



Experience the River Project Update 2014/15

Thank you for your amazing support for Experience the River.

Last summer the project ran in 6 South Lakeland Primary schools during, representing the major rivers within the SCRT catchment. Led by an ecologist and an artist, each school spent two half days and one full day learning about, exploring and interpreting their local river.



Following an introductory session about the river habitat and its inhabitants, and some of the issues concerning conservation, each class made a field visit to a nearby river to sample and record its life and generate a score for water quality.

They also undertook some art activities which were expanded back at school to produce some details prints of river creatures and their role in the food chain. Overall, 133 pupils from Years 3-6 participated in the project.

A similar project is planned for the summer of 2015, for 4-6 local schools which have suitable rivers within walking distance.



The work will involve a new artist, Ro Thomas who is planning to expand the printing work to form a large group banner to represent the river habitat and some of the issues surrounding it.

The ecology will focus on the freshwater habitat plus issues of relevance to the particular location, such as the presence of endangered species such as crayfish, freshwater pearl mussels, concerns over pollution or management, and invasive alien species.

The funding from Visitor Giving has been vital to the continued implementation of this project which has reached over 1000 local children since 2006.

Thank you so much for your fantastic support!

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