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Subject: RE: Thank you
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To: Cathy cathy@cornwallheritagetrust.org



Cathy,

Some background behind why I decided to donate £75k to the Cornwall Heritage Trust.

I was brought up by my parents, and subsequently spent most of my life, living in Reigate, Surrey. Like many from SE England at the time we had an annual family holiday in Cornwall. As a teenager I became interested in the 'historical geography' of the county particularly in relation to mining and railway development. After getting a geography degree I married and had two children who we regularly brought down to Cornwall for holidays. My eldest daughter undertook an illustration degree at Falmouth University and subsequently decided to live in Cornwall. In turn my younger daughter found a partner in Flushing. I had always had vague thoughts of living in Cornwall and fortuitously we spotted a suitable house in Falmouth just as I finished my career working for Surrey County Council in 2015. Although the original intention had been to buy as a second home, the lure of Cornwall has led me to spend most of my time down here.

Now retired I have plenty of time to explore Cornwall through long walks or simply researching its history. I am passionate about preserving the scenery and history that the county offers and which I find so compelling. Back in 2021, by chance, I came across references to the Cornwall Heritage Trust – I guess online. The immediate attraction to deciding to sign up as a member was the free entry offered to the English Heritage sites in Cornwall, but I soon realised that the Trust owned and protected several sites that I knew well and hence was an organisation worth supporting.

Two years ago, my mother died and this led to me (and my now deceased brother) to be in line for a substantial inheritance. The sums involved were beyond what my family needed, and I decided to donate a proportion of my inheritance to charity. The benefits of inheritance tax relief increased the attraction of doing so and the sum I was prepared to donate. There were several reasons why I chose the CHT as one of the two recipients. I wanted to support a charity which was connected with Cornwall and was helping to preserve its landscape and heritage. I was already a member of the Trust so knew what it was doing. I was particularly pleased that it had managed to acquire Tregonning Hill, which I have climbed on a number of occasions, and hoped that one option for my donation could perhaps be to help fund a similar purchase in the future. I also knew that my parents had spent their honeymoon down in the far west and had visited all the CHT sites close by at the time which provides a fitting link.

Feel free to use the donation in whatever way is most helpful to the Trust. I'm content for you to acknowledge where the legacy has come from.

Regards,

Alan

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