

**Witness Statement in support of  
Town Green Application for Stoke Loge Parkland**

My name is Malcolm Davies and I live at:-

11 South Dene  
Stoke Bishop  
Bristol BS9 2BW

I am aged 67 and am currently employed in the advertising and marketing agency business as a Marketing Services Co-ordinator.

My parents moved to Cedar Park in 1949 and I have lived, on and off, in Stoke Bishop for most of my life.

I first visited Stoke Lodge house in the late forties / early fifties when I was aged five or six. My mother knew a lady who lived in the house and I was taken to play with her young daughter. We caught some newts in a little pond in the garden.

Later on I joined the Westbury Harriers, an athletics club, and we used to train on Stoke Lodge playing fields every Monday evening. (mid fifties)

In my teens, (late fifties) my friends and I would play cricket most summer evenings after school. Occasionally a groundsman would come and speak to us but he seemed quite happy for us to be there as long as we were behaving ourselves. (I think his name was Mr. Clarke, but I can't be sure)

A school friend and I attended maths evening classes in the house in 1959 to improve our chances of passing our O Level exams.

My family and I have been living in South Dene since 1981 (30 years). I've taken our five children to play on the field – playing football and cricket, flying kites, collecting conkers, building snowmen, doing long jumps, attending church fetes and watching the bats catch flies under the trees on a summers evening.

I and my family and indeed my childhood friends have always considered Stoke Lodge Parkland as part of the Stoke Bishop environment. A place where both young and old can enjoy the open air, freedom to walk and other physical activities. A short walk from home to either the Shirehampton Road entrance or the West Dene entrance gave us the chance to enjoy a delightful range of open-air leisure activities.

My family and friends have never been impeded from enjoying the Parkland and long may it continue. I hope one day, if I'm presented with grandchildren, to be able to take them to play there.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signature:  .....

Date: 26/01/2011 .....

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

NAME of Witness Print	MALCOLM DAVIES	
1 Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	11 SOUTH DENE STOKE BISHOP BRISTOL BS9 2BW TEL: 9685077	
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?	11 CEDAR PARK STOKE BISHOP BRISTOL	
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"	I AGREE	
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?	STOKE LODGE	
7 Has the land, referred to in question 6, ever been known by any other name? If so what?	No	
8 For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	62 YEARS	
9 Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1949 - 2011	
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?	YES	



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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community centre	Community activities
Local junior school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sports facility	A central feature <i>STOKF BISHOP VILLAGE</i>
Local secondary school		Swimming pool	Scout hut <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Residents association		Library	other
Neighbourhood watch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alt green space within easy walking	other
Neighbourhood Partnership		Area police	other
Local place of worship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Doctors surgery	other
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?			

I HAVE MARKED ON A MAP WHICH USED TO BE REGULARLY USED - 1950'S WEST DENE ENTRANCE

WALK

LEISURE

MOST EVENINGS IN SUMMER  
LESS OFTEN IN WINTER  
PLAYING WITH FRIENDS AND MY CHILDREN.

YES

PLAYING

CHURCH FETES, FOOTBALL,  
CRICKET, ATHLETICS

AT LEAST 62 YEARS

YES

ALL

