CLAVERTHAM
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
DOCUMENT L
LGS2 EVIDENCE (AS FOR VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION)
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8th May 2017
IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION TO REGISTER LAND KNOWN AS THE FIELD AND THE COPSE,
CLAVERHAM AS A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN PURSUANT TO SECTION 15 COMMONS ACT 2006

AND IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION REF: NSC TVG 006

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administrative purposes only; it will remain open for those whose documents are in
this section to attend the Inquiry if they so wish).

Section 4 - Other relevant documentation except plans and photographs;

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Section 1
THE APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DECLARATION

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Commons Act 2006: Section 15
Application for the registration of land as a Town or Village Green

Official stamp of registration authority indicating valid date of receipt:

North Somerset Council
22 DEC 2014
Legal Services

Application number: NSC_TNG_006
Register unit No(s):

VG number allocated at registration:

(CRA to complete only if application is successful)

Applicants are advised to read the ‘Guidance Notes for the completion of an Application for the Registration of land as a Town or Village Green’ and to note the following:

- All applicants should complete questions 1–8 and 10–11.
- Applicants applying for registration under section 15(1) of the 2000 Act should, in addition, complete questions 7–8. Section 15(1) enables any person to apply to register land as a green where the criteria for registration in section 15(2), (3) or (4) apply.
- Applicants applying for voluntary registration under section 15(8) should, in addition, complete question 9.

1. Registration Authority

To the

HEAD OF LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL
TOWN HALL
WILLIAM CUTHBERT CLOVE ROAD
WETTON SUPER MARKE

Note 1
Insert name of registration authority.
2. Name and address of the applicant

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3. Name and address of solicitor, if any

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Firm:

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Post code

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4. Basis of application for registration and qualifying criteria

If you are the landowner and are seeking voluntarily to register your land please tick this box and move to question 5.

Application made under section 15(6):

If the application is made under section 15(1) of the Act, please tick one of the following boxes to indicate which particular subsection and qualifying criterion applies to the case.

Section 15(2) applies: ✔

Section 15(3) applies:

Section 15(4) applies:

If section 15(3) or (4) applies please indicate the date on which you consider that use as of right ended.

If section 15(6)* applies please indicate the period of statutory closure (if any) which needs to be disregarded.
7. Justification for application to register the land as a town or village green

In justification of our application we make the following points:

a) Residents of Claverham of all ages have used this field ‘as of right’ for many years for their enjoyment, well-being and healthy lifestyle. Indeed, some of the older residents have used the field for lawful pursuits and pastimes for over 40 years.

b) Activities pursued include dog walking, picnicking, strolling, kite flying, playing football, throwing frisbees, blackberry and sloe picking, etc as explained in the accompanying witness statements.

c) Being within a few hundred yards walk of the most of the village has meant the field is used many times daily for dog walking, throughout the year.

d) The field frequently floods in wintertime giving young children a safe place to splash around away from the country lanes.

e) There has been unrestricted access to the field over this long period by virtue of ‘kissing gates’ from Chestnut Drive and Streamcross. There are no signs banning or limiting the use of the field by the public.

f) The field was previously proposed in a ‘Strategic Open Space’. Village Green status would preserve this position for future residents.

g) Cattle graze on the field from time to time and the field is cut in autumn for hay/silage. Apart from this no other commercial activities occur in the field.

h) The field supports various types of wildlife which adds to the diversity of the village. Several types of bat, understood to include Greater and Lesser Horseshoe bats are to be seen flitting over the field in the Spring and Summer months as they forage for food. Great Crested Newts have been observed in the vicinity of the field along with grass snakes, slow worms and toads.

i) The field is subject to very low levels of light pollution which are important to the foraging habits of the Greater and Lesser Horseshoe Bats. These bats are qualifying species of the North Somerset and Mendip Bats Special Area of Conservation.

j) Claverham House, a grade 2 listed building built in 1744, is adjacent to the field. This field, together with the agricultural land surrounding Claverham House provides an ideal setting for this old building and ‘village green’ status will help maintain the overall rural heritage of the area.

All in all, the field acts as a valuable source of well-being for the Claverham community and is important to a number of species protected by EU law.

Now including a new pasture of geocaching see Brian & Andrea Horswood’s letters.
8. Name and address of every person whom the applicant believes to be an owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of any part of the land claimed to be a town or village green

Understood to be -
Owner - Mr N Burnett,
Udley Cottage, West Hay Road, Udley, Wrington, Bristol, BS40 5NR

Lessee - Mr Hunt, 1 Brook Farm, Hunt's Lane, Claverham, BS49 4QE

9. Voluntary registration – declarations of consent from ‘relevant leaseholder’, and of the proprietor of any ‘relevant charge’ over the land

10. Supporting documentation

1. Statutory declaration in support
2. Map showing boundary of the field including the copse, outlined in green
3. Map from N Somerset Consultation leaflet February 2013 - 'The Infill Villages and Countryside' Page 5, showing the relevant field as a Strategic Open Space
4. 45 statements in support, plus accompanying photos covering 77 signatures
Statutory Declaration In Support

To be made by the applicant, or by one of the applicants, or by his or their solicitor, or, if the applicant is a body corporate or unincorporate, by its solicitor, or by the person who signed the application.

1. Insert full name (and address if not given in the application form).

2. Delete and adapt as necessary.

3. Insert name if Applicable

4. Complete only in the case of voluntary registration (strike through if this is not relevant)

solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:—

1. I am ((the person (one of the persons) who (has) (have) signed the foregoing application)) ((the solicitor to the applicant) (one of the applicants)).

2. The facts set out in the application form are to the best of my knowledge and belief fully and truly stated and I am not aware of any other fact which should be brought to the attention of the registration authority as likely to affect its decision on this application, nor of any document relating to the matter other than those (if any) mentioned in parts 10 and 11 of the application.

