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Dear Mr Butler

APPEAL TO ADOPT A PART OF LEGENDARY SEAPLANE

You have probably seen us on TV and in the newspapers.

Recreating one of the most significant sagas in early aviation history, The Lakes Flying Company Limited, a registered charity, is appealing to individuals and businesses for backing.

As parts are offered for adoption in the build a replica of Britain's first successful hydro-aeroplane, interest is high.

We are inviting organisations, firms and companies to play a part in the recreation of Waterbird, which, like her namesake, will fly from Windermere.

You can be a crucial player in the £160,000 mission to complete the revolutionary hydro-aeroplane, already 60 per cent built.

Elements are from £3 to £600, but the challenge is to attract corporate sponsors to adopt major components such as wings, engine or the all important floats.

When Waterbird first flew from Windermere in November 1911, the belief was dispelled that it was impossible to fly from water. It was a success story against all the odds.

Supported by Winston Churchill, then First Lord of the Admiralty, the project led to the birth of naval and civil hydro-aeroplanes in the UK.

This is a unique opportunity for your organisation to help recreate a Lakes legend which has already attracted widespread media attention.

Once funding is found, the recreation could be flying in a year.

**The Lakes Flying Company Limited is a registered charity (no 1138624) and a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England (reg. no 6836348).
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The ultimate goal is to establish a Museum of Lakeland Flying, named after Waterbird's visionary creator Edward Wakefield. The magnificent man and his flying machine are part of our heritage.

Watch out for *Waterbird Wheat*, specially brewed by Bowness Bay Brewing, £5 per barrel and 5p per bottle will be kindly donated to us.

For companies, donations are deductible from the total profits of your business when calculating corporation tax, please see:

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/businesses/giving/companies.htm>

For sole traders and partnerships, you can make a gift aid donation, please see:

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/businesses/giving/self-employed.htm#1>

Many thanks for taking time to read this letter and we look forward to welcoming you on board.

Come fly with us on www.waterbird.org.uk

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Gee', with a horizontal line underneath.

Ian Gee
Director/Trustee