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Annual Membership Fees

[please indicate as appropriate]

Individual £10
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Donations welcome _____

I enclose a cheque for £ made payable to:

"Jefferies Land Conservation Trust"

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Concerned about
protecting the
Environment
and the
Historic Landscape
between
COATE WATER
and the
NORTH WESSEX
DOWNS?



Membership Form



John McDonald

View of Liddington Clump from Dayhouse Lane, Coate, 2011

About the Trust

The Jefferies Land Conservation Trust is a registered charity (1112836) and was established in September 2005 in response to a major development proposal aimed at changing the character of the unique countryside east and south of Coate Water Site of Special Scientific Interest in Wiltshire.

The Trust's aim is to protect and enhance this special landscape, set in the foothills of the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Richard Jefferies [1848-1887], one of England's most individual writers on nature and the countryside, was born and bred at Coate. The surrounding area inspired much of his work produced during a tragically short life. Jefferies' old house at Coate, now a Museum, is dedicated to his memory.

'Jefferies Land' is a special place and a beauty spot much loved by many generations of Swindonians.

Why 'Jefferies Land'?

Prof W J Keith, in his critical study of Richard Jefferies published in 1965, wrote:

We call the region around Coate farmhouse **Jefferies' Land** not merely because it was the country about which he wrote but because, in a very real sense, it was the country that he himself created. He has taught us to view it as nearly as possible with his eyes which, we are ready to admit, are keener than our own.... **It is not only that we see with Jefferies' eyes; what we see with and through them is his own personal vision.**

Our Vision

The Trust's vision for 'Jefferies Land' places Swindon squarely on the map as a literary heritage site, a place for visitors to enjoy a special rural climate, a wildlife haven and a centre for study of the environment and historic landscapes.

The main elements of the Trust's Vision are to:

- 1) maintain the rural landscape setting of Coate Water
- 2) enhance the biodiversity of Coate Water Site of Special Scientific Interest and the nature reserves at Coate Water, Dayhouse Copse and Burderop Wood North
- 3) provide a centre to study and appreciate literary landscapes as an inspiration to UK writers with a special focus on Richard Jefferies' key role in this evolution
- 4) demonstrate traditional crafts and environmentally sensitive alternatives that reduce man's impact on the land
- 5) feature the archaeological qualities of the area
- 6) provide educational opportunities for local people related to an appreciation of nature and living in harmony with it.

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Please complete and return this section of the form to the Trust.

Gift Aid Declaration

If you are a UK tax payer you can help the Trust by signing the declaration below. This will allow the Trust to claim back from the Inland Revenue basic rate tax for any membership fee or donation that you make at no cost to yourself.

I want the Jefferies Land Conservation Trust to treat any membership fees paid and any donations made to them, from the date of this declaration and until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations.

Signed.....

Date.....

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