

c.c. Audrey O'Dell

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Dear Miss Diggle,

Thank you for your letter of the 21st January, which was delayed by being addressed to Iver Heath; please note the above address and telephone number.

We are so glad to hear of moves to start a Samaritan service in Durham. You seem to have done all the right things, with Shirley Jepson contacting Mrs. Chadbund at Newcastle. I am so glad to hear that Dr. Munro is encouraging, and that you have received support from Mr. and Mrs. Banister, Father Crogan, Mr. Boyd and Mr. Turner. I do hope you received my telephone message on the Friday afternoon before your meeting began.

I enclose some leaflets to help you at this stage, and suggest you contact Mrs. Audrey O'Dell of 104 Park Avenue, Hull, who is our Regional Representative. She would be able to arrange a Speaker, if you have a further meeting. I would avoid a public meeting which tends to attract the cranks, and continue with meetings by invitation, or a small working party for the time being.

My own personal contact in Durham is Archdeacon Stranks. He may not be particularly interested in Samaritans, but I was his curate at one time, and he might help to get the ecclesiastical establishment on your side.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Yours sincerely,

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