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Richmondshire Open Spaces Appeal

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NEWSLETTER

Congratulations – first payment made!

At last – on 5 January 2005 – the Richmondshire Landscape Trust became the legal owner of the five open spaces. This is really excellent news and a huge credit to all the hard work and effort of our members and supporters.

However, we should not become complacent. We have only paid the first £40,000 and subsequent payments of the same amount are due in January 2006 and January 2007. The Trust has undoubtedly passed a significant milestone but we still have a long way to go.

I want to thank everyone who has supported our campaign so far and I hope we can count on your continued enthusiasm in the years that lie ahead.

Frank Gibbon, Chairman

Recipes for Richmond

You don't need to be Jamie Oliver or Delia Smith but if you have a favourite recipe we would like to share it with you. Jacqui Singleton-Turner is compiling a Richmond recipe book to sell in aid of ROSA. Please send contributions to her at 15 Slegill, Richmond or email: roger@singletonturner.fsnet.co.uk

How are we doing?

Since launching its appeal on 22 April 2004, the Trust now has over 500 members and has raised £30,500. A further £38,500 has been given as interest free loans. Please keep up the good work, every bit helps!

Valuable help and expertise given

Since its formation last year, the Richmondshire Landscape Trust has received enormous public support. We would also like to acknowledge the professional help we receive and donations from local businesses.

Hunton and Garget Solicitors in Richmond have acted on behalf of the Trust in the land purchase and Lyons and Co. Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors of Stockton have prepared and audited our accounts. Both partnerships have provided their time and expertise without a fee. A big thank you to both of them.

We are also grateful to Farmaround Organic, Roots and Shoots, and the Swaledale Cheese Company for recent raffle prizes.

Market day

ROSA is hosting a fundraising event at the Market Hall on Sunday 13 March. We will have two stalls and are looking for people to help run them on the day. Any donations of crafts, cakes, biscuits, jams or plants would also be very welcome.

In addition, if anyone knows of any other organisation or individual who would like to hire a stall to run alongside ROSA, please contact Stuart Parsons on 01748 823456 or 077142 17162.

Round-up of events

We have recently enjoyed a number of fundraising events in aid of the Trust and are very grateful to everyone who has helped organise or support them.

People are often interested in how much a specific initiative has raised, so we are listing some of the most recent ones below. Although the events are held to raise money, they also play an important role in raising public awareness of the Trust's work.

Grand Auction Sale - £518
Town Hall Coffee Morning - £268
Folk Concert in King's Head Hotel - £215
Edinburgh Woollen Mill Fashion Evening - £301
Christmas at St Nicholas - £855

Dates for the diary

Friday 25 February – The Story of Richmond

Mike Porter presents an evening of Richmond on film with excerpts from Richmond Diary No. 5 and, by popular request, a screening of Glover's film from the 40s and 50s. The event, in aid of ROSA, the Station Project and Easby Footpath Appeal, will be held in the Zetland Centre at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 (£3 concessions) are available from John Deighton (01748 825041), Richard Morrell (01748 822161 – 6.00-6.30pm only) and the Castle Hill Bookshop, or £6 on the door.

Saturday 26 February – Last Night's Fun

This top Irish band will perform in aid of ROSA, the Station Project and Easby Footpath Appeal at the King's Head Ballroom at 8.00pm. Tickets (£6) are available from the King's Head Hotel, Alt-Berg factory shop and Castle Walk Sports.

Saturday 5 March – Family Fun Ceilidh

This is one for all ages and dancing abilities! Featuring the Buckleye Band, the event will be held in the King's Head Ballroom from 7.30-11.00pm, including a light buffet supper. Tickets cost £6 and are available from Sue Appleby (01748 825094 or 077666 63433). Thanks to the King's Head Hotel for providing the room free and the Buckleye Band for reducing their fee. Tombola and raffle prizes welcome.

Friday 25 March – Easter Egg Hunt

The year ahead

We are always looking for fundraising ideas and are grateful to those people willing to organise or suggest events.

A number of early events are listed opposite but we also have dates for a concert by world-renowned Northumbrian piper Kathryn Tickell (joint event) on 20 May and a 'Last Night of the Proms' in the grounds of Richmond Castle on 18 June.

Other initiatives include a charity day at Richmond Golf Club in May; a Summer Ball in July; a 5-a-side football tournament; and a summer barbecue. Further details will be published in the next newsletter.

Further information

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