



## CUMBRIA COUNTY HISTORY TRUST

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Dear Member,

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### **Victoria County History of Cumbria and launch of the CCHT**

As you may already know, a renewed effort is being made to restart work on a Victoria County History of Cumbria. A governing document for a proposed Cumbria County History Trust (CCHT) has been drawn up, and also a Project Plan all of which is explained in the enclosed brochure. You will see from this the strength and depth of the organisations supporting the project: and we are further encouraged by the agreement of the Lord Lieutenant (James Cropper), Lord Inglewood, Dr David Starkey and Sir Christian Bonington to act as patrons.

The annual cost of the project is estimated at £60,000 rising to £70,000, most of which will go towards the appointment of a full-time county editor. The greater part of this will have to be found from grant-aid (the Heritage Lottery Fund and other similar sources) but our chances of securing such financial support will be greatly increased if we can show that the local history community of Cumbria have themselves pledged a significant contribution. The Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society have made a most generous offer of £10,000 per year for each of five years, subject to matching funding being raised. To secure such matching funding we are looking for a minimum of 100 covenants (individuals and societies) of £100 per year for five years. The covenants will not be activated until it is certain that funds are available to support the appointment of a county editor.

This letter therefore has two purposes. First, I invite you to attend **the public launch of the CCHT at the Rheged Centre, Redhills, Penrith CA11 0DQ, at 10am on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

And secondly, I would like to ask you to consider participating in the project by becoming a **Founder Member**, covenanting to pay £100 for each of five years. All Founder Members will be included on our Roll of Honour on the website and in the first volume. Alternatively, you could join as an **Ordinary Member**, paying an annual subscription of £25 - or covenanting to pay £25 a year for five years. In addition, we hope to recruit many members to become **Volunteers**, working under the supervision of the County Editor on researching and writing township histories. For more details, see the enclosed brochure.

We look forward to seeing you at the launch

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Brockington".

Richard Brockington, Acting Chair, CCHT  
(charitable registration pending)