

Pollution Assessment

School		Team	
Date		River	

Minibeast Name	Score
Freshwater Hoglouse	2
Leeches	3
Flatworms	4
Limpets	4
Midges	4
Snails	4
Swimming Mayfly Nymphs	4
Beetles	5
Cranefly Larvae	5
Freshwater Shrimps	5
Blackfly Larvae	6
Worms	6
Caseless Caddisfly Larvae	8
Cased Caddisfly Larvae	10
Crawling/Burrowing Mayfly Nymphs	10
Stonefly Nymphs	10
Fish	10
Total	100

Score	Water Quality	Description	What does this mean?
0-9	E	Very Polluted	Too polluted for most wildlife; just rat-tailed maggots survive!
10-21	D	Polluted	Moderate pollution from sheep dip or industrial effluent; no fish and very little river wildlife present.
22-52	C	Slightly Polluted	Slight pollution from farm slurry or sewage; hardly any fish and poor river wildlife present.
53-70	B	Clean	Plenty of fish and river wildlife; a healthy river.
71-100	A	Very Clean	Lots of fish and river wildlife; a very healthy river.