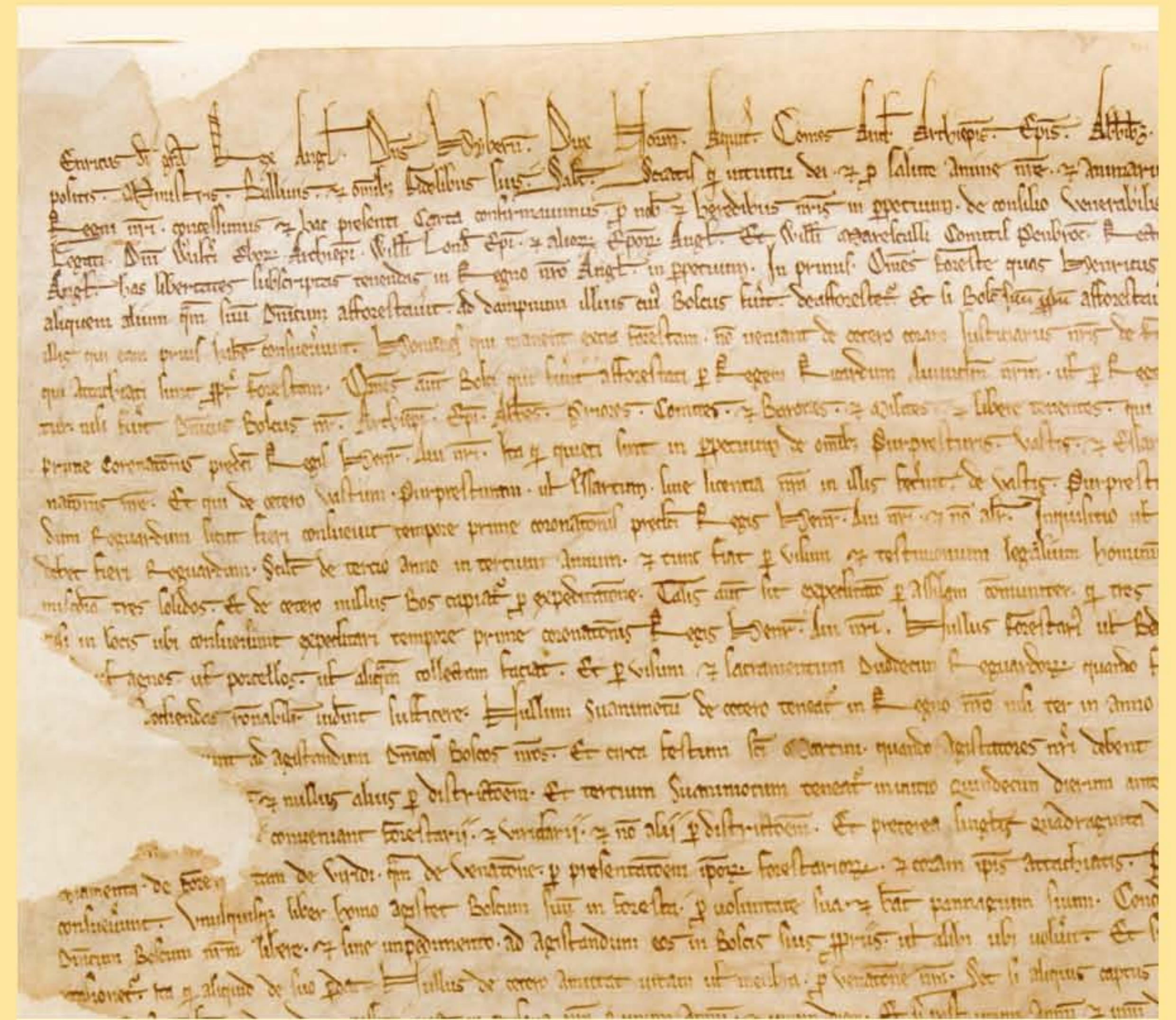




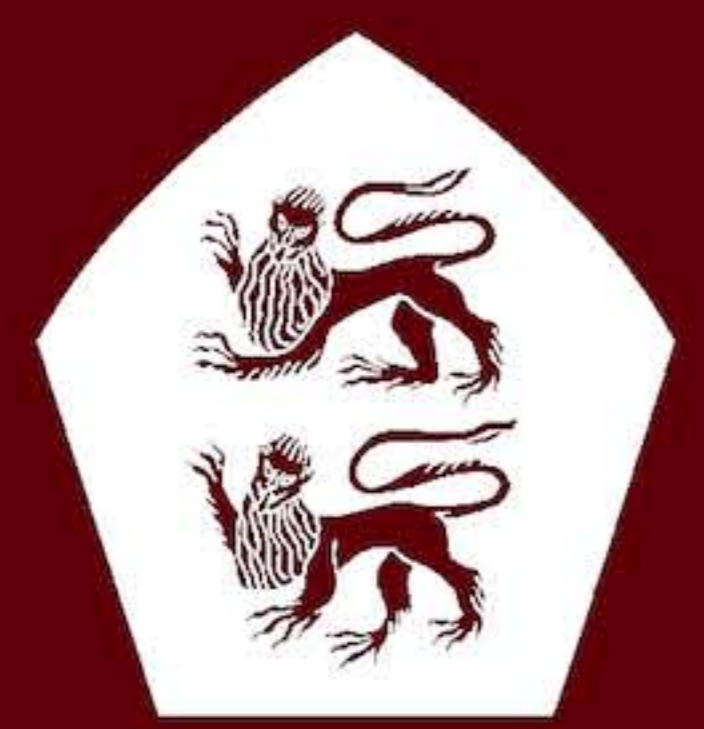
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THE LINCOLN CHARTER OF THE FOREST CONFERENCE



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Lincoln Cathedral's copy of the first Charter of the Forest is one of only two surviving originals of that document, issued on 6 November 1217 in the name of King Henry III. It contains the forest clauses included in the 1215 Magna Carta forced upon his father King John, and others providing for forest administration and the rights and privileges of those dwelling within or near it. Its length meant that it was issued as a separate document from Magna Carta, although it was always closely associated with it. The two documents were thereafter confirmed and reissued together on many occasions. Copies of the Charter were distributed in early 1218, mainly as a preparation for the work to define the new forest boundaries which it had promised. Eight copies were sent to the sheriffs of the eight counties situated within the diocese of Lincoln. The only survivor is now deposited, with the Lincoln copy of the 1215 Magna Carta, in a new vault in Lincoln Castle.

To celebrate the 800th anniversary of the issue of the Charter of the Forest, the Lincoln Record Society, with the assistance of Bishop Grosseteste University and the endorsement of the American Bar Association, is hosting an international conference on the Charter at Lincoln from Friday 22 to Sunday 24 September 2017. It will begin with a keynote lecture by Professor David Carpenter, an authority on the reign of Henry III. The final lecture, presented by Professor Nicholas Robinson, a leading American environmental lawyer, will be open to members of the Woodland Trust who do not wish to attend the whole conference, for a fee of £5.

Delegates will have the option to view the Lincoln Charter of the Forest and attend a conference dinner on Friday, and to take part in an escorted visit to Sherwood Forest on Sunday. Places for all these events will be limited.

Friday 22 September, 5 pm to 6 pm at Lincoln Castle:

