

**WITNESS STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF**

**TOWN GREEN APPLICATION FOR STOKE LODGE PARKLAND**

Name: Mrs Gabrielle Rosalie Huggins

Address: 52 Stoke Hill, Stoke Bishop, Bristol BS9 1ER.

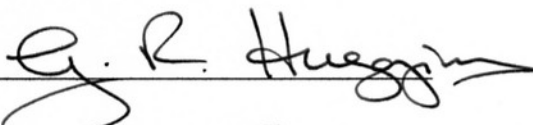
Occupation: Retired

My husband and I moved to this address in September 1978, together with our son who was nearly 2 years old. We subsequently had a daughter. Both children attended Stoke Bishop C of E Primary School, Cedar Park.

We have used Stoke Lodge continuously over the past 32 years for numerous reasons – including playing games with the children, children's parties, bird watching, flown kites, walked our dog, and Brownie Sports Days. I have taken courses at Stoke Lodge House in bridge, bird watching and cookery, and we used the walled garden, which contains a rare medlar tree, for several years as a small allotment. My husband has used Stoke Lodge through the Rotary Club for charity fund-raising events.

Access has been gained from all access points of Stoke Lodge Parkland – Shirehampton Road, Parrys Lane, West Dene and Cheyne Road. We have never been denied access at any time, and have never seen anyone patrolling the area to control access or usage. We usually walk from home as it is so close. It is the only open space available to us in Stoke Bishop to enjoy and take exercise. I met and made many friends when walking our dog round its perimeter and through the adjacent lanes, and continue to do so, enjoying the fauna and flora. It has become a regular venue for sport and running/jogging, which has increased in popularity over the years, while still allowing the public to walk freely around the grounds. The trees are beautiful and the view across to Kingsweston and the Blaise Estate gives a feeling of space and freedom in a densely populated area.

I believe that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true.

Signature: 

Date : 24 JAN. 2011

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

	NAME of Witness Print GABRIELLE ROSALIE HUGGINS	
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	52 STROKE HILL STROKE BISHOP BRISTOL BS9 1ER
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?	/
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?	STROKE 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"?	32 1/2
9	Between which years did you us the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1978 - PRESENT DAY
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

