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Dear Mr Russack

I am delighted to congratulate the volunteers and staff of the Seagull Trust on being amongst the nine Scottish organisations to win the Queens' Award for Voluntary Service in 2007. The Award recognises outstanding achievement by voluntary organisations and is made only to a small number of groups across the United Kingdom each year. The success of your Trust is therefore a reflection of the high quality of the service you provide. In enabling disadvantaged and disabled passengers to cruise on the Union, Forth and Clyde and Caledonian Canals and to travel through countryside that would otherwise be inaccessible to them, the work of the Trust is invaluable. It is to the credit of your volunteers that, as well as providing this friendly and informative service throughout the summer, they also carry out maintenance work on the boats over the winter months.

This unique and prestigious Award is fitting recognition for the valuable contribution that members of the Seagull Trust make to local services, to improving the lives of our citizens and to enabling the more vulnerable members of our communities.

Congratulations to everyone involved.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Salmond".

**ALEX SALMOND**