

**2023 Notification of
Extraordinary General Meeting
and Membership Update**
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Dear Supporter,

Thank you for your past support of the Richmondshire Landscape Trust. I'm writing to give you an update on a change to the way we will operate the membership renewals, on the structure of the Trust, and to give you notice of a general meeting on Saturday 20th January.

I'd like to invite you to come and find out about the work we have been doing over the last 2 years. The meeting will be in Richmond Town Hall at 2.00 and refreshments will be provided. There will be reports of our work over the last 2 years from the trustees and we will discuss and vote on proposed change to our constitution to ensure the land is held safely in trust for the people of Richmond.

At this meeting the Trustees would like to propose that we become a CIO which is a *Charitable Incorporate Organization*. In brief, the reasons for this are two fold. The first is that , at the moment, our Land is technically owned by "holding trustees" who are responsible to the Trust. Moving to a CIO will mean that we can own the land in our own right. Secondly being a CIO will ensure limited liability for the Trustees (in the same way that a limited company has limited liability). I can explain more at the meeting – but please be rest assured that this change will not alter the fundamental purpose of the Trust. The land will continue to be run by a charity, by and for the people of Richmond. We will vote on this at the General Meeting.

Moving on to renewals: we have run a paper-based renewal system since the Trust started nearly 20 years ago. I hope you will appreciate that this is not a good way to get new members to join. We are therefore switching to an online renewal system.

Please go to <https://www.richmondshirelandscapetrust.org> to renew your membership. This is our preferred method – but I attach a membership form if you don't access the internet.

If you pay by direct debit then your membership then this will continue in the usual way.

If you are a life member then obviously your membership will continue.

The website is also linked to our Facebook site (search for Richmondshire Landscape Trust) with the wonderful photos taken by Kerry Dinsdale. That is available now for all Facebook users.

Finally, I will be stepping down as Chairman. I have been involved with the Trust, first as Treasurer, and then as Chair since it started. I am proud of everything the Team has done. We will vote on this formally at the meeting but I hope that Elizabeth Downes will be able to take over from me from January.

We very much look forward to seeing you on 20th January

With best wishes
Gordon Love,



RICHMONDSHIRE LANDSCAPE TRUST

PLEASE RENEW ONLINE IF POSSIBLE AT <https://www.richmondshirelandscapetrust.org>

Please indicate the type of membership required and return this slip to
Richmondshire Landscape Trust, !0 Westfields, Richmond, DL10 4DD

Individual £10 (1 year).....

Joint £15 (1 year).....

Family £20 (1 Year).....

Life £500.....

Direct Debit. – please arrange this with your bank and indicate here the date and amount you have set up.....

I would also like to make a donation to The Richmondshire Landscape Trust of £.....

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Using Gift Aid means that for every pound you give (or pay in membership fees), we get an extra 25p from the Inland Revenue, helping your donation go further.

Please write your name below here if you want to gift aid your donation or membership fees and write down whose name the gift aid will be claimed (if family or joint membership).

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