

Witness statement in support of the Town Green application for Stoke Lodge

I moved here with my family in July 1983. From day one we used the gate at the end of our garden to access Stoke Lodge. We played games and had picnics there, and for many years our daughters and their friends came and went via the gate.

In later years we continued to use Stoke Lodge for walking, running and Brownie and guide activities. When our elder daughter is back in Bristol she always runs round Stoke Lodge. We also use the Cheyne Road entrance to get into Stoke Lodge in order to walk around the field and enjoy the space and tranquillity.

Our house backs on to Stoke Lodge and over the years we have been able to observe how much the land is used for a wide variety of recreational activities from football and cricket matches, to tai chi, kite flying and photography. It is essential that this is allowed to continue.

I believe that the facts stated above are true.

J.M. Evans

Mrs J M Evans

31 January 2011

Save Stoke Lodge Parkland - Application for Town Green Registration - Evidence Questionnaire

NAME of Witness	
Print	JUDITH MARGARET EVANS
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?
	14 STAKE LADDOCK ROAD STAKE BISHOP BAISTOL BS9 2DJ
2	Your address when you knew the land edged in red on Map "A" was being used by the local inhabitants? If different from 1 above?
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3	Did you sign the map "A" attached to confirm your understanding of the extent of The Land being claimed? As "Town Green" edged in Red? And relates to the evidence
	YES
4	Confirm your agreement that the Locality or Neighbourhood is the Political Ward of Stoke Bishop plus parts of Westbury on Trym, Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle. Map "B"
	YES
5	Please confirm that you have marked the location of your house on Map "B" with an X.
	YES
6	By what name, if any, is The Land edged in red on Map "A" known?
	STAKE LODGE
7	Has the land, referred to in question 6, ever been known by any other name? If so what?
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8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?
	27 years +
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?
	1983 to date
10	Do you consider yourself to be a local inhabitant in respect of the Land edged in red on Map "A"?
	YES
11	During the time you have used the Land edged in red on Map "A", has the general pattern of use remained basically the same?
	IT IS USED BY MORE FOOTBALL PLAYERS THAN PREVIOUSLY - OTHER PITCHES HAVE BEEN BUILT OVER

12 What recognisable facilities are available to the local inhabitants of your locality? Please tick all boxes that apply and add any other additional matters not covered			
Local infants school	✓	Community centre (Village Hall)	✓
Local junior school	✓	Sports facility (stone wall)	✓
Local secondary school		Swimming pool	
Residents association		Library	
Neighbourhood watch	✓	Alt green space within easy walking	✓
Neighbourhood Partnership	✓	Area police	
Local place of worship	✓	Doctors surgery	✓
13	To your knowledge are there any public paths crossing the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		
14	How do you gain access to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		
15	How do you travel to and from the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		
16	Why do you go on to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		
17	How often do/did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"? (apart from use of any public paths on the Land)		
18	What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"?		
19	Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		
20	If so, for what?		
21	Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		
22	If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place?		
23	Do/did you participate in any of them?		

no

THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE ON VIA CHEYNE ROAD

ON FOOT

TO WALK (it for exercise)

EVERY WEEK (in fine weather)

NOW - WALKING
PREVIOUSLY - PLAYING GAMES WITH FAMILY

YES

RUNNING, WALKING.

YES

GAMES, PICNICS, BROWNIES/GUIDES - ROUNDBERS.
SINCE WE MOVED IN - 1963

YES.

