

TEESMOUTH FIELD CENTRE

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Final report from Teemouth Field Centre for the Habitats in Focus project
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Tell us about yourselves

Teemouth Field Centre became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2015. The Field Centre was established in 1970 on a not-for-profit basis. Teemouth Field Centre has a team of 4 Trustees and 2 staff.

Tell us about the Funds

- **Has the project we helped to fund been completed? If so, how is it maintained?**

This project has been successfully completed. Some funding sources are in place to continue the project in 2019, but more funding will be needed.

- **If not completed yet, why not? Are plans in place to finalise the project?**

N/A

- **Did the funds provided by us prove adequate, or was there an over- or under-spend?**

There were no surplus funds and no further funding was required to complete this project. The Hands on Habitats project involved a specific number of project days (15) as listed in the application. After notifying the schools, bookings are then taken for that number of days, so there is no under- or overspend.

- **How were any surplus funds used, or further funding made available?**

N/A

Tell us about the project

- **Has the project been successful and well received by the beneficiaries?**

A total of 513 children and 97 accompanying adults (teachers, teaching assistants, parents) have been involved. They all enjoyed the outdoor learning experience and used the simple apparatus to record their findings. With Year 1 pupils, the adults used the cameras, but with all other year groups, the children shared a camera between two, and decided what to record. Most of the pupils made and recorded direct observations of the wildlife found in the different habitats within the Teemouth National Nature Reserve and noted the problems that human visitors leave behind. Overall, the age of the pupils ranged from 5/6 to 10/11 years.

The following schools took part:

25.04.17	Ward Jackson P.S. Hartlepool	21 children	7 adults
06.06.17	St. Cuthbert's P.S. Hartlepool	37	5
30.06.17	St. Cuthbert's P.S. Hartlepool	35	6
06.07.17	Beech Grove P.S. Middlesbrough	23	4
07.07.17	Beech Grove P.S. Middlesbrough	30	4
17.07.17	St. Peter's Elwick P.S. and Hart P.S.	41	15

18.09.17	Archibald P.S. Middlesbrough	60	10	+ TFC volunteer
17.10.17	TFC Staff to Greatham P.S.	27	2	
16.04.18	Mowden P.S. Darlington	45	7	
20.04.18	Mowden P.S. Darlington	44	7	
18.05.18	Home Tutored group	18	11	
05.06.18	Mount Pleasant P.S. Darlington	31	4	
11.06.18	Sedgefield P.S.	31	4	
14.06.18	Polam Hall School Darlington	45	4	
11.07.18	Sunnyside Academy Middlesbrough	25	7	included 2 partially sighted pupils

- **Are you satisfied with the outcome, or, with hindsight, would some modifications have been appropriate?**

Teesmouth Field Centre staff were very satisfied with the outcome of this project. One booking had to be modified due to school staff absence, so the TFC staff went to the school and used the school grounds for the fieldwork. The project days were spread out over 15 months, which was a longer period than usual, as bad weather conditions meant a couple of cancellations late in 2017 and a slow start in 2018.

- **Was funding for this project made available from any other source?**

No

Feedback about us

- **How did you find our process of selection and payment?**

The process of application, selection and payment was very efficient and speedy, with a friendly approach. The website was clear with guidance about application. Teesmouth Field Centre applied on 1st December 2016 and received an acknowledgement on 6th December 2017. The good news and the funds were received in February 2017. Other funders have taken much longer to decide.

- **Have you considered providing us with an update on the activities for which our Trust provided the funding?**

No

- **Would you welcome a visit by our Trustees?**

Yes, we are always pleased to show visitors the work of the Field Centre.

- **Have you any other comments?**

There was a problem with completing the questionnaire at the end of the project. We tried to convert it to a Word document to type on it, with no success.

The Nineveh logo has been used on all worksheets. The funding from The Nineveh Charitable Trust is acknowledged in the Teesmouth Field Centre Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st March 2017 which is available on the Charity Commission website. Teesmouth Field Centre Trustees and staff thank The Nineveh Charitable Trust for the funding of £3150 provided in February 2017.

Lynne Burn, Warden/Education Officer

Ann Oxley, Chair of the TFC Trustees