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Dear Mr Anderson,

I understand that the Plymouth Brethren gave sterling support on the night of the dreadful fire at Clandon Park, and so am writing on behalf of everyone at Surrey County Council to express my appreciation in your giving voluntary catering support to all who were involved in controlling the blaze and then dealing with the aftermath. It is very much appreciated, especially as I'm told you did similar excellent service at the heath fires in Frensham and Pirbright.

Where would we be without the host of volunteer organisations who, without thought of self, turn out at the drop of a hat to render crucial and hugely-appreciated services at the exact time they are needed? The answer is: in a very poor place indeed. I would be grateful if you could pass on my thanks therefore to all who helped and indeed all who still remain 'on alert' for further incidents should they happen - but of course I hope that you will not be needed!

The fire at Clandon Park was just dreadful. Despite the heroism and quick thinking of many people, which saved some priceless treasures, I fear that we will never see the house and its contents in their full magnificence again. I feel so sorry for the family and all the people, paid and volunteer, who have given such devoted service to Clandon in the past - their grief must transcend description.

Many thanks and congratulations for the work of the Plymouth Brethren, and best wishes from all at Surrey County Council

Yours sincerely

David Munro  
Chairman of Surrey County Council