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Questionnaire

Tell us about yourselves (Charity Name, Donation Amount and Date of Donation)

Teemouth Field Centre Charity No. 1161087 founded in 1970, established as a CIO in 2015 with 4 Trustees. 2 Part-time employees. £3840 granted on 24th January 2020 for 'Save our Seashore' project, planned to run from April 2020 to July 2021.

Tell us about the Funds

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

The project was adapted due to Covid-19. Teemouth Field Centre started to offer outreach Helping Habitats Workshops in schools in March 2021 as an alternative to visiting the Field Centre and the seashore. In the Summer Term this has been very successful with workshops in 14 different Primary Schools, involving 27 classes, and one further confirmed booking for September.

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

Teemouth Field Centre is accommodated within the Hartlepool Nuclear Power Station Visitor Centre which was closed to all visitors on 11th March 2020 and is still closed in July 2021 to ensure Covid risk was reduced. This has meant no school group visits in the Summer Term of 2020 and 2021. The only alternative was outreach sessions.

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

The funds have allowed the salaries for the two staff to be paid to complete the outreach workshops and to cover the other costs of running the project. There is no over- or under- spend.

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

N/A

Tell us about the project

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

Yes. The response was good after only advertising once, soon after the schools returned to the classroom in early March 2021. One or two or 4 classes in the same school from Year Groups 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 were involved in the project in the following schools:

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21.04.21	Ormesby P.S. Middlesbrough	2 classes	Y4	60 pupils
22.04.21	Holy Trinity P.S. Hartlepool	1 class	Y2	30
27.04.21	Mount Pleasant P.S. Darlington	2 classes	Y2	73 (support base included)
04.05.21	St. Joseph's RC P.S. Middlesbrough	2 classes	Y2	46
11.05.21	St. Aidan's CoE P.S. Hartlepool	2 classes	Y4	49
18.05.21	Reid Street P.S. Darlington	2 classes	Y6	47
26.05.21	St. Thomas More RC P.S. Middlesbrough	1 class	Y4	23
27.05.21	St. Benedict's RC Academy Redcar	2 classes	Y2	54
10.06.21	Wynyard P.S. Stockton-on-Tees	2 classes	Y5	65
15.06.21	Ayresome P.S. Middlesbrough	2 classes	Y2	39
16.06.21	Ayresome P.S. Middlesbrough	2 classes	Y2	42
23.06.21	Crooks Barn P.S. Stockton-on-Tees	2 classes	Y1/2	74
28.06.21	St. Gabriel's RC P.S. Middlesbrough	2 classes	Y1/2	49
29.06.21	Deaf Hill P.S. County Durham	1 class	Y2	24
12.07.21	Holy Trinity P.S. Hartlepool	1 class	Y4	30
14.09.21	Fairfield P.S. Stockton-on-Tees	2 classes	Y4	58 Total no. pupils: 705

At least two adults were in the classroom or outside in the school grounds with each class. **Total: 63**

Each workshop started with a digital presentation about the beach, the rocks and the sand dunes as habitats, with pictures to identify some of the plants and animals living there. The problems caused by human activities were highlighted – washed up fishing nets and plastic, broken glass and litter, fires and disturbance of nesting birds by dogs. Then the school grounds were inspected for minibeasts with identification using simple charts and classification using branching keys based on shells/legs/wings etc. Ways to improve the habitats with some long grass and logs were suggested. Older pupils made up simple food chains and food webs while the youngest created and decorated paper starfish. Sunflower seeds were planted in pots to monitor growth. The importance of water, air temperature, light for plant growth and food sources for animals were stressed with the need for shelter from predators. All done to make it fun and to think about the way other organisms live. Each workshop was about two hours.

Two half day community sessions were included in the application. It has been impossible to organise such events with Covid-safe restrictions in place this summer.

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

Generally satisfied, workshops were modified with experience and to suit the school timetable. In the current restricted circumstances, it was the best that Teesmouth Field Centre could offer to schools and it was well received. It was hard work but worthwhile to keep in contact with the schools.

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

No

Feedback about us

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

Efficient. The application was submitted in December 2019 and an acknowledgement was received within days. The decision to grant the funding in full was received by email on 24th January 2020. Payment followed promptly.

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

An email was sent to the Nineveh Charitable Trust to say that the start of the project was delayed due to school closures and all the Covid restrictions in place. A time extension was requested.

- Would you welcome a visit by our Trustees?

Yes, by arrangement, we would be pleased to see a representative from the Nineveh Charitable Trust once the Field Centre is allowed to re-open.

- Have you any other comments?

In the application process the named contact was Lynne Burn as the Teesmouth Field Centre Warden/Education officer and Joint Manager. Lynne retired in October 2020 after working at the Field Centre for 43 years. A great achievement. Clare Gubbins was appointed as the new Warden/Manager. Clare has been working at the Field Centre for the past 15 years and has taken over more responsibility since 2019. A new Assistant Warden, Clare Shakespeare-Watts, was appointed and started her employment in September 2020. These changes have ensured continuity in the working of the Field Centre so that projects can be completed in the best way possible.

This evaluation/feedback questionnaire has been completed by

Clare Gubbins and Ann Oxley, Chair of Teesmouth Field Centre Trustees. July 2021.

This questionnaire is part of our due diligence, obtaining feedback to help us, and we are grateful for your input – please return the questionnaire as soon as possible.

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