will be going on into the future with many more.

The aim when Rainbow Rural was conceived was to serve the community as a place of fun and learning for those less able than most, we feel we've achieved a part of that goal and we will now continue to work to share our lovely care farm with as many sectors of the community as possible.

WHICH BRINGS US ON TO

Please help support
Rainbow Rural
Care farm



Meet the Spring Lambs

Veteran Bicycles Plant sale Feed the animals

Sunday 24th April

High Easter Road, Near Barnston CM6 1NG

Tickets £5.00 per person. Children under 12 free

From 10:30am More info: www.rainbowrural.co.uk

The spring open day will be taking place on Sunday the 24th of April.

We would love to see as many of you as possible for this event. Following the long and arduous lockdown we feel the need to reconnect with some of our lovely followers who have been unable to get out and enjoy the countryside as we do.

Please come along and say hello to us and meet our new Rainbow Rural arrivals.

And please pass the attached poster on to anyone you think can display it for us or who would like to circulate it.



We currently have 3 sets of twin lambs and 2 single little ones.

Simon has been working around the clock to welcome these lovely little Souls into the world.



And there are more on the way.

Well done Simon

DUDLEY AND EUNICE

Our wonderful Marquee, which was so kindly funded by the Dunmow Round table, was destroyed by storm Dudley of February this year.



The marquee was a vital part of Rainbow Rural being able to continue our provision throughout the Covid lockdown restrictions. It enabled us to divide the available space into pods so that each of our students had an individual space to use with their care team. We wouldn't have been able to accommodate as many students without it, and would have had to turn people away.

Everyone has been working hard to clear the site and Patrick has salvaged a lot of the usable parts for ongoing projects.

Well done and thank you Patrick.



Following Dudley within the next couple of days we were hit by Eunice.

Historic and beautiful Clay Pit Wood now suffered damage



Some of the ancient trees just couldn't tolerate the constant winds and succumbed to the battering.

Plans are in place to start new planting.

ON A LIGHTER NOTE

Flora and fauna are abundant after the winter months, we're enjoying the appearance of the spring bulbs



The birds are nesting and although we don't have a picture of them yet the Moorhens' chicks have hatched on the pond. They're adorable and look like little black cotton wool balls.

Because it has been such a damp spring the funguses are spreading quickly too.



They are very beautiful in their own way.

Now that the moorhens have hatched their chicks it shouldn't be long before the ducklings are putting in an appearance.



The duck house is renovated and ready for its' new family to move in.



And when it comes to renovations and new builds, just look at that gate, well done Heidi Alex and Beverley, thank you for all your hard work.

HELP FROM LOCAL COMPANIES

In recent months we have been very grateful for the priceless help from local companies who have assisted us in making repairs to our Care Farm and the access road.

Carol's visit to McCarthy Stone builders.



Rainbow Rural had plenty of driveway holes. Not so many now thanks to these guys kind assistance.

727 Tool Hire are brilliant for tools, and also stepped in to help us receive spare materials gifted by McCarthy Stone.



Thank you for your kind support

Aggreg8 share the same local business space as Anglia Land Drainage (ALD). Both these neighbouring businesses have supported us, and recently showed interest in our work when they delivered some much needed gravel and shingle to fill the holes in our driveway and school area parking.



If you need any kind of plant machinery these are the people to ask, they're brilliant and include delivery.

We don't know where we would be without the kind help from so many people and companies.

Thank you all

A NOTE FROM

Friends of Rainbow Rural

Since January the main focus of Friends of Rainbow Rural has been to help support the upcoming Spring event



- Posters and roadside signs have been printed and distributed around the neighboring villages.
- E-mails have been sent to local schools.
- The event has been promoted on social media.
- Card readers have been obtained to make event payments easier.
- Volunteers have been found to run stalls and help out on the day.

**On the day of the Spring Event we will be promoting our cause
so please do come and talk to us!**



A BIG THANK YOU FROM US

We would like to thank everyone who are helping us
in their own way

EVERYONE WHO HAS MADE A PAY PAL DONATION
VIA OUR WEB SITE

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Mc CARTHY STONE AGGREG8

MALONIES VETERINARY DUNMOW ROUND TABLE

TESCO & FAYRE SHARE HORNSEA ANIMAL FEED

NATIONAL LOTTERY FELSTED SCHOOL

ACER TREE SPECIALIST DUNMOW FENCING

DUNMOW CHIP SHOP for displaying poster

SORRY IF YOU'VE BEEN MISSED OFF OF OUR LIST

GIVE US A NUDGE AND WE'LL REMEMBER YOU NEXT TIME

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