



KENYA SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

PRESS RELEASE

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The Chief Scout, Kenya Scouts Association, Hon. Francis Ole Kaparo and the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Ray Charles Musau deeply regret the **Vandalism of BADEN POWELL CLOCK in Nyeri.**

All of us at Kenya Scouts Association were shocked and saddened to learn that the **BADEN POWELL CLOCK** in Nyeri Town was vandalized at the weekend of 17th March, 2013. We deeply abhor the damage that was caused to the landmark clock, and trust that the perpetrator(s) will be brought to justice.

The Nyeri Clock Tower was sketched and built through the initiative of Lord Baden Powell, the Founder of the Scouting Movement in 1939, in Memory of King George the 6th. **The Tower was declared a gazetted monument; on 9th March, 2001.**

Lord Baden Powell (a British National) first came to Kenya in 1906 for a holiday tour, and later in 1935 on a brief visit. In 1938 he decided to settle in Nyeri at a little home he called **PaxTu** where he lived until his death on January 8th, 1941 at the ripe age of 83 and was buried at St. Peters Church, Nyeri, within sight of Mt. Kenya.

The Kenya Scouts Association would like to assure the people of Nyeri and all Scouts that the clock will be replaced in due course, to safeguard the Story and Glory of Nyeri in the World of Scouting as the home and resting place of the founder of the largest voluntary youth movements in the world - scouting and guiding.

As Kenya celebrates her 50 years of independence (Jubilee) to be marked on 12th December, 2013, the Kenya Scouts Association has established strategic plans to develop and protect Scouting monuments around the Counties, to provide Scouts and general public with the experience and taste of World Scouting.

We wish to call upon partners of goodwill and the general public to support us in this endeavour of establishing and protecting our monuments, as the country that is the World's Home of Scouting.

Thank You.

Ray Charles Musau
Chief Commissioner
Kenya Scouts Association