



Richard III and Yorkist History Trust

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Our Ruby Appeal

Since our foundation almost forty years ago, the Trust has been at the forefront of academic research, studies, and publication broadly related to the history of late medieval England – and in particular the life and reign of Richard III. We are immensely proud of our achievements which include published academic monographs and edited texts and providing grants to support scholarship.

We are going through a time of change with a busy production line of new publications and new research. Our latest monograph by Anne F. Sutton on *The King's Work: The Defence of the North under the Yorkist Kings, 1471–85* was recently published by the Trust. Our next volumes are almost ready to go to press and we eagerly await *The Duchy of Lancaster Register 1478–85*, edited by Rosemary Horrox, and *The Accounts of the Middleham Estate 1465–66 and 1473–74*, edited by Livia Visser-Fuchs and Anne F. Sutton. Other volumes will be on London during the reign of King Richard, the remarkable set of executors' accounts and inventories for the Speaker of the Commons, Sir Thomas Charleton (d. 1465), and the Smithfield tournament of 1467: these are just a handful of projects we have underway.

The Trust is an independent charity with limited funding in place to support our endeavours. To continue with our current volumes and future objectives we need to raise additional funding. As we approach the 40th anniversary of our foundation in 2025 we are launching our 'Ruby Appeal' to raise the funds we need to publish our new volumes. This will also help us continue to promote academic research and scholarship. We hope to be more ambitious than this and in the future to help support PhD candidates and also create a post-doctoral fellowship (maybe even fellowships) for early career scholars and for this we need your support.

There are different ways in which you can help:

- a one-off donation.
- by a regular standing order.
- to sponsor a book or project.
- by providing a legacy.

My colleagues and I on the Trust are always available to discuss any funding which friends and benefactors are able to provide. Do please get in touch if you can help: no donation is too small – and neither are they too large! If you are able to assist and are a UK taxpayer, you can provide further support by completing and returning a [Gift Aid declaration](#) as this will enable the Trust to boost contributions by 25p for every £1 that is donated.

With my very best wishes,

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