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Richmondshire Landscape Trust  
Richmondshire Open Spaces Appeal

RICHMONDSHIRE LANDSCAPE TRUST

# NEWSLETTER

## We're official!

The Richmondshire Landscape Trust has now received official charitable status. This means that we can claim back gift aid on any donations and are eligible to apply for various grants. Our charity number is 1104695.

An inaugural meeting of the Trust will be held this autumn. Please look out for details in the local press.

## Fundraising ideas flood in

More than 70 people attended our meeting on 15 June to discuss fundraising ideas. Lots of fantastic suggestions came out of the evening and we will try to use as many as possible during the course of our campaign. Thank you.

Specific examples include holding a massive car boot sale in Richmond Market Place, a ROSA Ball in the grounds of Richmond Castle, open-air concerts, auctions and many more. If anyone has any further ideas for fundraising events, please get in touch. The more creative input we have the better!

One area we are keen to pursue at the moment is live musical events, so if you know anyone willing to lend their talents, please contact Stuart Parsons on 01748 823456.

## Boundary walkers needed

We are looking for volunteers to get sponsored for this year's Boundary Walk, which takes place on Wednesday 25 August.

The custom of Boundary Riding occurs every seven years and has been used for centuries as a way of re-establishing the town's boundaries. The full route is approximately 14 miles long but walkers can take on as much or as little of the distance as they want. The walk starts from

the Town Hall at 8.30am. Those completing the route will receive a commemorative certificate.

Sponsorship forms are included with this newsletter but please contact us if you are intending to take part. Telephone Stuart Parsons on 01748 823456 for further details.

## How are we doing?

Since launching the appeal on 22 April 2004, we now have 341 members and have raised £20,000. A further £7,500 has been promised as interest free loans. Please keep up the good work, we are getting there!

## ROSA collections

Collections will take place in the Market Place on Saturday 11 September, and the Market Hall on Sunday 24 October. Volunteers are asked to contact Stuart Parsons on 01748 823456.

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## Land to be sold as freehold

On 29 June, Richmondshire District Council's Resources Committee voted to dispose of the open spaces land on a freehold rather than a leasehold basis. The Committee had been asked to consider the merits of both methods of disposal and thanks to concerns raised by the Trust, councillors opted for a freehold sale.

Thank you to everyone who wrote letters in support of the Trust and also to those who attended the Council meeting. We are also grateful to Councillor Blackie for his continued support.

## Fundraising successes

We have had considerable success with our fundraising so far and are grateful to everyone for their support.

Special thanks go to June and Bob Ivory who raised £700 by hosting a lunch at their home and also to Jean Robertson whose open garden day raised £735 – despite the atrocious weather!

We would also like to thank all those volunteers who took part in the recent leaflet drop. So far, over £4,000 has been raised in this way and money is still coming in.

## A little bit of change goes a long way

Have you ever wondered what to do with the loose change in your pocket? One Richmond resident decided to put aside his two pence pieces in a special ROSA pot. He recently handed over 3,000 coins – amounting to £60.00 – and is starting all over again.

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## Dates for the diary

### Monday 26 July – 'Caring Kids' gig

Live music from ASBG Headlining, with support from the Sloppy 2nds, StanXa and special guests. This event – organised by local youngsters – will take place at the Zetland Centre at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £3 on the door. For more information, contact Lizzie Malley on 07762 145433.

### Friday 10 September – Pie and pea supper

This event is being run by Rhoda Frazer at Brompton-on-Swale. Further information from Stuart Parsons on 01748 823456.

### Friday 17 September – Vintage Richmond

Mike Porter will be showing old films of Richmond in an evening of nostalgia. It will include a rare screening of a colour sound film of Richmond in the 1940s and 1950s by A J Glover. The event will take place at the Zetland Centre at 7.30pm. Please see local press for ticket information or contact Stuart Parsons on 01748 823456.

### Tuesday 5 October – Tennants visit

A behind-the-scenes tour of Tennants saleroom in Leyburn, led by TV personality Adam Schoon. Afternoon tea included. Details from Margaret and Ray Hodgson, Tel: 01748 829416.

## A word about administrative costs

As with any charity, we aim to keep administrative costs to a minimum. Several supporters have given donations specifically for this purpose and so far these have covered all of our printing costs and other expenditure.

Also many members have kindly helped with tasks such as printing newsletters, or have donated stationery and stamps. This means that all money raised so far has gone directly towards our fundraising target.

## Further information

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