



KENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESCUE UNIT

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(To survey, excavate, record and publish archaeological sites threatened with destruction)

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Your ref.

Date 16th June, 1974

Dear Mr. McDowall,

The Royal Palace at Otford.

This is just to let you know that we have recently returned to our archaeological site at Otford and moved our fence back to the line you suggested. We also raked over the ground on your side of the fence and spread grass-seed. I do hope that this proves satisfactory.

The man I took round Becket's Well was a senior D.O.E. official from the Ancient Monuments Division. I said that if something was not done within a very few years there would be nothing left, frost etc., considered. He agreed. Ideally the D.O.E. should make some sort of financial grant. It may be that this can be done without an obligation to 'open' to the public. It is likely that they may suggest a quid pro quo basis. Please pursue them and ask for a final statement of intent or else the situation may get out of hand.

Many thanks for your interest and help.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Philp
Director.

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27 June 1974

Dear Mr Philp

ROYAL PALACE OTFORD

I thank you for your letter of the 16 June and
for reinstating the ground over the excavations
on my side of the boundary.

I note your comments concerning Becket's Well
and will certainly pursue the DoE regarding some
sort of financial grant. I agree entirely that
unless something is done quickly, very little of
the Well will remain in a few years' time.

Yours sincerely

A D McDowall