



# NEWSLETTER

## Thanks to all of you

The first job of this newsletter is to say a very big thank you to all of our members. Since launching the Richmondshire Landscape Trust on 22 April, we already have over 150 members, and have raised around £6,500.

This is an excellent start to our fundraising activities and we are grateful for all the support and hard work so far. It is important that we keep growing as an organisation, and we are especially grateful to all those who have been busy distributing leaflets and recruiting new members. Please keep up the hard work!

Anyone needing more leaflets should contact Stuart Parsons on 01748 823456. Alternatively, they can be downloaded from our website – [www.richmond.org.uk/community/rosa](http://www.richmond.org.uk/community/rosa)

## Who are we?

ROSA (Richmondshire Open Spaces Appeal) is the fundraising arm of the Trust. It is run by a committee of volunteers, recruited from one of the first public meetings.

Chair: Frank Gibbon  
Treasurer: Gordon Love  
Secretary: Sue Appleby  
Publicity: Stuart Parsons

### Richmondshire Landscape Trust

#### Public Meeting

Tuesday 15 June

The Town Hall  
7.30pm

Refreshments will  
be served

## What next?

Our first task is to raise £40,000 by the end of July. This is to make an initial payment to Richmondshire District Council in order to secure the sale of the land to the Trust.

Although the Council has said that we are the preferred buyer, if we fail to

meet this initial target, it may decide to pursue other options.

We therefore need to raise as much money as possible – fast – and we need lots of ideas as to how we can do this. This will be the focus of our next meeting on **Tuesday 15 June**, when the fundraising arm of the Trust, ROSA, will outline ideas received so far

and present a fundraising strategy.

We would urge anyone with an interest in the work of the Trust to attend the meeting. The more support and creative input we have, the better!

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## Can you lend the Trust any money?

One way of securing the money needed for the initial down payment is to take out a commercial loan. However, this would incur interest, and in the long run, the Trust would have to raise even more hard-earned cash to cover this borrowing.

If anybody feels they can offer the Trust sums of £500 or more as an interest free loan, we would be delighted to hear from you. This would avoid having to go to the bank or at least reduce any sum formally borrowed. If you can't help, maybe you know someone who can or have contact with an organisation that might act in this capacity.

All loans will be supported by legally drawn up documents and, if required, lenders can reclaim the money at any time, subject to an agreed notice period.

To discuss the matter further, please contact Frank Gibbon on 01748 821002 or Gordon Love on 0191 3343696.

## Fundraising targets

- Richmondshire District Council has agreed to sell a number of pieces of land to the Richmondshire Landscape Trust for £120,000, subject to appropriate advertisement and appeal procedures.
- The Trust has three years to pay the full sum of money, in equal instalments of £40,000 a year.
- The first payment of £40,000 is needed by end of July 2004.

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## Visit our website

You can find out more about the work of the Trust and keep up to date with our activities by visiting our website – [www.richmond.org.uk/community/rosa](http://www.richmond.org.uk/community/rosa)

As well as background information about the Trust, the site also gives details of the land for sale and provides location maps.

## Trust attracts first commercial sponsor

Local food delivery firm, Farmaround Organic, has pledged 10% of all money made from its Richmond orders over the next 12 months to ROSA.

Based on the town's trading estate, the firm provides a weekly home delivery service of organic produce. This includes fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as a comprehensive grocery range, such as pastas, cooking oils, dried goods and cereals.

For further information, call 01748 821116 or visit [www.farmaroundnorth.co.uk](http://www.farmaroundnorth.co.uk)

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## Paintings to go under the hammer

Richmond is a town that has inspired many artists over the centuries. One of the most famous, the English landscape painter J W Turner, actually painted the town from both the Westfield and the South Bank – two of the areas that the Trust is trying to save.

An auction of paintings and artwork is therefore one of the Trust's first fundraising ideas and we hope to hold this event in the autumn.

Anyone willing to donate paintings, or who knows of any artists who might give a piece of work, should contact Stuart Parsons on 01748 823456.

## Further information

This newsletter has been published by ROSA.

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