

**THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT OF
PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

**THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
UPGRADING OF WRIGHTINGTON FOOTPATH 21 TO BRIDLEWAY BETWEEN
MOSS LANE AND MOSSY LEA ROAD, WRIGHTINGTON,
WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2016**

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
MRS DIANA M ROSS**

1. My name is Mrs Diana M Ross and I live at 14 Rookery Avenue, Appley Bridge. I was born in 1954 and have lived locally. I am/was an Inclusive Learning Officer by occupation. *Retired 10 yrs ago.*
2. I completed a user evidence form in 2013 confirming my usage of the way that runs from Moss Lane via footpath 21 to Hunger Hill, Wrightington.
3. I have known the way since the 1960s and have used it ^{*predominantly*} on horseback. *+ on foot*
4. The route has always followed the same course. *blackberry picking.*
5. I have never known any stiles, gates or fences across the route.
6. I have never worked for any landowner over which the way passes, nor have I ever been a tenant over which the way passes.
7. I have never been stopped or turned back when using the route with a horse, nor have I ever heard of anyone else having been stopped or turned back using route with a horse. However, I should point out that I was temporarily held on one occasion when a householder parked across the way who responded to a polite request and let me through. Apart from this, I have never been stopped or questioned or deliberately turned away when riding the route. I have used it on my own and in the company of other riders over the years.
8. I have never been told by any owner or tenant of the land crossed by the way, or by anyone in their employment that it was not public.

9. I have never seen any notice on or near the route, nor have I ever asked permission to use it.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

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

Signed

Diana M. Ross

Dated

14th September 2024.

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**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
RACHEL KNEALE**

1. My name is Rachel Kneale and I live at [REDACTED] I was born in 1963 and have lived locally. I am/was a local authority valuer by occupation.
2. I completed a user evidence form in 2013 confirming my usage of the route that runs from Moss Lane via footpath 21 to Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
3. I have known the route since 1972 and have used it on horseback from 1972 until 1975 and since 1993 to 2013 for exercising horses about once a month. I have also used it on foot between 1972 and 1975.
4. The route has always followed the same course.
5. I have never known any stiles, gates or fences across the route.
6. I have never worked for any landowner over which the route passes, nor have I ever been a tenant over which the route passes.
7. I have never been stopped or turned back when using the route with a horse, nor have I ever heard of anyone else having been stopped or turned back using it with a horse.
8. I have never been told by any owner or tenant of the land crossed by the route, or by anyone in their employment that it was not public.
9. I have never seen any notice on or near the way, nor have I ever asked permission to use it.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

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Signed

R Kneale

Dated

14 September 2024

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF
SARAH GIBBONS

1. My name is Sarah Gibbons and I live at 52 Arbour Lane, Standish, Wigan WN6 0YJ. I was born in ¹⁹⁶⁵ 1944 and have lived locally. I am/was ~~a cashier~~ ^{customer service} by occupation.
2. I completed a user evidence form in 2013 confirming my usage of the route that runs from Moss Lane via footpath 21 to Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
3. I have known the route for at least 25 years (2013) have used it on horseback from 1993 to 2008 for hacking about two times a year.
4. The route has always followed the same course as shown on the Order plan between points A-G.
5. I have never known any stiles, gates or fences or other obstacles across the route.
6. I have never worked for any landowner over which the route passes, nor have I ever been a tenant over which the route passes.
7. I have never been stopped or turned back when using the route with a horse, nor have I ever heard of anyone else having been stopped or turned back using it with a horse.
8. I have never been told by any owner or tenant of the land crossed by the way, or by anyone in their employment that the route was not public.
9. I have never seen any notice on or near the way, nor have I ever asked permission to use it.

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Signed



Dated

15/9/24

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**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
DR PAMELA RODGERS**

1. My name is Dr Pamela Rodgers and I live at 2 Malden Road, Standish, Wigan WN6 0EX I was born in 1955 and have lived locally. I was a consultant radiologist by occupation.
2. I completed a user evidence form in 2013 confirming my usage of the way that runs from Moss Lane via footpath 21 to Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
3. I have known the way for 25 years and have used it on horseback as part of a circular ride. Between 1988 and 1994 I used the route about twenty times a year and since 1994 to 2013 used it two to three times a year. The way allows avoidance of a busy stretch of road going to the motorway roundabout.
4. The route has always followed the same course.
5. I have never known any stiles, gates or fences across the way.
6. I have never worked for any landowner over which the route passes, nor have I ever been a tenant over which the route passes.
7. I have never been stopped or turned back when using the way with a horse, nor have I ever heard of anyone else having been stopped or turned back using it with a horse.
8. I have never been told by any owner or tenant of the land crossed by the route, or by anyone in their employment that it was not public.
9. I have never seen any notice on or near the route, nor have I ever asked permission to use it.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

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

Signed



Dated

16/9/2024

Dear Sir,

Just for information
I no longer have a horse
and have not ridden that
route for several years.

A handwritten signature consisting of a stylized, cursive letter 'D' with a horizontal line underneath it.

