

9th May 1932.

My dear Arthur,

I was delighted to get a glimpse of you and your jolly crowd of Scouters and helpers and I only wish I had been in better form to tell you adequately how pleased I am with the progress which you have made in Scouting in South East Lancashire since I was last there.

I appreciate the difficulties under which you have all been working but I see brighter times ahead and the fact that you are all coming through it so successfully is the best tribute to the right spirit and vitality that is in the Movement.

Especially I was glad to see Dunham Park now so effective for training and camping purposes; and it was good to see so great a number of wood-badgers present at the Reunion. Manchester is exceptionally lucky in having so ideal a camp ground and one so accessible. For Scouters who find it difficult to get good results to their training the very best remedy is to attend a course of training, and (as so many of them have said to me) it is an eye-opener to them and makes the whole job as easy as shelling peas.

I hope that every Scouter in South-East Lancashire will make an effort to take advantage of the opportunity he has at Dunham Park and do the shelling-peas business.

I shall be very glad if my talk at the Luncheon Club has been of any help to you in making a push for more men, old and young, to come and give a hand (or a donation) to the Movement. You might push it on the grounds of their giving a response to the Prince of Wales's call to all to give service, and show that my suggestion shows them a way of doing so.

With warmest thanks for your hospitality and for making it all so easy and pleasant for me, and with best of good wishes to all for real "good camping".

Yours ever,

P.S. Private.

Please use any or all of the above letter in any way you like that may help the Movement.