

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

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EVIDENCE OF USE ON FOOT

NAME:	ERIC WILLIAM NEILL		
ADDRESS:	15, ALL SAINTS CHOSE		
	GOODSHAW CHAPEL EST		
	ROSSENDALE		
	LANCS		
POST CODE:	B.B.4 8QQ.		
DATE OF BIRTH:	4-12-1931	OCCUPATION:	RETIRED

Route of Way:	On the West side of the River Limey, from the Commercial St bridge running in a northerly direction approximately 150 metres upstream to the next footbridge where four "Public Right of Ways" converge.		
From:	Commercial St:	(Grid Reference)	SD 811272
Via:	Loveclough Fold		
To:	Upstream footbridge:	(Grid Reference)	SD 812274

1) How long have you known the route?	35 YEARS
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2) Have you used the above way on foot?	YES / NO
If so:	
(a) During which years?	1969 TO 2004
(b) Where were you going to and from?	FROM GOODSHAW CHAPEL TO THE PLANTATION AND ON TO HILLS BEYOND
(c) For what purpose?	TO TAKE MY SONS AND NEPHEWS TO EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY OF THE COUNTRY AND TO RESPECT IT. ALSO TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE LODGE TO FISH. BEING DISABLED, I FIND THIS TO BE THE EASIEST ROUTE TO THE LODGE
(d) How many times a year?	HUNDREDS OF TIMES OVER THE YEARS MENTIONED
(e) Have you used the way by other means (Please tick all that apply)?	
	On horseback
	On motorcycle/in vehicle
	Other (State)
	During which years?

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3) Has the way always run over the same route? (If not give details and dates of any changes. Mark any changes or variations on an attached plan).

YES

4a) Have there, to your knowledge, been any stiles, gates or fences across the way?' (If so/ state where the stiles, gates or fences stood and mark their locations on an attached plan).

A GATE SITUATED JUST PASSED THE
FOOT BRIDGE

4b) Were any of the gates locked? (If so, state when and where they were, and mark them on an attached plan).

NO

4c) Did any of the stiles, gates or fences prevent you from using the way on foot? if so, when?

NO

5a) Have you worked for any landowner over which the route passes? If so, give dates of employment and name of employer.

NO

5b) Have you been a tenant of any land over which the routes passes? If so/ give dates of tenancy and mark land rented on attached plan.

NO

6) If you have answered yes to 5a or 5b did you ever receive any instructions from the landowner as to the use of the way by the public? If so, what were they?

7a) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using this way on foot?

RECENTLY I WAS HARASSED BY YOUNG CHILDREN OF THE
RESIDENTS WHO TRIED TO PREVENT ME PASSING

7b) Do you know or have you heard of anyone else having been stopped or turned back when using the way on foot? If so, state when the interruption took place and give particulars.

OTHER PEOPLE HAVE EXPERIANCED THE SAME

8) Were you ever told by any owner or tenant of the land crossed by the way, or by anyone in their employment, that the way was not a public right of way on foot? If so, state when and give particulars and dates.

No.

9) Have you ever seen notices such as 'Private', 'No Road', 'No Thoroughfare' or 'Trespassers will be Prosecuted' on or near the way? If so, what did the notices say? Mark the location of the notices on an attached plan.

No

10) Have you ever asked permission to use the way? If so, who did you ask?

NO. IT WAS ALWAYS A RIGHT AWAY.

11) Please give any other information that you think is relevant. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

*BECAUSE OF OTHER ^{INCIDENTS} OVER THE RIGHT OF WAY, I VISITED
RAWTENSTALL REFERENCE LIBRARY WHERE I FOUND SOME OF
THE OLDEST ORDINANCE SURVEY MAPS OF THE AREA.
I ENJOYED, AT THAT TIME, TO WALK THE MOORS AND
NEEDED TO KNOW HOW TO DO THIS WITHOUT TRESPASSING
THE PATH IN QUESTION WAS CLEARLY SHOWN.
THESE MAPS ARE OVER 100 YEARS OLD.
I AM SURE THAT THESE MAPS ARE STILL AVAILABLE
TO THE PUBLIC*

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the facts that I have stated are true.

I am/~~am not~~ willing to attend a hearing, public inquiry or court to give evidence on this matter, if this should prove to be necessary.

Signature: *E. Hill* Date: *21/10/04*