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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I have just read your editorial in the March Newsletter and am writing to tell you that I completely agree with what you say. It is just what I have been thinking for years.

As an old amateur (I have the Newsletter from 1958) I try to keep in touch with what is going on and since leaving Christchurch in 1968 the Newsletter has been my only source of information. I am sure that you will continue to make it a success - the lack of increased membership of N.Z.A.A. is a difficult problem, lack of contact with members and the inability of most members to help is partly to blame. People like to help and feel they belong.

Over recent years the feeling that only the Historic Places Trust or the professionals must do or even think anything has grown. I understand this well and the reasons for it and it does not worry me. Public relations is something that most archaeologists are no good at, but I am sure an understanding in the community of what archaeologists are trying to do would help everyone. The public is still mostly very uninformed and there is not always a helpful feeling towards us. I think this is worse than it was 10 years ago.

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