REGIMENTAL BADGES ON FOVANT DOWN

To The Editor of The Times

Sir- You were kind enough last year to draw attention to the above, and, thanks to this, some six or more have been preserved.

It was only last week that I was able to revisit the spot. Owing to the badges of both the Warwicks and the 7th City of London being on Sutton Mandeville Down, some mile or two west of Fovant Down, they have been entirely neglected and overlooked. Most of the stag's head of the former is still plain, but unless cleared of weeds this autumn all will be lost.

Lord Baden-Powell wrote last year saying he would put the Salisbury Boy Scouts on to this work. Toc H of Salisbury and Toc H of Southampton wrote similarly, and we are greatly indebted to these kind people. Is it too late for them and others interested to make a final effort? If both Sutton Mandeville badges cannot be saved, at least the whole stag of the Warwicks should be preserved. May I add that in the opinion of many the Warwicks badge with the full name below was considered to be the finest of the whole lot?

Yours faithfully

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Sutton Mandeville Regimental Badges

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