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Scout leader jailed for sex abuse

A former scout leader and children's football coach has been jailed for two years for sexually abusing boys.

Philip Muttock, 38, of Plumstead, south east London, indecently assaulted his four victims while claiming he was looking for a "white rash".

Muttock carried out the abuse often while taking the boys on trips to destinations like Spain, the United States or British seaside resorts like Bournemouth.

Oxford Crown Court heard Muttock exploited his position within a scout group in Banbury and as an assistant coach at a local football team to befriend them.

He carried out the indecent assaults on boys as young as nine over a five-year period from December 1992. He also took photographs of some of them in indecent poses.

The photos were found at his home in October 2000 by police when one of his victims finally came forward.

Judge Peter Crawford told him that he had tarnished the names of decent people working with children.

Some of Muttock's victims, now aged in their twenties, watched him from the public gallery as the judge told him: "What you did was to dishonour all those honourable people. You did it for your own pleasure."

Muttock, who was placed on the sex offenders' register, admitted eight counts of indecent assault on boys under the age of 16.

He also pleaded guilty to three counts of taking indecent photographs of boys under 16 and one count of possession of those photographs.

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