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Dear Nigel,

Thank you for your letter and I was honoured to know that Mary respected the work of our charity and left us a legacy. Indeed when we initiated the charity in 1994, she often contributed to the student's tuition fees. One vet, Charlie gained a 1st class honours veterinary degree at Liverpool University and in an interview on our website said if it wasn't for help from our charity (then called Veterinary Vouchers) she would never have become a vet.

On our smallholding in Diggle, ten years ago the Woodland Trust with the help of Coca-Cola with the planting, gave us 600 trees. It became known as Thornsbeck Wood. The first tree is named after Lady Mary – see our website. This year, the Woodland Trust are involved with a larger marshy area and wish to plant a 'wet woodland'. Apparently, there are not many in the country. I shall name it 'The Lady Mary Memorial Wood'. We already have a plaque dedicated to Mary on site.

Mary had been our patron for many years. I informed the trustees whom are in agreement that it was Mary's place and we shall not seek another patron.

I had many lovely telephone conversations with Mary and we also corresponded by letter. I shall miss her very much. If appropriate please pass on these comments to her family.

It has been a privilege to have known Mary, she was a true Lady.

My best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen Pearson Chairwoman.