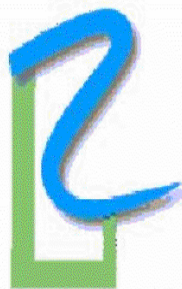


ISSUE 10
JUNE 2007



Richmondshire Landscape Trust
Richmondshire Open Spaces Appeal

RICHMONDSHIRE LANDSCAPE TRUST

NEWSLETTER

Annual membership renewal offer

The Richmondshire Landscape Trust has now purchased the five pieces of land that it was set up to save. However, in order to do this within the given timescale, it had to raise the capital through a number of interest free loans – amounting to nearly £30,000 – which must now be paid back. Further money is also needed to maintain and improve the land that we own.

To achieve these two important objectives, we are asking you to renew your membership of the Trust and continue to support this worthy cause.

Membership fees are our biggest single source of income, making you as members vital to our success.

The annual costs of membership are being held at £10 for a single membership, £15 for joint membership and £25 for a family. In order to secure long-term support, this year we are offering three years' membership for the price of two, which would mean, for example, that £20 would secure a three-year single membership.

2007 Grand Raffle

One of the biggest events on the fundraising calendar is the Grand Raffle, which this year will be drawn at the Temple Lodge

Garden Party on 26 August. There are over 15 prizes, including £100 in cash, a watercolour of Westfields by Mac Chaudhri, Saks hair and beauty vouchers, Georgian Theatre tickets and a golf bag.

We are trying to sell as many raffle tickets as possible and have included a set of five (£1 each) with this newsletter, hoping that you can sell them to family and friends. Please send any completed stubs

Fence and wall repair

As part of the Trust's ongoing land management programme, work is progressing steadily to improve various sections of fencing and drystone walling. Fences have been repaired and renewed on Westfields and Southbank and a wall is nearing completion at the bottom of Jack King's Wood on Reeth Road. A section of drystone wall has also been rebuilt by volunteers on Southbank and the field nearest Mercury Bridge has been weed wiped and bare patches have been seeded.

Our thanks go to Richmondshire District Council and North Yorkshire County Council for providing

Tombola prizes

Tombolas have an important part to play in our fundraising events and there are at least a couple of occasions in the next few months – e.g. the Town Hall

Coffee Morning and the Temple Lodge Garden Party – when we hope to run a tombola. Around 100 prizes are needed for each event to make the activity viable.

If anyone has any suitable prizes

Round-up of events

There have been a number of events held over the past few months, which have raised valuable funds for the Trust (figures given below). However, none of these initiatives could have happened without your help. A big thank you, as always, for your continued support and commitment.

Town Hall Coffee Mornings - £940

Easter Egg Hunt - £380

Mike Porter Film Show - £310

Market Hall Collection - £367

Strikes Garden Centre Event - £141

Dates for your diary

Saturday 4 August – Town Hall 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. Please contact Veronica Robson on 01748 824218.

Sunday 26 August – Garden Party at Temple Lodge

A traditional garden party will be held in the grounds of Temple Lodge, Richmond. As well as the opportunity to look round these spectacular gardens, there will be cream teas, dancing displays and family fun activities. Admission is free and in the event of wet weather it is hoped to have an alternative venue.

Thursday 6 September – Erica Dillon Fashion Show

Richmond fashion house, Erica Dillon, is presenting a display of children's and ladies' wear at the Town Hall at 7pm. Tickets cost £5 and are available in advance from Erica Dillon (Market Place) or the Tourist Information Centre. The Erica Dillon shop will be open after the event for sales.

Saturday 6 October – Northallerton Brass Band Concert

Helpful signage

In order to comply with health and safety requirements, signs have been placed at the entrance of all fields currently being grazed

warning members of the public of the inadvisability of approaching cows with their calves and asking that dogs be kept under control.

As the summer draws on, we also hope to place additional signs reminding people that the unauthorised lighting of fires is not only destructive but also potentially dangerous.

We are very pleased that the land we care for is so widely used and enjoyed by the public but it is

Further information

This newsletter has been published by ROSA. For more details, contact Stuart Parsons, Publicity Officer, 7B Newbiggin, Richmond.