

A project to create a 'river of names' of importance to the local community, to be etched into the canal towpath, designed by artist Anoushka Havinden.

Part of Scottish Canals' Stockingfield Bridge project.

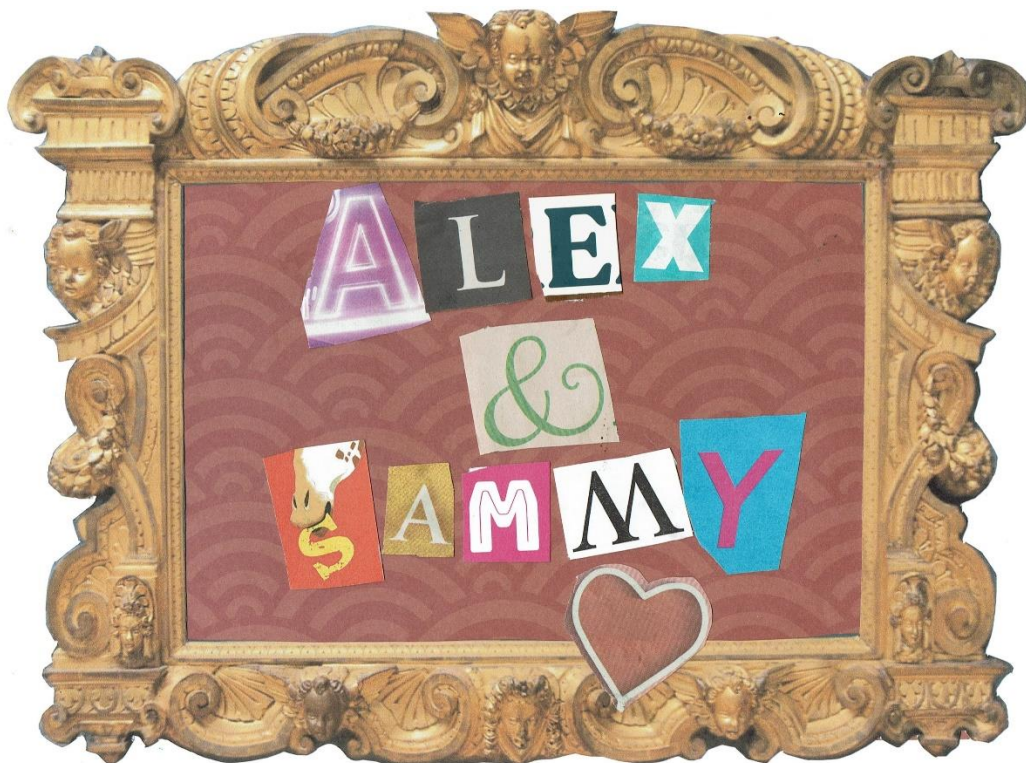
Activity Sheet – all ages – 1 -2 hours

### Frame your Name!

Make a sign for your door or a picture for your wall. We'll look at different texts, fonts and typefaces and you can print these off or hand-draw them.

You will need:

- Magazines, newspapers, packaging from recycling, scrap paper like wrapping paper
- A small frame - you can find these in charity shops
- OR you can print off one of the paper frames at the website: [LINK GOES HERE](#)
- Glue – Pritt stick is good for paper
- Scissors (you may need a scalpel or craft knife to cut out the window if you're using a paper frame – younger artists will need help with this)



First – look through the pile of reference material to find different letters to spell out your name. You may want to use ornate, complex letters or simple, understated ones. Different fonts can give very different impressions. Cut out your letters. You can also look for little pictures to add to your

name picture for decoration – flowers, hearts, footballs – you could even draw your own elements to add!

Fonts are divided into:

SERIF fonts – sometimes called ‘Roman’. These include the little tails and squiggles at the corners of letters, like this:

**R**

And SANS-SERIF – sometimes called ‘Gothic’ or ‘Grotesque’. These letters are simpler, like this:

**E**

Choose a background that your letters will show up against. Assemble the letters on the background before you glue, checking that they fit in the frame and look good together. When you’re happy, glue the background to the frame, and the letters to the background. You may wish to mount the finished piece onto card so it’s sturdier.

You could add the name of a sibling or friend, or make one for someone special.



Cut-out letters were famously used by punks in the 1970s, and by criminals writing ransom notes!

<http://www.ransomizer.com/>

## NOMINATE A NAME!

Can you think of a name you'd like to see written in the towpath next to the canal?

It can be a place, person, event, thing, wildlife, song title, poem, book title, venue, shop, the name of a dance or even a short phrase that you think is important to the local community. It could be contemporary or from some time in the past.

Please write the name/s here:

And tell me why you would like to see it/them in the River of Names:

THANK YOU!

Find out more about the project on the website:

<https://ariverofnames.com/>

You can also submit names via the website, or by email.

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