



Blackpool Explorer Scouts

All,

By now you should be aware that an approach by Sarah Parker has been made to the district to manager Mowbreck campsite and to regenerate the site. The regeneration will improve the facilities for the site but if approved the site will also house an eatery, crèche and play area that people of Scouting will be formally asked not to use, unless they pay for it. It is Sarah Parkers intention to run this as a commercial venture and though access will be given to the site it is her vision that the establishment will be closed when members of Scouting are using the site.

Currently debates are hopefully occurring across the district to see if any members object to this proposal before a decision is made at the next forthcoming District Executive meeting. So my initial suggestion is if you have not had your say then contact Steve to express your views for or against this proposal, what not is needed is for you to shout up but do nothing. Personally I think it would be an injustice to future members of Scouting who will follow in our footsteps to remove the opportunities that this site has given you, me and all the many others that have ever stepped on to the site.

The final thing I want to pick up on is the regeneration of Mowbreck campsite by current members of Blackpool Scouting. It is fine to chirp up and claim what service you have done over the years and all the support you have given to the site. The reality is that the work needed to maintain the site has never stopped. Too simply turn up and remove the odd bit of rubbish and do some weeding (which is always required) the main item that is needed is a vision, a long term plan in what we do with Mowbreck campsite so that it flourishes for our future members.

So I am asking you if you share the similar view of this jewel in the crown and want to see it once again bursting full of smiley screaming young people all year round sharing a life experience, then get in touch.

I would like to see at least one representative of each section to come forward and make your section needs known so that a staged regeneration plan can be introduced which supports and enhances the excellent work being carried out by Tony Ashworth week in week out. Can you please get in touch with me if you would like to make a difference?

If we can do this then if the district gets approached again then debates won't be required as the 5, 10 or even 50year plan for the site is known by all...but if we do nothing for a third time, it would make anyone not just the District Executive wonder why the next approach is not embraced...so as Phil Mather would say Shout for Scouting.

Many thanks for you time for reading this email, I hope to hear from you soon.

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Supporter of Mowbreck / District Explorer Scout Commissioner

