

1. Insert Heading;
Witness Statement in support of
Town Green Application for Stoke Lodge Parkland
2. Full Name SARAH DIBB
3. Current address WOODFIELD CHEADAR RD
AXBRIDGE SOMERSET BS26 2DL
4. Occupation DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER
5. Please describe in your own words as much information and details of fact as possible, this must not include any rumour or exaggeration, and should include your knowledge of:
 - a. When you or your family started to use Stoke Lodge Parklands and/or the House?
 - b. During this period were you ever denied access, and if so by whom?
 - c. What variety of activities you and your family have been involved in on the Parkland?
 - d. If as a group what was the name of the group
 - e. How you travelled to and from the site and which access you used?
 - f. Do you have any evidence of your use of Stoke Lodge including photographs, letters, press cuttings, etc, that we could copy and include in our application?
 - g. What do you value most about Stoke Lodge?
 - h. Any other relevant information that demonstrates ongoing community use.

6. Include closing statement:
I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true,

Signature: S. E. Dibb

Date: 2-02-11

I am writing to provide a witness statement supporting the use of Stoke Lodge Playing Fields over a period of 50 years.

I lived as a child from 1959 to 1975 in the family home in South Dere. This property leads at the back to a lane which provides direct and immediate access to Stoke Lodge Playing Fields.

As children we used the Playing Fields to:

- walk to Cedar Park Primary School
- walk to Bell Barn Road shops
- walk the dogs
- play cricket, rounders, football, tennis
- enjoy picnics
- hold birthday parties
- attend fêtes
- participate in dog training
- attend evening classes.

As a teenager and subsequent adult my brother and I were involved in club cricket and football activities and local school tournaments.

My father died recently at the age of 93 and the facility of the playing fields for walking his dog and collecting his paper from the local shops **over 50 plus years** was a huge contributory factor in enabling him to remain fit enough to live in his home until the time of his death.

Additionally, the playing fields are a PTO tremendous source of interest within the Natural History environment. The Natural History

Unit at the BBC presented by Bill Oddie and Kate Humble have filmed and studied wildlife on two separate occasions.

This beautiful open green space has provided the local inhabitants and those from the surrounding area and beyond with not only a wealth of leisure activities but has strongly supported the community in their quest for emotional and physical well being.

Sarah Gibbs.

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

NAME of Witness	
Print	S A R A H D I B B
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?
	14, SOUTH DENE STOKE BISHOP BRISTOL BS9 2BW
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"
	I confirm
5	Please confirm that you have marked the location of your house on Map "B" with an X.
	I confirm I have marked the location on Map B
6	By what name, if any, is The Land edged in red on Map "A" known?
	STOKE LODGE PLAYING FIELDS
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"?
	52 years
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?
	1959 - 2009
10	Do you consider yourself to be a local inhabitant in respect of the Land edged in red on Map "A"?
	Not since 2009
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.