3. The map now produced as part of this declaration is the map referred to in part 5 of the application.

4. I hereby apply under section 15(8) of the Commons Act 2006 to register as a green the land indicated on the map and that is in my ownership. I have provided the following necessary declarations of consent:

(i) a declaration of ownership of the land;
(ii) a declaration that all necessary consents from the relevant leaseholder or proprietor of any relevant charge over the land have

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been received and are exhibited with this declaration; or
(iii) where no such consents are required, a declaration to that effect.

And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the
same to be true, and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Declared by the said *Teresa Moore*

*Signature of Declarant*

at *

50 High St
Yatton
Bristol BS49 4HT

this 22nd day of December 2014

Before me *

*Signature:*

CHRISTOPHER J. CoT

*Address:*

50 High St
Yatton
Bristol BS49 4HT

*Qualification:*

A Commissioner for Oaths

* The statutory declaration must be made before a justice of the peace, practising
  solicitor, commissioner for oaths or notary public.

Signature of the statutory declaration is a sworn statement of truth in presenting the
application and accompanying evidence.

REMEMBER TO OFFICER TAKING DECLARATION:

Please initial all alterations and mark any map as an exhibit.
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CORRESPONDENCE WITH NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL RELATING TO APPLICATION

From: Teresa Moore <teresamoore1@yahoo.co.uk>
To: Sandra Hole <Sandra.Hole@n-somerset.gov.uk>
Cc: Clive Fletcher <technofletch@yahoo.co.uk>; Sarah Chidwick <slchidwick@googlemail.com>; Emma Anderson <Emma.Anderson@n-somerset.gcsx.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, 19 January 2015, 13:48
Subject: Re: 07-01-2015 Claverham Village Green application

Dear Sandra

Thank you for your response re your meeting with the solicitor. I note that you need a clear identity of the chosen neighbourhood for Note 6. Could you just check for me that the following definition will be adequate. Then I will complete it on Note 6 of Form 44 and return to you.

The area bounded by Streamcross, Lower Claverham, Jasmine Lane, High St, Bishops Road as far as Court de Wyck School, Claverham Road to Hollowmead and back to Streamcross.
For clarity this includes roads within this boundary - Franklins Way, Anvil Road, Orchard Court, Chapel Lane, Claverham Park, Whitehouse Road, Hollowmead Close, Hunts Lane, Broadcroft, Dunsters Road, Chestnut Drive.

Thank you for confirming that there are already sufficient witness statements. I will let you know about any redactions required re the witness statements contact details.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks.

Kind regards

Teresa

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To: Sandra Hole <Sandra.Hole@n-somerset.gov.uk>
Cc: Clive Fletcher <technofletch@yahoo.co.uk>; Sarah Chidwick <slchidwick@googlemail.com>; Emma Anderson <Emma.Anderson@n-somerset.gcsx.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, 22 January 2015, 10:52
Subject: Re: 07-01-2015 Claverham Village Green application

Dear Sandra

Thank you for coming to reception yesterday to receive the amended Form 44.

Just to confirm that all the witness statements can go on the website.

I look forward to hearing it has been 'duly made' and the application reference number.

Kind regards

Teresa

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* Teresa Moore <teresamoore1@yahoo.co.uk> Jan 30 at 4:00 PM

To Sandra Hole
CC Clive Fletcher Sarah Chidwick Emma Anderson

Dear Sandra and Emma

Really good to hear that following your meeting this afternoon, the Village Green Application for Claverham is considered to be 'Duly Made'.

As regards the application date - here is the link to a write up of a case that went to the High Court.
'The court confirmed that applicants are allowed to correct defects, as required in regulations, and the date of the application is the date when the application is originally received and receipted by a council.'

I look forward to receiving written confirmation re the 'Duly Made' status and also, from the case above, that the application date is that when you originally received Form 44 and the Witness Statements ie 22nd December 2014

Many thanks

Kind regards
Teresa Moore

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6th September 2015

Claverham Village Green application – NSC_TVG_006

Dear Emma
I am writing to make an amendment to the Form 44 submitted on 22nd December 2014.

The amendment required is to Item 6 : “Locality or Neighbourhood within a locality in respect of which the application is made.”

We propose to define the Locality as:
‘The neighbourhood of Claverham Ward within the locality of Yatton Parish.’

A map of this name is attached herewith with the area for which the application is made highlighted – The Field in green and The Copse in red.

There is also an additional higher resolution map of The Field and The Copse itself, showing footpaths. For clarity should these maps have numbers : Map 3 and Map 4?
Apologies for the inconvenience caused. Could you please confirm receipt and also let me know if there needs to be a further Statutory Declaration because of this revision.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely

Teresa Moore

On behalf of the joint applicants Clive Fletcher and Sarah Chidwick

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From: Emma Anderson <Emma.Anderson@n-somerset.gov.uk>
To: Teresa Moore <teresamoore1@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: Friday, 11 September 2015, 11:15
Subject: Claverham TVG application

Dear Mrs Moore

I note your request to amend your chosen locality for the purposes of the application.

When your application was first submitted, the description of the locality or neighbourhood, required within section 6 of the application form ie. ‘on the edge of the village of Claverham, within the Parish of Yatton’ was invalid and an amendment was required in order for the application to be duly made.

You therefore made an amendment pursuant to regulation 5.4 of the registration rules to enable your application to be considered duly made. You chose to amend the locality of neighbourhood to ‘The area bounded by Streamcross, Lower Claverham, Jasmine Lane, High Street, Bishops Road as far as Court de Wyck school, Claverham Road to Hollow Mead and back to Steamcross, within the village of Claverham, within the Parish of Yatton and Claverham.’

Your current request to make a further amendment does not fall under the same regime as your application has now been accepted and is progressing. In the circumstances I propose to leave this request for an amendment to be determined by the inspector once appointed.

With reference to your second letter with enclosures. I have not been able to access the video, the link does not appear to work.

