

## Winners of the Civic Awareness Competition announced.

Over the past few months, the Richmond and District Civic Society has been running a Civic Awareness Competition through local schools. The purpose of the competition was to encourage students to look around them at the buildings and sights that inspired them and made them proud to live in Richmondshire. With each picture are a few words explaining why they chose it.

The entry by Harvey Wilkinson 15 was of the Friary in Richmond, and he wrote

'This is a picture of the Friars Tower in Friary Gardens in Richmond. It was taken today - the first day of the school summer holidays. I walk past this most weekends when i walk through the gardens into town and hardly notice it - today for the first time I stopped and looked at it and it is a fascinating historic building'.



The other entries were the church in Skeeby, an inspiring entry by Abigail Leighton 12,

'This is the village church in Skeeby, St Agatha's Chapel of Ease that served as the village school. There was a growing population of children, so a purpose built school and chapel was created in 1839 and was loved and cherished by many children until it closed in 1936'.

Olliver Ducket and its interesting history featured in an entry by Cameron Smith 16

'The image shows Olliver Ducket, just outside Aske Estate, which is shrouded in mystery as some say it was part of ancient Richmond as it served as a watchtower or was maybe named after Oliver Cromwell after the English Civil War, But really it was probably built by Sir Conyers D'Arcy who bought Aske. It just goes to show how lucky we are to have such a rich history in Richmondshire'.



The entry by Ed Wilkinson was of the Railway Bridge (known locally as the Iron Bridge) on the Easby Loop, on the former railway that ran into Richmond Station..

‘This is a picture of the bridge, it is the metal bridge on the Easby Loop. It is part of the old Darlington to Richmond railway line.

Almost all children growing up in the town must walk this route hundreds of times. Firstly walking with family and now with friends’

