

The Richard III Society

Promoting research into the life and times of Richard III since 1924

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JUDICIAL REVIEW OUTCOME

The Richard III Society acknowledges the judgement handed down on the 23 May at the Royal Courts of Justice by Lady Justice Hallett in respect of the Judicial Review brought by the Plantagenet Alliance.

The judgement upholds the original licence granted to the University of Leicester by the Ministry of Justice on the 3 September 2012. It is now in the hands of the university to follow through the requirements of that licence, and they have confirmed that the reburial of King Richard III will go ahead as planned in Leicester Cathedral. We will work constructively with the cathedral to help bring this about.

This judgement will be a disappointment to some; particularly the Plantagenet Alliance and their supporters, and we acknowledge the sincerity of their case. However we hope that now a clear ruling has been given we can all focus on ensuring that King Richard III receives an honourable and dignified reburial. Consideration should also now be given to the need for his remains to be removed to an appropriate place of sanctity before their final reburial.

Further arguments over the location of the king's final resting place can only be counter-productive to the solemnity of the reburial and will not help efforts to secure a reassessment of his life and character.

Dr Phil Stone, Chairman of the Richard III Society said, 'I am very pleased that there has been a clear cut decision. It means that we can now move forward and re-inter King Richard with the dignity and sanctity that is due to an anointed king of England. Understandably, the judgement will be a disappointment to the Plantagenet Alliance and its supporters, but I hope that we can now all put the disagreements behind us and join together to honour King Richard when he is laid to rest in Leicester Cathedral.'

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About the Richard III Society

With a worldwide membership and local branches the Society is actively engaged in original research through its own initiatives and through collaboration with other institutions bodies and scholars. Through the Richard III and Yorkist History Trust, a charitable body established by the Society, we publish important academic works and make research grants.

The Society publishes an annual journal, *The Ricardian*, with original articles on fifteenth century history and a quarterly members' magazine the *Ricardian Bulletin*.

Members of the Richard III Society are available for media interview on any topic concerning the life and times of Richard III, the Leicester dig or any related matter.

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