Regards

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Please note my working hours are Monday - Friday 08.30 - 14.30

* Emma Anderson <Emma.Anderson@n-somerset.gov.uk>

Dec 7 at 1:02 PM
To Teresa Moore
Dear Mrs Moore

When I instructed Mr Bohm QC to act as inspector for this application, I specifically drew your request to his attention and provided the relevant correspondence.

I have now contacted him further and asked that he make a direction in respect of your request.

I shall contact you further when I hear from him.

Regards

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Section 2

WITNESS STATEMENTS OR DOCUMENTS FROM THOSE PERSONS WHOM THE APPLICANTS BELIEVE WILL ATTEND TO GIVE ORAL EVIDENCE AT THE INQUIRY

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To whom it may concern

Re: Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived at the above address since 31st October 1984 and used/witnessed these fields in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have walked my dogs every day in these fields since moving to this address. It is an opportunity to exercise in the fresh air whilst meeting fellow dog walkers. My dogs love to play in the flooded areas in the winter and paddle in the stream dividing the two fields. It is a haven for wildlife in the hedgerows and I have witnessed Herons landing in the field. Children run freely and play in these fields and elderly dog walkers who might not see anyone else all day meet up with others with a common interest.

With regards

Carolyn Baker
Dear Teresa,

Further to our family letter of support for the village green application on the land to the north of Chestnut Drive, I am writing to provide some additional detailed evidence of use during the qualifying period.

My evidence covers two areas: my observations of activity in the field from our house in Chestnut Drive and my own use of the field for flying model aircraft with my children and dog walking.

1) Observed activities

Our property overlooks the field as shown from our location in Figure 1.

![Figure 1](image)

From our lounge, we have a clear view of the southwest corner of the field and Claverham House (Figure 1a) and from our bedroom we have a more extensive view including the northern boundary and copse (Figure 1b). We have lived at this address since October 2007 and during this time we have witnessed daily use of the SW corner of the field from our lounge and elsewhere in the field from our bedroom. I am writing this letter in my lounge on a Saturday morning and the use I have witnessed over the last hour (10.30 - 11.30) seems typical; one gentleman with two small children picking blackberries from the western boundary hedge, four separate dog walkers followed by one woman picking blackberries alone. I may have missed some activity whilst typing but this is merely indicative of typical use. The gentleman and children are just visible in Figure 1b. The view from our lounge window does not cover any of the public rights of way, so all use we witness from here is distinctly off path. In March 2014 we acquired a dog. She takes a great interest in any persons using the field, especially those with dogs. Her barking and agitation makes us look
out of the front window to see what’s up and in most cases it will be a person walking in the field with a dog.

The view from our bedroom includes the PROW running east-west towards the northern end of the field, and some of the PROW running north-south along the eastern boundary. We often sit in bed on a weekend morning with a cup of tea for half an hour or so and I would say it would be most unusual not to see several dog walkers somewhere in the field during this time. My observation is that the majority, viewed from our bedroom, do not observe the PROWs. Routes vary, but a typical activity would be a rough circuit of the whole field but with deviation to clean up after their dog, pick up a dropped toy or walk over to chat with another dog walker.

As far as I have been able to observe, a single hay crop has been taken from the field each year since 2007, and a small number of cattle (around a dozen) located there to graze afterwards. This year seems typical and I made a note that the cattle arrived on the 29th of May, just after the hay was cut. They were removed from June the 16th to July the 12th – I believe due to poor growth of the grass in this dry period. The cattle have now been removed again, which is perhaps a few weeks earlier than normal. The hay cropping and cattle use has not prevented the continuous use of the field since we have resided here. My three children, for example, say they have played on the hay bales in the past. The cattle are always small in number and have access to three interconnected fields, of which the proposed village green is one. As such, the cattle are more than likely to be in one of the other fields, and when they are present, users just walk around them.

In summary I have been in an excellent position to confirm that the field has been used daily and without any interruption since our arrival in 2007 by a significant number of people and that this use is not confined to or even influence by the official PROWs.

2) My own use of the field

Viewing daily use of the field by other residents since our arrival in Claverham led us to form the impression that it was acceptable and normal to use the field for activities other than walking along the PROWs. In fact, until recently I was not aware of the location of PROWs in the field as there have never been any signs present to indicate this. Other neighbours I have spoken to have all agreed that use of the field for village-green-type activities pre-dates living memory in Claverham.

As a family we have walked and played ball games, Frisbee throwing and so on since our arrival and this has been covered already by my wife’s letter. In order to be more specific about activities that have taken place in the middle of the field and to provide more precise dates, I will focus primarily on the activities of model aircraft flying and dog walking.

In January 2008 I recall buying a remote controlled “Dragonfly” flying toy for my youngest daughter for her eighth birthday and flying it in the middle of the field over the following weeks several times together. In July 2012 my son and I visited the Woodspring wings model air show in Claverham Drive where I bought him a model glider. We flew together several times over the remainder of the summer in the field. Having enjoyed this activity, my son purchased a radio-controlled aircraft on the 24th of February 2013 (from my Amazon order history). He has flown this on the middle of the field many times since then and still owns the plane. On the first occasion we flew this aircraft, I specifically remember our neighbour, Carole Perrott observing us from her property and commenting on the fact that we managed to keep it up in the air for a long time and that it looked difficult to fly. On the 1st of July 2014 (again dated from
my Amazon order history) I purchased a large radio controlled helicopter which my son and I have flown in the field several times since within the qualifying period of the village green application. I specifically remember that on the first occasion that my son and I flew the helicopter, a gentleman who resides in Streamcross was walking his dog in the middle of the field and came over to admire it. I remember that he was surprised that the helicopter was quite inexpensive and he said he might buy one himself. In every case above we were based in the centre of the field to avoid crashing the aircraft into hedges or neighbouring properties. We would also have roamed over the whole field to pick up the aircraft when they landed (or crashed). I would never have considered purchasing these models had there not been a field close-by where I felt it would be acceptable to fly them.

