

Mrs Lorna Louise Crook
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Bristol
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Housewife.

Witness Statement in Support of Town Green
Application for Stoke Lodge Parkland.

My husband and I moved to Bristol in 1970, which is 41 years ago. We lived in Coombe Budge Avenue and I was expecting our first child. We also had a dog. I used to walk every day up Ebenezer Lane to Stoke Lodge Parkland. We met various people there, most of whom had allotments and grew their own vegetables. People played cricket regularly, and the cricket hut at the bottom of the field was used before it was demolished. The grounds were kept beautifully by one lovely grandman. It was always looked after well. I also walked through the parkland en route to the shops in Stoke Lane. I shopped for my neighbours.

I was never denied access to the field. Our family used to walk there with the dogs; we also played games and hide and seek with the children and grandchildren later on. We also did nature trails as the trees are delightful and we could collect cones and acorns.

I also joined St Mary Magdalen Church who used the field for church activities.

have joined various classes at the House - Upholstery classes, Computer and French classes.

I always walked to the site and used the access via Cheyne Road, Sherthampton Road and sometimes West Dene.

I did not take any photographs of our time in Stoke Lodge. I still use it each week.

Stoke Lodge is a valuable site. One of the last remaining Green Spaces left in Stoke Bishop. I love the trees and the safe open area it gives us. It would be a real shame if we were to lose this wonderful area. Every effort must be made in order to retain this parkland. We are in danger of not having any sporting or open areas left for the local people to use.

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

Hanna Klock 22 January 2011

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

	NAME of Witness LORNA CROOK Print	
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"? 51 Coombe Budge Avenue } Stoke Bishop 25 Ormead Road } 67 Coombe Lane }	
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?	As 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.	
6	By what name, if any, is The Land edged in red on Map "A" known?	Stoke Lodge Playing Field .
7	Has the land, referred to in question 6, ever been known by any other name? If so what?	Not to my knowledge
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	40 years .
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1970 - 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	Community centre	Community activities	Community activities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stoke Bishop Village Hall	A central feature	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sports facility	Scout hut	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Swimming pool	other	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Library	other	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Air green space within easy walking	other	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Area police ?	other	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Doctors surgery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other	
13 To your knowledge are there any public paths crossing the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			
"A" ? From Chayne K2 to Stoke Lodge field			
14 How do you gain access to the Land edged in red on Map "A"? Through the gate at West Dene, or Pamy's Lane or Shirehampton Road.			
15 How do you travel to and from the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			
walk			
16 Why do you go on to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			
To go to stops in Stoke Lane or Stoke Bishop. or to walk generally			
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)?			
Every day.			
18 What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			
Church open days. walking dogs.			
19 Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			
yes			
20 If so, for what?			
walking, playing.			
21 Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			
Church activities Creded - football.			
22 If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place?			
In the summer or weekends for Creded in winter for football.			
23 Do/did you participate in any of them?			
No			