An exclusive opportunity to view the 1217 Lincoln Charter of the Forest and related items.

7-30 pm, at the Lincoln Hotel:

Conference dinner, followed by an after-dinner address by Professor David Carpenter,

Saturday 23 September, 9-30 am to 5-30 pm at Bishop Grosseteste University:

Conference papers. Speakers include

Nicholas Vincent (University of East Anglia): The Forest Charter: Text and Artefact

David Crook (University of Nottingham/Lincoln Record Society): The Implementation of the Boundary Clauses of the Charter of the Forest, 1217-1235

Judith Green (University of Edinburgh): The Clergy, Hunting, and Forest Law in Twelfth-century England

Louise Wilkinson (Christ Church University, Canterbury): Women in the Medieval Forest

Paul Everson (University of Keele): Saucepans and Sausages? Forest Settlement; Forest Resources

Richard Reeves (New Forest History and Archaeology Group, Lyndhurst): The New Forest and the Carta de Foresta

Nicholas Robinson (Pace Law School, New York): The Charter of the Forest: Evolving Human Rights in Nature.

Professor Robinson's session will be chaired by a senior representative of the Woodland Trust, Rebecca Speight, and will be open to members of the Woodland Trust who do not wish to attend the whole conference.

Please reserve a place/places at the **Lincoln Charter of the Forest Conference**

Conference fee which includes all sessions, conference dinner, and the Lincoln Castle and Sherwood forest visits

LRS member: £130

Non-member: £155

Or separate elements as indicated below:

Viewing Charter of the Forest and Magna Carta, Friday 5-6pm: **£11.50**

Conference dinner, Lincoln Hotel, Friday 7:30pm: **£45**

Conference papers, Bishop Grosseteste University, Saturday 9am-5:30pm: **LRS Member or student: £50**

Non-member: £70

Visit to Sherwood Forest, including lunch at Laxton, Sunday 9am: **£30**

Total amount due: £.....

(Cheque payable to the Lincoln Record Society)

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Please send form and cheque to: Lincoln Record Society, Lincoln Cathedral Library, Minster Yard, Lincoln LN2 1PX, **to arrive by Friday 1st September.**