

The Lamprey River's Mystery Message

The Lamprey River flows through several towns,
From the mountains in Northwood to Newmarket down.
Almost 50 miles the main river flows,
It touches on nature and history as it goes.



This is the setting of today's little query,
A mysterious gathering of odd letters cheery.
The letters were brought from various sources,
To make their point, they had to join forces.

The first letter must have a prominent place,
A **W** with a big, golden, face.
The others are all of a similar size,
They will be unscrambled to solve the surprise.

W



Two **Cs** were brought from
Candia by crows.
They flew over trees and fields,
and a few country roads.
Two **Ns** were delivered from
Nottingham way,
Not on the main river, but still
in the play.

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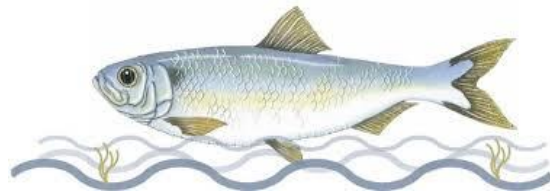
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Two water scientists each
brought an **S**.
Their work must be fun, one
only can guess.
Turtles, rare turtles, brought 2
Ts to the game,
Blandings, wood, spotted;
remember their names!

S **S**
T **T**



American eels contributed two **Es**,
Their presence is a sign of fish
travel ease.
The alewife, a fish, gave an **A** to
the cause,
A river full of fish brings a round
of applause.

E **E**
A



The letter **O** was brought by a wise owl,
"Give a hoot, don't pollute!" he said with
a scowl.

Last but not least is the letter of **R**,
A gift from the river, today's mystery
star.

O R

W _ _ _ _ _ .
C C N N S S T T E E A O R

So, now let us try to break down the code,
The message is waiting. "Hop to it, Toad!"
Hold on just a second, a letter is missing.
"What could it be?" the crowd is insisting.





As we look all around us, what
do we see?

Kids big and small, a human
menagerie.

Ah, yes, there it is, it's all
coming true,

The solver of problems; the
answer is U!

W _ _ _ _ _
C C N N S S T T E E A O R U

So let's mix and match and spell out some words,

The answer is easy, you see it's in thirds.

Now you've done it, you've filled in the blanks,

Remember these words and the Lamprey sends thanks.