

viz: purchase the site,  
surround it with a wall or  
fence; appoint an Army  
Pensioner to <sup>keep</sup> guard? -

Sir John Lubbock promised  
me every help in his power &  
said you could give us the  
most effective assistance -

Can I give you any help?

My Town address is:-  
The Royal Societies' Club,  
St. James St. W.

I am, Sir,  
Yours truly,  
J. Lardner Green

F.R. Met. Soc.

General Pitt Rivers

Ans'd  
June 8/98

TINTINHULL,  
FOWLER'S ROAD HILL,  
SALISBURY.

PL Box 2/58

7 June 1898.

Dear Sir

Permit me to  
draw your attention to  
the great danger to Stonehenge  
calling for immediate con-  
~~sider~~ <sup>sider</sup> ~~attention~~. This month  
encampments will be near,  
navvies will soon be at  
work upon the three lines of  
Railway: two of the G.W. Ry  
and one of the S.W. Ry -  
there will be two, if not three,  
Stations in close vicinity -

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For thirty years past I have visited "the Stones" - included in the three years at the Sunrise of Midsummer Day - that of 1887 was, fortunately, in a bright & absolutely cloudless atmosphere - even equal to the experience I had of a Sunrise over Etna in 1878 - Of Stonehenge - on the first view of its sunrise, I took sketches & drawings - The late Rev. Ed. Duke of Lakehurst, told me I had been exceptionally fortunate - To show the interest I have long taken, I may allude to my many visits:

I have consulted the literature of the subject, by reading the books in the Brit. Museum, & elsewhere - hence, I feel apprehensive of the risk incurred by the influx of civilians "in their thousands," on bicycles & carriages, and the 80,000 troops in the District - some visitors have wilfully damaged & carried away chippings -

Provision for the Refreshments of visitors, and space for horses & carriages should be provided.

Why should not the English Government do for Stonehenge, what the Italian Government does for Italy:

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Rushmore,

Salisbury.

Dear Sir,

June 8th, 1898.

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst., Can you give or obtain for me any authoritative information upon the following two points.

1st. What is the nearest distance to which any of the three lines you speak of will run to Stonehenge. This affects the question whether the trains could shake the ground on which the stones stand.

2nd. What is the distance of the nearest station. This affects the question of the accession of visitors. I do not think there will be any accession of visitors that cannot be met by the posting of one or if necessary two extra policemen or an army pensioner if desirable. The visitors could not overturn the stones if they wished to do so; and as to the chippings I doubt whether even now that is carried on to any extent.

The owner, Sir Edmund Antrobus, is of no use. He will not listen to any representation that is made to him on the subject, and the existing Act of Parliament cannot deal with the matter in any way.

If you can give me any reliable information upon these points it would be of use. Hitherto I have not been able to obtain any authoritative information on the subject, and I am not certain whether the points have even been settled as yet.

Yours truly,

A. Pitt-Rivers.

J. Lardner Green Esq.,  
Salisbury.