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF

DEBBIE GRAY

1. My name is Debbie Gray and I live at 17 Pateley Square, Wigan WN6 7HG. I was born in 1978 and have lived locally. I am/was a teaching assistant by occupation.
2. I completed a user evidence form in 2013 confirming my usage of the way that runs from Moss Lane via footpath 21 to Mossy Lea, Wrightington.
3. I have known the way since 1986 and have used it only on horse riding from 1986 to 2008 as a circular ride to get from Standish to Wrightington..
4. The way has always followed the same route.
5. I have never known any stiles, gates or fences across the way.
6. I have never worked for any landowner over which the route passes, nor have I ever been a tenant over which it passes.
7. I have never been stopped or turned back when using the way with a horse, nor have I ever heard of anyone else having been stopped or turned back using it with a horse.
8. I have never been told by any owner or tenant of the land crossed by the route, or by anyone in their employment that it was not public.
9. I have never seen any notice on or near the route, nor have I ever asked permission to use it.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

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Signed



Dated

22/9/24

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**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
EILEEN RYBKA**

1. My name is Eileen Rybka and I live at 59 Holme Terrace, Wigan WN1 2HG. I was born in 1956 and have lived in locally. I am/was a dog sitter/walker by occupation.
2. I completed a user evidence form in 2013 confirming my usage of the way that runs from Moss Lane via footpath 21 to Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
3. I have known the way since 1966 and have used it only on horseback from 1966 until 1974 and from 1988 until 2010 only for hacking and pleasure riding and going to shows at times, weekly and often monthly, although this varied. I used the way for horse riding as part of a circular route from Standish to Wrightington - especially for hacking and going to and from Charity Farm shows.
4. The way has always followed the same course.
5. I have never known any stiles, gates or fences across the way.
6. I have never worked for any landowner over which the route passes, nor have I ever been a tenant over which it passes.
7. I have never been stopped or turned back when using the way with a horse, nor have I ever heard of anyone else having been stopped or turned back using it with a horse.
8. I have never been told by any owner or tenant of the land crossed by the route, or by anyone in their employment that it was not public.

9. I have never seen any notice on or near the way, nor have I ever asked permission to use it.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

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

Name

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Date

17/9/24

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**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
PATRICIA A. VEALL**

1. My name is Patricia A. Veall and I live at 9 Langdale Avenue, Swinley, Wigan WN1 2HW. I was born in 1948 and have lived locally. I am retired.
2. I completed two user evidence forms in 2013 confirming my usage of the path that runs from Moss Lane via footpath 21 to Hunger Hill, Wrightington. The first form detailed use of the route on horseback whilst the second form detailed use of the route on foot and on a bicycle.
3. I have known the way for over 60 years and have used it on a bicycle, on foot and on horseback from the late 1950s to 2013. I would go along the route from St Joseph's Church to St Joseph's School to catch the bus home – often on daily. I rode the way with my friends weekly. I have also used it on foot since about 1953 and on my bike from 1960. I also rode my horse from Prescott's Farm to Hunger Hill.
4. I had used this way regularly as a girl, being a pupil at St Joseph's School. We walked and rode with friends up and down the route which we knew as 'the Pads'. On a school day, the church provided transport to school, but my brothers and others had to make our own way home after school to St Joseph's Church to catch a bus home which meant going down the Pads from St Joseph's Church from St Joseph's School daily.
5. My brothers and I walked the pads on a daily basis to and from school. We caught the bus from St Joseph's Church. The Pads were the shortest way from school to the bus stop. I also hacked with friends and rode my bike up

and down the Pads. Nobody ever stopped us or said otherwise. Everybody used it.

6. The route has always followed the same course.
7. I have never known any stiles, gates or fences across the way.
8. I have never worked for any landowner over which the route passes, nor have I ever been a tenant over which it passes.
9. I have never been stopped or turned back when using the way with a horse, nor have I ever heard of anyone else having been stopped or turned back using it with a horse. Nobody ever stopped us or said otherwise. Everybody used it.
10. I have never been told by any owner or tenant of the land crossed by the route, or by anyone in their employment that it was not public.
11. I have never seen any notice on or near the route, nor have I ever asked permission to use it.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

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Signed

Patricia A Veal

Dated

17-9-2024

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**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
PAULINE THOMAS**

1. My name is Pauline Thomas and I live at 173 Bradley Lane, Standish, Wigan WN6 0NA. I was born in 1956 and have lived locally. I was a clerical worker by occupation.
2. I completed a user evidence form in 2013 confirming my usage of the way that runs from Moss Lane via footpath 21 to Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
3. I have known the route since 1966 and have used it on horseback since 1966 for pleasure about 15 times a year. I would ride from Standish to Wrightington and vice versa.
4. The route has always followed the same course.
5. I have never known any stiles, gates or fences across the way.
6. I have never worked for any landowner over which the route passes, nor have I ever been a tenant over which the route passes.
7. I have never been stopped or turned back when using the route with a horse, nor have I ever heard of anyone else having been stopped or turned back using it with a horse.
8. I have never been told by any owner or tenant of the land crossed by the route, or by anyone in their employment that the route was not public and that I could not use it riding a horse.
9. I have never seen any notice on or near the way, nor have I ever asked permission to use it.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

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

Signed

P. Remas

Dated

25/9/2024.