

by **Loopy Lou née Choons**, our harebrained scheme correspondent



Rory Stewart is the Conservative MP for Penrith and The Border. He passionately wishes Scotland to stay within his (and our) beloved Union and is willing to go to extraordinary lengths to achieve his dreams.

Earlier this year, Rory made a wonderful BBC documentary in which he successfully demonstrated that large areas of Scotlandshire do not even exist.

The Borders area, he argues, was once some kind of 'middle land', known historically as *Roryta nia*, and thus was never part of either Scotlandshire or England. This proves, claims Rory, that we must all just forget about this rather unpleasant separation nonsense and simply be nice to one another instead.

However, since his documentary was broadcast, Rory has taken a more hands-on approach to independence and has begun to organise and promote several unusual schemes designed to keep the Scots in order.

The earliest of these was 'Hands across the Border' which invited people from all the UK nations (but not foreigners of course) to meet and form a human chain spanning the length of Hadrian's wall. It was estimated that around 100,000 people would be required to complete the chain, particularly as the UK is much wider at Hadrian's wall than it is at the actual border, which lies some 50 miles to the North.

This plan was quietly abandoned when only one other person signed up, leading Rory to issue the following statement:



We've now decided that rather than pushing the human chain – which has proved logistically very difficult – we are going to work on something more straightforward and more enduring. So we have come up with what we feel is a better plan!

We wanted to come up with a lasting marker of our union. Something more accessible for the young and old. Something that future generations will look at and remember, with deep gratitude: the moment we chose to stay together.

WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A MARKER OF THE UNION!

The replacement plan is for the construction of a giant cairn in a field near Gretna which will represent the arranged marriage of Scotlandshire to England. For reasons which he has yet to articulate, Rory feels that the Union would be best represented by an unstable pile of useless rubble with no discernible purpose or utility.



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