Further to these model-flying activities I have also regularly walked my dog in the field since she arrived in March 2014. Our family decision to get a dog was heavily influenced by the close proximity of the village green field as an excellent location for daily dog walking. I normally either walk into the middle of the field to throw a Frisbee for the dog to chase after or, alternatively, do a complete circuit of the perimeter whilst throwing a ball for her. My youngest daughter has also played Frisbee with the dog on an every –other-day basis in the field since March 2014 as she is responsible for morning walks.

I specifically recall walking the dog on the field in summer of 2014 whilst the hay was being cut. I waved to the farmer as I walked down the western edge of the field well away from the PROWs and he cheerfully waved back to me from his tractor. I have certainly never been aware of any challenge being made to users of the field or any notice being placed to tell walkers to keep to the paths.

Finally, as an additional detail to my wife’s letter, I specifically recall my two youngest children picking blackberries from the field in the autumn of 2013. I remember offering to pay them per pound of fruit collected and laughed when they came back as one of them had picked loads only to drop them all on the way back! I observed them from the living room as the picked the fruits all along the western field boundary and eventually up to the northern hedgerow.

All of my family's activities, including model aircraft flying and dog walking are ongoing to this day and entail use of the whole field. My eldest daughter (now 18) has written a separate letter to cover play activities with her brother, sister and friends so these are not detailed here. I look forward to the opportunity to present my own observations at the public inquiry in due course and I am happy to repeat all of the above under cross-examination.

Yours truly,

G. Barker

Dr G Barker

p.s. As I sign this letter, another group of two adults and two children have started picking blackberries on the western edge of the field and there have been four further dog walkers!
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RE: FIELD NORTH OF CHESTNUT DRIVE AND BORDERING STREAMCROSS

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have lived at the above address since May 2010. Since moving to this address, I have regularly used the field north of Chestnut Drive and bordering with Streamcross, Claverham, for jogging and generally keeping fit.

In addition to using the field for exercise, I have used the area to watch and enjoy the wildlife in the area, particularly the birds. I am a member of the the Yatton and Congresbury Wildlife Action Group (YACWAG) I find being outdoors and watching wildlife very relaxing and de-stressing.

I have also used the field to pick blackberries from the hedges with my wife, and have seen other people picking blackberries as well.

Whilst using the field myself, I have seen many other people using the field.

The field is very well used by people walking dogs. Some walk dogs alone, some with friends and many are in family groups. Some meet up with other dog walkers on a regular basis to walk their dogs together.

I have seen people jogging and running in the field. I have seen adults and children playing games and running around having fun in the field. Football and Frisbee are the most popular games, but I have also seen children playing cricket on the field.
I have also seen the local Scouts and Cubs using the field for activities and games.

In the winter of 2010/11, when we had snow, I saw children building snowmen and having snowball fights.

This field is an important resource for the people of Claverham to have access to the outdoors and fresh air and is an open space to exercise. This is particularly important at a time when too many people live sedentary lives, and obesity and ill health are an important national issue.

Claverham does not have a designated open space, and as such this is the nearest open space for the vast majority of the residents of the village. Because of this, the field has been “adopted” by the local population as their open space.

I believe that many people in Claverham benefit physically and mentally from having access to this field. It is an asset to the village and improves the wellbeing of those who use it.

Yours sincerely

Signed: [Signature]  
Date: 17/12/2014
05/09/2015

Re: Village green application

Dear Teresa,

I have lived in Claverham for nearly 8 years. We left the busy city life of Bristol because we wanted to move to more of a rural area with a better school. I cannot overstate the amount of pleasure the field opposite my house has given me since I was ten; moving from a place with a small garden and limited outdoor space to an area with a big field in front of me filled me with excitement.

I spent many evenings in the summer of 2008-2011 in that field with a couple of my local friends and my siblings - we even made friends with a friendly ginger cow and called it 'Muncher'. I clearly remember running around the middle of the field and jumping on the hay bales; having picnics with my siblings, and around 2008 I had a girl gang hide out at the bottom of the field in the copse. I clearly remember digging a hole and burying coke cans so we could come back and find them after school. We also made a zombie movie one winter (please see attached video evidence).

As children we had no idea about the PROW's that cross the field and there were no signs telling us to keep to any particular footpaths; we went where we wanted in the field and nobody told us not to.

As I have grown up I have used the field less for playing, however, every year I pick the blackberries around the perimeter and I sometimes run in the field purely for exercise. I also come out to the field with my sister at the weekends to fling a ball for our dog, Pebbles. We often chat to other people with their dogs and Pebbles loves running around off lead.

Throughout this time I have witnessed many other local people using the whole field, mainly walking their dogs and also seen other children playing and other activities such as Blackberry/fruit picking taking place. The field is undoubtedly well used and loved by the local community.

Yours sincerely,

Rosie Barker
To whom it may concern.

I have lived at this address since 31 May 2005 and used/witnessed in continuous use since this time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities:

- Blackberry picking – at least weekly during the blackberry season (August to October) each year since May 2005
- Elderflower picking – a couple of times a year during the season since May 2005.
- Building snowmen (see photo in attached document) – each time it snows. Since 2008
- Sledging (see photo in attached document) – each time it snows. Since 2008
- Paddling in the flooding (see attached photos) – at least twice a month during the winter season. Since 2008
- Walking the Grandparents dog – three to four times a year. Since May 2005.
- Walking with the children to get fresh air and exercise and general outside fun. (see attached photos) bi weekly. Since May 2008
- Daisy picking – on occasions during regular walking as above. Since 2009.
- Playing football – on occasions during regular walking as above. Since 2009.
- Climbing the tree in the wooded area – on occasion during regular walking as above. Since 2009
- Kite flying – on occasion during regular walking as above. Since 2009
- Ferret walking – on two occasions during 2013 whilst looking after neighbours ferrets.

