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Flying Fish

Dear Sally,

I hope I find you well.

This is, as promised in 2020 (!), an update on the use to which we were able to put the £8,000 that the Nineveh Charitable Trust generously donated to our 'Flying Fish' educational project. Please accept my apologies for taking so long to report back but we thought it best to wait until we had something to tell you!

We are a small charity and 2020 and 2021 were extremely difficult but we managed to keep our team together and we had a soft re-launch of 'Flying Fish' in 2022 (three classes), 2023 (four classes) and 2024 (seven classes).

Ultimately, post-lockdown, we delivered three rounds of the project to 337 children from 14 classes in nine schools. Although this was a little shy of our ambition, the financial support from the Nineveh Charitable Trust was critical in both maintaining our wherewithal to deliver the project and in getting 300-odd children into their local river. Our spend-profile wasn't what we had intended but we hope the Trustees will consider this a worthwhile investment. I am now confident that we have spent the Nineveh Trust donation and that we are now back up to speed.

We recently produced a 10-year review of 'Flying Fish' and there's a link to the electronic version here:

<https://www.clyderiverfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Flying-Fish-report-Final-2024.pdf>

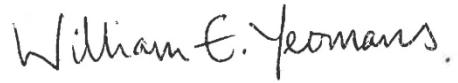
Our feedback confirms that we leave our 'Future Stewards' with a positive attitude towards their environment. We have been running education projects for 25 years and have a fair constituency of teachers who participated as children (also, this year two of the 24 Honours freshwater biology students at Glasgow University have been through our programme!) This was a game-changer for us as far as the impact of our work is assessed, and we hope this will happen again in future.

In order to build further momentum, we recently employed a dedicated Education and Outreach Officer to deliver and develop our education programme.

To that end, we will be writing shortly to canvass the support of the Nineveh Charitable Trust for Flying Fish 2025 and to help us further our charitable aim of getting more children to appreciate their local rivers better by getting their feet wet!

With my very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William E. Yeomans." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'W' and a distinct 'E'.

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