



# NEWSLETTER

## Final instalment paid to District Council

The Richmondshire Landscape Trust has now paid its third and last instalment to Richmondshire District Council for the five pieces of land that it was set up to save. The Trust was given three years to raise £120K and it agreed to pay £40,000 in equal annual instalments.

The money has been raised through the endeavours of ROSA – the fundraising arm of the Trust – and via a number of interest free loans. But these loans, amounting to nearly £30,000, must now be paid back.

Baroness Hale, the Trust's Patron, said: "This is a landmark in our campaign that is really worth celebrating. This success is largely due to the hard work and dedication of our members and the support we have received from the local community despite all the other calls on their generosity. This shows how much we all care about preserving our historic local landscape for the benefit of all. Many congratulations to everyone concerned!

"However," added Lady Hale, "in order to make the payments to the Council in full and on time, the Trust has had to rely on a number of generous interest free loans. These must now be repaid and for this reason we urge people to continue their commitment and keep on with the fundraising."

The target is to pay off the loan money by the end of 2007 and a number of fundraising activities have been organised during the year. Details of events coming up shortly are given overleaf.

### Land stewardship work continues

Now that the land belongs to the Trust, it is important that the individual areas continue to be actively managed. The Trust has been fortunate to have been awarded grant funding of £1,800 from the NYCC Community Fund, which will be used for the repair of fencing on Westfields and Southbank, and for reseeded the flower meadows on Southbank.

Up to £9,132 has also been awarded by the Heritage Grants Committee of Richmondshire District Council for the renewal of drystone walling at Jack King's Wood and at Southbank, and the work has begun with the restoration of the boundary between Jack King's Wood and Reeth Road. Both of these grants have been given on the condition that they are matched from our own resources, so it is vital that the fundraising continues.

A stretch of hedgerow on Southbank has also been restored and planted with a variety of flowering plants.

Finally, the Trust is hoping to deal with the perennial problem of thistles by means of conservation grazing and occasional working parties. If anyone would be interested in joining a working party to help with weed control, please contact Jacqui Singleton-Turner on 01748 822863.

## Book launch

ROSA has recently published a book on the history of the land it is aiming to preserve. *Richmond Landscapes* is written by local historian Jane Hatcher and charts the history of each piece of land.

The book includes old photographs, original maps and full colour contemporary photographs.

*Richmond Landscapes* costs £6.99 and is available from Richard Morrell on 01748 822161, Castle Hill Book Shop and the West End Post Office.

## Round-up of events

There have been a number of events held over the past few months, which have all raised valuable funds for the Trust (figures given below). However, none of these initiatives could have happened without your help and support. Thank you for turning out so regularly and with such enthusiasm.

**Road Runners Catering - £312**  
**William Hague at Easby Hall - £3,187**  
**Wine, Cheese and Art - £509**  
**Town Hall Coffee Mornings - £678**  
**Grand Raffle - £1,245**

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

## Dates for your diary

### Thursday 15 March – Gardening Talk at Strike’s

Local gardening celebrity Alan Delamore will be giving a talk and demonstration on ‘Spring Flowers’ at Strike’s Garden Centre, Northallerton. The event, starting at 6.30pm, will include a high tea and there will be a 10% discount on all purchases made at Strike’s during the evening. Tickets costing £7.50 are available from Jean Robertson (01748 823466), Veronica Robson (01748 824218) or Strike’s Garden Centre.

### Thursday 22 March – 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, raffle or tombola would be much appreciated.

### Saturday 7 April – Easter Egg Hunt

Following the success of previous years’ events, a family Easter egg hunt will take place on Westfields from 2-4pm. Each child will receive a chocolate egg and refreshments will be available. Tickets cost £3.50 and are available in advance from the Tourist Information Centre or at the start of the event on the day.

### Thursday 19 April – Richmond Film Show

Mike Porter will be presenting another entertaining selection from his Richmond film archive. The event will be held at the Zetland Centre at 7.30pm. Tickets costing £5 (£3 concessions) are available in advance from Veronica Robson on 01748 824218 or Richmond Tourist Information Centre. Tickets sold on the door are £6 (£4 concessions).

## Easby footpath donation

The Easby Footpath Appeal has now completed its work and is generously dividing its surplus funding between ROSA and the Station Group. This will amount to a donation in the region of £250 to each charity.

Other donations have been received from the Ladies’ Luncheon Club (£60) and Stuart Parsons’ Mayoral Charities Fund (£345).

A final donation of £238 has also been made by Farmaround Organic. This makes a total of £2,127 given by the company during its three years of sponsorship.

The Trust is very grateful for all these contributions and other donations received to date.

## Further information

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