



Richmondshire Landscape Trust
Richmondshire Open Spaces Appeal

NEWSLETTER

ROSA launches 2006 Grand Prize-Draw

One of the key events in ROSA's fundraising calendar is the Grand Prize-Draw, which this year will be drawn at the wine, cheese and art evening held at the Town Hall on Saturday 25 November. As usual, there will be a spectacular range of prizes, including: a day at the races; £100 in cash; Saks hair and beauty vouchers; membership of the Scotch Corner leisure club; Georgian Theatre pantomime tickets; meals for two at both the Holly Hill and the Frenchgate Hotel Restaurant; and a hamper from Farmaround Organic.

We are trying to sell as many raffle tickets as possible and have included a set of five (£1 each) with this newsletter, in the hope that you can sell them to family and friends. Please send any completed stubs and payment to ROSA, 21 Westfields, Richmond, DL10 4DD by 18 November.

How are we doing?

At the beginning of the year, the Richmondshire Landscape Trust paid its second instalment of £40,000. We are now onto the final stage of fundraising to reach our target of £120,000 and your support is more vital than ever. The sum of £75,350 has been raised so far and a further £36,500 has been given as interest free loans, bringing the total amount to £111,850.

Membership renewals

Thank you to all those who have renewed their annual membership of the Trust. Our membership currently stands at 380.

If you haven't got around to tackling this bit of paperwork yet – there is still time – and we need your support more than ever before as we near the end of our appeal. If you require another membership form, please contact the Treasurer on 01748 826499.

Relax a while – CPRE provides seats on ROSA land

It is now even easier to enjoy the views from our open spaces thanks to the generous support of the Swaledale Branch of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE). Using money from the will of Arthur Hutchinson – who was born at Easby and educated at Richmond School – the CPRE has supplied a seat for the Trust's land on the south bank of the River Swale just upstream from Mercury Bridge.

It has also repaired a seat at the top of Westfields, which recently had one of its support beams destroyed. The CPRE have had a replacement beam made, together with two more cast iron frames to give extra support. Incidentally, this seat was itself a replacement, following another incident of vandalism a few years ago.

Hopefully, everyone will take pleasure in using the seats but we also request that people report any further acts of vandalism they may find to the Police, particularly if they see them being carried out.

Mayoral Charities boost

ROSA has received £1,500 from Stuart Parson's Mayoral Charity Fund. The Trust was one of several local charities to benefit from fundraising events held during Stuart's year of office.

Book appeal

We are currently collecting new or second-hand books for sale at ROSA events. If you have any spare books that we could have, please contact Richard Morrell on 01748 822161 between 6 & 8pm.

Round-up of events

There have been several events held over the summer, which have all raised valuable funds for ROSA (figures given below). None of these initiatives could have taken place without the enormous amount of help and support received from our members. Thank you for turning out so regularly and with such enthusiasm.

Sandford House Garden Party - £727

Lunch at the Ivorys' - £710

BBQ with X-Pulse at Lowenthwaite - £1,100

Town Hall Coffee Mornings - £708

If anyone has any ideas for future fundraising events, please contact Stuart Parsons on 01748 823456 or 077142 17162.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 15 October – Road runners catering

ROSA has once again been asked to cater for the Swaledale Road Runners' Richmond Castle 5km Race. This involves selling food and drinks to the runners in the Town Hall. Any offers to bake or prepare food, or help with the stall on the day, would be much appreciated. Please contact Stuart Parsons on 01748 823456 or 077142 17162.

Friday 20 October – An Evening with William Hague

William Hague MP will be the guest speaker at a charity event at Easby Hall. Starting at 7.30pm, the evening will also feature live classical music and an auction of promises hosted by Norman Brown. Items to be auctioned include: a set of golf clubs; tickets for Newcastle FC; a tour of the House of Lords; a day at the races; an original painting by Gordon Maughan and a limited edition print by Robin Furness; a hand-crafted garden obelisk; and engraved House of Commons' glasses donated by William Hague. Tickets costing £30 include wine and a finger buffet and are available from Margaret Hodgson on 01748 829416. Early booking is advised as places are limited.

A Christmas gift

Christmas is coming and with it comes that age-old question: 'What do you buy for someone who has everything?'

ROSA has the answer! For Christmas 2006, we are launching our 'Square Deal'. A £1 donation will get you a certificate declaring that you have 'squared' a metre of land for ROSA.

So why not buy a square deal for your friends or relatives, giving them a unique present this year and giving Richmond a unique present forever?

For details, please contact Stuart Parsons on 01748 823456 or 077142 17162.

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