I have witnessed other taking part in the following activities:

- Dog walking - the majority of the day there is always dog walker in the field using it to exercise their dogs and play with their dogs.
- Ferret walking. On several occasions during the summer.
- Groups of teenagers meeting sociably and sitting and chatting on the grass. On several occasions during the summer.
- Children playing ball, chase and several other games.
- Rocket flying
- Flying remote control aero planes.
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- Owl flying
- People exercising and walking.
- Blackberry picking
- Kite flying

The field is in constant use by the whole community. I witness all ages using the field every day for their enjoyment. All of these activities take place on the whole field and are not restricted to the public foot paths.

Please find attached photos evidencing our use of the field.

Yours faithfully
Charlotte & Bruce Bembridge

Photos:

Playing in the field 2012
Walking in Field 2010

Walking in the field 2010 (by the end gate)
Paddling in the flooding 2010
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Paddling in the flooding 2012  Paddling in the flooding 2013

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19 December 2014

To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I moved to my house in the North West corner of this field in September 1979 – more than 35 years ago. I chose this rural location because I am a country lover and I keep several pets who also enjoy and require the benefits of a rural location. I have used/witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

My dogs are walked at least twice a day in this field and my cats also enjoy being able to roam in the field beyond my rear garden boundary, where I often collect dandelion leaves and grass for my guinea pigs and rabbit.

I love nature and wildlife and, over the years, have been able to observe the activities of bats, badgers, rabbits, foxes, squirrels, snakes, slow worms, newts, toads, frogs, moorhen, herons and many other species of birds – even woodpeckers and jays which are notoriously shy.

When the blackberries are ripe, I spend hours in the field picking them from the perimeter hedges for eating and freezing. I see many other people doing likewise.

Throughout each day, I see many people walking their dogs across the field, where some meet others and stop for chats. They often pass the end of my garden and carry on along the Northern hedge of the field, i.e. not on the footpaths.

I see children playing for hours in the small copses along the borders of the field.

As I am both elderly and disabled, when I walk to the village for the shops, postbox, buses, etc, I take a shortcut diagonally from the ‘kissing gate’ close to my house, across to the ‘kissing gate’ in the South East corner of the field, avoiding the footpaths, as this is the shortest route.

As mentioned previously, I HAVE ENJOYED ALL OF THESE ACTIVITIES AND OBSERVATIONS FOR MORE THAN 35 YEARS.

Yours sincerely

Signed

Anne Berry

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To whom it may concern.

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24th August 2015

Claverham village green application - witness statement.

Dear Sir / Madam.

I am writing to provide a reliable witness statement regarding the recreational use of the field adjacent to Chestnut Drive, Claverham in strong support of its village green application.

I have lived at 23 Chestnut Drive for the past 12 years. My house and garden adjoins the field and the footpath from Chestnut Drive to the field, I have 4 foot high fence separating my garden from the field, thus providing me with an excellent vantage point to witness the extensive use of the field for socialising, recreational activities and dog walking.

The statement I provide is both of my own family's usage and the observed public usage of the field.

Since moving into my home 12 years ago I have used the field on a daily basis to exercise my dogs and children. I have done so without permission, but have never been told that I cannot do so.

When we moved to Claverham my daughters were 4 and 7 years old. Sadly, there were limited play areas for children in the village, what did exist was run down, broken and didn't permit dogs onto the site. So we used the field behind us; it provided lots of space for my daughters to run about with the dogs, to play with footballs and Frisbees, collect blackberries and for me, it had the benefit in that my children didn't have to cross any roads to access a large open recreational space.

The field was the first place I allowed my children to go out unaccompanied by an adult, as I could watch them from the house whilst giving them the freedom of being allowed out on their own.

From them on they would disappear into the field with the dogs, some sandwiches and friends for a picnic and a game of chase or football, or just sitting chatting and making daisy chains. The copse at the rear of the field became their den, and later somewhere they would walk their ferrets.

The field has a couple of footpaths that run through it, but as a family we utilise the whole of the site without restriction, in fact I have often laid an Easter egg hunt for my children and their friends around the field.
The field is used as a grazing site by a local farmer and has been since we have lived in Claverham but this has never prevented us using the field. It has been organically farmed, which means we have been able to gather weeds and grasses on a frequent basis for our guinea pigs and tortoise.

Having a clear line of sight across the field from my house I also witness the regular activity of dog walkers and villagers.
I have noted regular usage times, 6am – 9am for the morning dog walkers, 11 – 2 for the lunch time walkers and 4 to dark for the evening dog walkers. Nice sunny days also bring out families, children and visitors to the field.

The field is not a walk through site, it is a go to site. It provides the village with a great social venue, a hugely utilised open space and a great source of enjoyment to many. I have met more locals and made friends through shared usage of the field than I have through the village school or hall.

Regular activities witnessed by me of others include kite flying, dog training, riding bikes, flying remote control planes, hedgerow foraging, walking groups and families and children playing.

In short, the field has been, and continues to be, an invaluable open space to my family and fellow villagers.

In review of the circumstances in which Village Greens can be registered I am advised that:

Section 15(2) of the Commons Act 2006 provides that anyone can apply to register land as a town or village green where a significant number of the inhabitants of any locality, or of any neighbourhood within a locality, have indulged as of right in lawful sports and pastimes on the land for a period of at least 20 years and continued to do so at the time of the application. The expression "as of right" means without force, secrecy or permission.

I confirm, by definition, that my and my family’s enjoyment over the whole field is “as of right”.
I confirm that the use by myself and my family is not constrained to any part or way and is over the whole of the area.
I have never used or needed to use force to access the site as it has always been open to me.
I most certainly have never sought to be secretive about my use of the field, visiting openly and discussing that use openly.
I have never sought permission to access any portion of the site and have never been challenged or even talked to about right of access or any constraint on that access to any part of the site. There have been no signs or notices, at any time I have accessed the site whether the field is in active use for pasturage, hay making or being left fallow.
I attest to my use and enjoyment of the field “AS OF RIGHT”, I have freely made use of the Site for many years, I now want this valuable asset for Claverham to be recognised and preserved for future generations as a Village Green.

