

# The Rowntree Society

## Ten things we helped with last year

- An electronic version of the Rowntree family tree has been developed by a Rowntree descendant (*image 1*)
- We have gathered historical information about Rowntree buildings in York
- We have answered about 50 enquiries from across the world
- Educational materials for schools are on our website and being piloted
- Recruitment of 12 volunteers engaged in various projects (*image 2*)
- Conducted walks for specialist groups
- Contributions to the Big Read on "Chocolat" (York Explore Library)
- Summer reception to introduce the work of the Rowntree Society to groups in York; guest speaker Richard Bilton, BBC special correspondent (*image 3*)
- Involvement with BBC2 "A Life without Work": on unemployment in York 100 years ago and a comparison with today's situation
- US radio broadcaster did a 5 minute slot to 9 million people on Seebohm Rowntree and the welfare state



## Ten things to look out for this year

- The executive secretary has moved to a full-time post and to a new office
- York Residents Weekend 29-30 January, exhibition in the former Rowntree home "Top House" (Penn House, Bootham School)
- "The Building Blocks of 28 Pavement": a community-based memory history of a building
- Travelling exhibition in connection with 28 Pavement project; and commissioning of a full architectural description
- Anniversary of Joseph Rowntree becoming an Honorary Freeman of the City in May 1911
- A major development of our website
- Conducted Rowntree walks, based on Seebohm Rowntree's work on poverty and unemployment
- New Earswick community oral history pilot project
- Begin to outline plans for "Rowntree Memory Bank"
- Anniversary of the National Insurance Act of 1911

## And thank you to our supporters!

Through this Newsletter we should like to thank all our supporters, whose enthusiasm, generosity and grants make it possible for us do all of the above.

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