



Richmondshire Landscape Trust
Richmondshire Open Spaces Appeal

NEWSLETTER

Second payment now made

A Happy New Year to you all. We have now paid the second instalment of £40,000 to Richmondshire District Council, with our third (and final) contribution due in January 2007. We already have some funds towards making the next payment but a lot of hard work remains. To date, £56,178 has been raised and a further £34,000 has been given as interest-free loans, bringing the total to £90,178.

I am sure that with the continued support of our members we will be successful in reaching our final target. However, the effort must not stop when the last payment to the Council is made. The Trust will have to re-pay the interest-free loans, so fundraising will need to continue for some time. The bonus is that – for the large part – this is very enjoyable and a lot of fun is to be had from being involved.

My thanks as always to our members and supporters.

Frank Gibbon,
Chairman, Richmondshire Landscape Trust

Gift Aid works!

Those who are able to Gift Aid their membership fees and donations will be pleased to know that this in itself is a very lucrative form of income. £3,823 was claimed back from the Inland Revenue in this way for the financial year 2004/5 and so far the Trust is owed £1,300 for the current financial year.

If you know of anyone who would like to become a member, please encourage them to join up!

Farmaround Organic

Local organic food distributor and retailer Farmaround Organic became a commercial sponsor of the Trust in April 2004, pledging that 10% of all money made from Richmond orders would go to ROSA. We are pleased to report that so far Farmaround has donated £743 and given several generous raffle prizes. The Trust is very grateful to the company for its ongoing support.

Richmond School pupils support ROSA

Richmond School pupils presented ROSA with a cheque for £279, following a charities evening at the end of November. The event was organised by the School to raise money for good causes and the Trust was one of the beneficiaries selected by the students.

This donation follows a history of support for ROSA by the School and its pupils, including performances by the Circus Club at Sandford House and entertainment by musicians and choir at the Evening of Music and Art in the Town Hall.

Richmond on film

By popular demand, Mike Porter is hosting another evening of Richmond on the big screen. Taking place in the Zetland Centre on Friday 17 March at 7.30pm, the event will feature archive material and new footage, including extracts from the 2005 Royal visit and the public meeting with RDC over car parks. Tickets cost £5 (£3 concessions) or £6 on the door and are Available from Stuart Parsons, Tel: 01748 823456/077142 17162 or Veronica Robson, Tel: 01748 824218.

Round-up of events

There has been a wide range of events over the past few months. None of these could take place without your help and support. Thank you for turning up so regularly.

The events listed below are from 01/08/05 - 31/12/05. Please note that occasionally events are held jointly with other local charities and therefore figures may represent only a proportion of the total amounts raised.

Station Book Fair - £281
November Coffee Morning - £329
December Coffee Morning - £325
Garden Party at 25 Westfields - £588
Richmond Castle Run - £300
Sandford House Garden Party - £1,027
Trafalgar Celebrations at Georgian Theatre - £600 (joint event)
Evening of Music and Art - £1,200

Dates for your diary

Thursday 2 February – Scottish Wildlife Slide Show

Local wildlife photographer Ian Short will give a slide show in the Town Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £3 and are available in advance from Stuart Parsons, Tel: 01748 823456/077142 17162; Veronica Robson, Tel: 01748 824218 or on the door. There will also be a sale of Ian's quality photo cards (percentage of proceeds to ROSA). Light refreshments served.

Friday 17 February – Normandy Band – Last Night of the Proms

This prestigious military band will be giving its farewell concert at the Richmond Station at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 and are available in advance from the Town Hall (Tel: 01748 850808) or Stuart Parsons, Tel: 01748 823456 or 077142 17162. This event is in aid of the Mayoral Charities, which includes ROSA.

Saturday 15 April – Easter Egg Hunt

Following the success of last year's event, a family Easter egg hunt will take place on Westfields. Tickets £3. Further details from Stuart Parsons, Tel: 01748 823456 or 077142 17162.

Thursday 11 May – Golf Tournament

Details from John Hudson, Tel: 01748 822270.

Saturday 12 August – Coffee Morning

ROSA will be holding a coffee morning in the Town Hall. Any offers of help on the day or donations for the cake stall and tombola would be much appreciated. Please contact Veronica Robson, Tel: 01748 824218.

Under the hammer

Local artist Gordon Maughan recently donated one of his paintings to the Trust. It was decided that 'Early Star,' depicting an equestrian scene, should be entered into the Zetland Hunt's Auction of Promises in December, where it sold for £325.

This was followed by the Trust's own auction of paintings at the Evening of Music and Art just before Christmas. Works included originals and limited edition prints by Mackenzie Thorpe, George Edwards, Piers Browne, Christine Spence, Margaret Stuart Barry and Barbara Wood. The sale of these paintings totalled £788.

Further information

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