Yours Faithfully

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December 9, 2015

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For North Somerset Council and The Inspector,

WITNESS STATEMENT RE: CLAVERHAM VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION FOR FIELD AND COPSE (As Fig 1 attached)

I write in strong support of the application for the field and copse as shown on the attached Map to become Claverham’s Village Green.

Hereinafter I call the Village Green application site the Site.

The Locality for the proposed Village Green is Yatton Parish Council’s Claverham Ward as produced for the application, the boundaries of which are a matter of public record.

My wife and I moved to Claverham in July 7th of 1984 and have raised our two children and had both our own dogs and many Guide Dog puppies in Claverham. With our dogs and children my wife and I have regularly used the Site for recreation, exercising our dogs and socialising with our fellow villagers. In all weathers and consistently, even now our children have grown and left our home, we use the Site.

My family and I have been consistent users of this fine rural facility over a period of 31 Years.

We find that the Site is easily and freely accessible in various ways from:

(i) The field to the east of Tannery Ditch, over a foot bridge or a separate open gateway over a culvert in Tannery Ditch.

(ii) From an alley way running north from Chestnut Drive parallel with Tannery Ditch.

(iii) From an old iron kissing gate close to Claverham House
At no time has anyone of my family, friends or acquaintances had their access challenged or denied nor has there ever been any notice or comment posted.

Whilst, I am aware that there are footpaths, each is unmade, their routes are indistinct and I have made use of the entire Site, and with my children the copse. I observe that the Site much more than part of any route, it is a place in itself and people; myself included are more than likely to access and return via the same gate having visited and enjoyed the Site.

Whilst the application Site can, for some, form part of a route from north to South and from East to West in Claverham that is not the primary function of this green space. The application Site is a destination in itself for the majority of people who enjoy various activities in open, green space that has come to be associated with our village.

As a dog-walker I variously walk both the perimeter and criss-cross the Site as my dogs run back and forth. If there are any markedly ‘usual’ routes they seem to be around the perimeter of the Site not necessarily, or indeed observably, any route from gate to gate.

I am aware that the Site is organically managed with the land is used for occasional pasturage by a local farmer and occasional hay taken. The land in this area of Claverham has, as records show back to the Tithe Maps and Sturge Survey, been used for pasturage as it is suitable for little or nothing else being saturated so often.

The fact that the Site is used for pasturage means that, with common courtesy, the use of the Site for pastimes, dog walking and other activities may happily co-exist. Certainly, at no time have I ever turned away from using the Site, we clean up after our dogs and the cattle are never a problem for the short periods they are in the field. I have never heard of complaint by those who use the Site for their pastimes or, indeed complaint to the users.

As a long-term resident of Claverham I am glad that the Site is organically managed and that there is use for pasturage as it enriches the area with various food species for the nationally important but local bat populations that forage over the land. I fully believe the continued use of the Site, in the manner currently employed by the farmer who is tenant on the Site, is consistent and usefully coexists with the proposed Village Green and continuation of the many activities enjoyed on this Site.

The Site has served as a useful and safe play space for our children, now grown up, who could visit the area safely, from a young age, with their friends and play. As time has passed, with increasing traffic and other safety concerns I am convinced the Site is still a boon to young parents and grandparents as a safe location for youngsters.

The Site is bounded by species-rich hedges that speak to the age of the field boundaries. These hedges form part of the joy and use of the Site. The many varied species give opportunity for me to pass on my scant knowledge of local flora and have been great fun with my children and wife educating me. Another seasonal joy is the bounty of blackberries and sloes on the blackthorn, the blackberries for eating as we go and the sloes for sloe gin made most years.

To the western side of the application Site sits Claverham House, a fine Grade II listed house, part of the suitability of the Site as a Village Green is the Site as part of the setting of Claverham House, affording it and users of the site fine vistas of the historical setting. This is another reason that I, and other people, meander on the Site enjoying the various aspects and vistas from differing locations.

My use of the field is consistent over a long period and continues to this day, we still have two of our own dogs and each 18months or so there is a new guide dog puppy. I do walk further afield
but here in the heart of our village I can pretty much guarantee meeting others, irrespective of weather or frequent flooding.

In review of the circumstances in which Village Greens can be registered I have seen that:

Section 15(2) of the Commons Act 2006 provides that anyone can apply to register land as a town or village green where a significant number of the inhabitants of any locality, or of any neighbourhood within a locality, have indulged as of right in lawful sports and pastimes on the land for a period of at least 20 years and continued to do so at the time of the application. The expression "as of right" means without force, secrecy or permission.

I submit that my use of the application site has, by definition, been 'as of right' The land is in private ownership by parties of whom, until the application I had no knowledge and I have no knowledge of any formal right of use. I confirm that the use by myself and villagers is not constrained to any part or way and is pretty much universal.

I have never used or needed to use force to access the site as it has always been open to me.

I most certainly have never sought to be secretive about my use of the site, visiting openly and discussing that use openly.

I have never sought permission to access any portion of the site and have never been challenged or even talked to about right of access or any constraint on that access to any part of the site. There have been no signs or notices, at any time I have accessed the site whether the field is in active use for pastureage or being left fallow.

In light of the above I attest to my use and enjoyment of the field 'AS OF RIGHT', I have enjoyed its charms for many years. I wish for this valuable asset for Claverham to be recognised and preserved for future generations as a Village Green.

Yours Faithfully

NIGEL H COOPER

(See overleaf for Fig 1 VILLAGE GREEN LOCATION MAP)
Figure 1 VILLAGE GREEN LOCATION MAP (Reproduced with kind permission of NSC & YPC)
FLETCHER, CLIVE

Mr Clive Fletcher
19 Chestnut Drive
BS49 4 LN

Date 8-10-15

These photos were taken in the field behind Chestnut Drive. My son featured in photos A is now 35 and my daughter & son featured in photo B are now 30 and 33, so you can see the field has always been used for leisure activities away from the paths.

Clive Fletcher
To whom it may concern,

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross.

We lived in a terraced Victorian house in Bristol, where the nearest green space was a 20 min walk or a car drive away. We moved to Claverham in September 1999 with four children under the age of 11. Once we had settled in it was time to explore the local area, and within five minutes of the front door on foot are the fields that are boxed in by Streamcross, Chestnut Drive and Dunsters Road. The older children quickly found the blackberry bushes and would always help to pick them. The children were also delighted to be so close to the local cow population!

Seven or eight years ago we rescued a dog from Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary, and now walk through the fields four or five times a week in all winds and weathers. We have splashed our way in our wellies across the fields towards the Scout Hut when the field has been under water, walked past snowmen that had been built by the children, lost sight of the dog when the grass is long in the summer and we still carry on picking the blackberries. It is no exaggeration to say that sometimes there may be as many as four or five dogs in the fields at the same time, and people meet socially to have a chat while the dogs run around.

Yours sincerely,

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30th August 2015

RE: Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

In support of ‘Village Green’ Application.

Dear sir or Madam

I have lived at the above address since June 1994. I moved here with my two young children who were aged 6 and 4 years old at the time. Finding a home in such a wonderful semi-rural setting was one of the main reasons why I chose to live on Chestnut Drive to provide us with a safe and pleasant living environment.

The field provided a safe area for my children to play giving them a sense of freedom and being able to see them from my house allowed me to feel confident about their safety. I have no doubt it enriched their childhood having such freedom to explore the wide open space.

Our home is located directly opposite the field mentioned above and it has been a complete joy to witness at first-hand how this area has been fully utilised on a daily basis by so many residents in the area. Although I’m not a dog owner myself, this area is used throughout the day and evening by dog owners exercising their pets.

It is a perfect meeting place and it is common to see people just stopping to have a chat as they walk through the field. My children’s grandfather walked his dog there twice a day until his passing a few years ago – he often remarked how it was the highlight of his day to meet with local residents for a chat, it gave him a reason to get out and about every day which in turn saved him from isolation, a fate which so often affects people living alone.

I’m a regular walker and use this field for pleasure and exercise as part of my walking route at least three times a week. Another very simple pleasure is to just enjoy the view, appreciate the green space or observe the cows grazing in the field. The farmer usually cuts the grass during early /mid-summer and it is then turned and baled a scene giving the community a strong sense of the rural environment we are part of. It is a feature attached to living here which I have never taken for granted and I know with certainty that I’m not alone with these feelings.

This field is part of our community. It has been used without need of permission, without force, or secrecy for as long as I have been here and I hope that it will be continue to provide the space needed to undertake the activities we choose which will in turn continue to enhance the lives of families living in Claverham.

Yours faithfully

Zita Gough
To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

We have lived at the above address since Sept 1995 and used / witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

We have undertaken the following activities: DOG WALKING, SOCIAL WALKS, BLACKBERRYING, GATHERING SORBS
WALKING, DOG WALKING DAILY, BLACKBERRYING FOR WINE MAKING, SIEVE/ICE EVERY YEAR.

And also witnessed others taking part in SETTING YOUNGSTERS PLAYING AND PADDLING IN THE FLOOD WATER ANNUALLY AND THE ABOVE RECREATIONAL PURSUITS

Enjoy the lovely open view from our bedroom.

Yours sincerely

Signed

Date 22nd Dec 2014

and

Signed Diane Gumm

Date 22nd Dec 2014.
For North Somerset Council and The Inspector,

WITNESS STATEMENT RE: CLAVERHAM VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION FOR FIELD AND COPSE.

Please note that I refer to the Village Green Application site as ‘the Site’ within this statement.

I am writing in strong support of the application for the field and copse to become Claverham’s Village Green and provide this statement as witness to my children’s and my own use and enjoyment of the Site.

My family moved to Claverham in April 1993 and my family at that time consisted of myself, my husband, our two year old daughter and two dogs. In 1995 I had another daughter who has also used the Site for recreational purposes and have, since 1993, continuously had two dogs to exercise.

From the date at which we moved to Claverham I and my family have regularly used the Site for recreation, exercising our dogs and socialising with our fellow village residents.

My dogs get two to three walks a day and whilst I walk on other footpaths and routes around Claverham with my dogs, the Site has been the location of at
least one of those walks every day since 1993 (except when we are away on holiday).

The location and ease of access for myself and my family is a significant factor in our using the site for recreational purposes. The ease of access and safety provided by the boundaries of the site has also been a significant factor in allowing my daughters, when younger (probably from about age 9) to use the fields for recreational purposes, and pick blackberries and forage in the hedgerows.

My mother who stayed with me regularly until her death in 2008 also walked in these fields, and in later years when she was suffering with dementia she enjoyed walking there independently, and due to the familiarity of the Site and with the ‘kissing gate’ styles providing easy access it was the only location in the village that she and I felt met her needs at the time in terms of easy access and safety. I have noted on my daily walks that there are regularly elderly villagers, some with mobility issues, walking in the fields, which I would surmise is due to ease of access.

My family and my dogs have used this Site for just over 22 years - significantly longer than the test period for a Village Green.

I have never had any problem with access to the Field and mainly, due to my home location enter via Chestnut Drive, but also use all other means of access.

I use the whole extent of the Site ,not just the recognised foot paths when I exercise my dogs, walking around and across the Site and often walk from boundary to boundary if foraging or giving 'space' to livestock in the fields.

The Site has been a valuable and safe place for me and my children to be able to meet with local residents and enjoy the local natural environment. When my children were younger (in the years probably from around 1993 to 2010) I would regularly make use of our walks in the field to teach them about the natural environment including wildlife and bird identification, flower and fauna identification, and also the role and history of the rhynes in our village in relation to the old tannery. In the winter, or wet weather periods, the flooding of the fields brings a whole new dimension to the natural habitat in the field and has allowed the opportunity to teach the children about water living insects, toads and frogs. I would very much like to think that other families still enjoy the opportunity to use the Site as an environmental education opportunity and indeed have regularly seen young children with and without parents undertaking similar activities.

My children still walk the dogs on the Site when they are at home and consider it to be part of their heritage of being brought up in Claverham.

I view the site as an essential place to go in my daily life and access it at many different times of the day - anywhere between dawn to dusk. Due to this I meet
people who live in Claverham, that I would not meet elsewhere and therefore view it as an essential community 'hub' and asset.

There is sometimes livestock on the field and it is used for hay production, but neither of these have interfered with my use of the Site and I value the fact that the farmer uses organic farming techniques to support local biodiversity.

I have never had to turn away from using the Site, I clean up after our dogs and the cattle are never a problem for the short periods they are in the field. I have never been challenged or approached about my access or use of the field, nor have there ever been notices or indeed comment amongst my friends suggesting any restriction or complaint about use of the Site.

The Site has also been the location of meeting with friends and their families for example following snow when we have had huge snow ball fights and snowman building.

Every Autumn I forage for sloes and blackberries and nuts, and throughout the other seasons pick hedgerow flowers, leaves, and hips, haws and other berries for decorative purposes across the whole Site.

In review of the circumstances in which Village Greens can be registered I am advised that:

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I confirm, by definition, that my enjoyment over the whole Site is “as of right” and also confirm that the use by myself and others is not constrained to any part or way and is over the whole of the site.

I have never used or even had to consider the need to use force to access the site as it has always been open to me.

I most certainly have never sought to be secretive about my use of the site, visiting openly and discussing that use openly.

I have never sought permission to access any portion of the site and have never been challenged or even talked to about right of access or any constraint on that access to any part of the site. There have been no signs or notices, at any time I have accessed the site whether the field is in active use for livestock, hay making or otherwise.
I attest to my use and enjoyment of the field "AS OF RIGHT", I have freely made use of the Site for many years.

I want this valuable community and environmental asset for Claverham to be recognised and preserved for future generations as a Village Green.

Yours faithfully

Kathy Headdon

Mrs Kathy Headdon
There are blackberry and sloe bushes continuously along the perimeter except at the entrances / gates and behind the copse.

Photos were taken from inside the field, except at entrances.
There is a footpath sign inside the hedging, only visible in Winter.

There are blackberry and sloe bushes continuously along the perimeter except at the entrances / gates and behind the copse.

Photos were taken from inside the field, except at the entrances, by Teresa Moore on either 15th August or 30th September 2016.
Spot the footpath. Looking from Streamcross entrance, to the east along LA21 10/10

View from Streamcross entrance to the farm gate opposite, shown below
The Copse

Kissing gate and bridge at junction with LA21 13/20
Looking from the bridge back to Streamcross. Footpath LA21 10/10 is barely discernible.

Footpath LA21 13/20 from the bridge to Chestnut drive.
Kissing gate exit to alleyway to Chestnut Drive

There is an NSC notice regarding the Village Green application
Towards 21 Chestnut Drive and corner with Streamcross

Much frequented route
More visible than PROWS

Junction of Chestnut Drive with Streamcross
Dog poo bin and waste bin on roadside
Parallel to Streamcross.
Much frequented route
More visible than PROWS

Cattle trough

Farm entrance

Steamcross
Entrance/exit
To whom it may concern

We moved into Chestnut Drive in July 1994, we chose this property because of its proximity to the open fields and surrounding countryside and have remained here to raise our family in this pleasant village.

We quickly realised how busy the field behind our property is, with people walking dogs and children playing there on a daily basis.

At the time of purchasing our property the fence separating us from the field was a metal chain link type. We soon realised how open to observation this placed us when we were in the back garden, or any of the back rooms looking over the fields.

People regularly walk directly across the back of our property exercising their dogs or just out for a recreational walk. The official footpath running up the right hand side and across the middle to the kissing gate on Streamcross, are regularly used but NOT adhered to. The majority of people exercising their dogs walk around the perimeter of the fields taking them directly behind our property this happens throughout the day by many different walkers.

Our dog, at this time (Lily the greyhound), was extremely nervous at the close proximity of strangers walking so near to her when she was in the garden. This proved a problem as she would bark loudly and get herself into a bit of an anxious state, we decided that the only way to resolve this issue was to block the view that people had into our garden and house. We did this by planting Leilandi trees much closer together than usual in order to encourage a quickly growing hedge and screen.
The hedge quickly grew as expected and provided the screening for the dog whilst still allowing us the views across the open landscape that we enjoy.

In the twenty one years that we have lived here, I have observed people walking their dogs, children playing and people recreationally walking, picking blackberries etc almost constantly throughout the day. You can look out of the back windows at any time of the day on any day of the week and there will be somebody in the fields enjoying these activities.

Lily passed away in May 1999 and Hebe the English Pointer arrived to live with us in the June of the same year. She too would get frustrated at the number people walking so close to our garden hedge and also barked loudly! She took to running alongside the hedge up and down barking at people, which caused her to turn our garden into a mud bath during the wet weather. Unable to prevent people from walking past the house we needed to think of a suitable solution to this problem, and had artificial grass laid along the length of our garden immediately next to the hedge to prevent the mud bath. This stopped the mud bath but sadly not the barking at people. Hebe passed away at the grand age of 13 and the artificial turf still remains in our garden protecting the delicate paws of the delightful Posy and Wilfred the Italian Greyhounds who now reside with us and also like to bark at the passing strangers and their dogs on the other side of the hedge! They are small enough to get into the hedge and bellow ferociously at passing strangers, I have yet to find a suitable deterrent to this, but as we have put up with the dogs barking at passers-by for the last 21 years, we've kind of got used to it by now and look upon it as a rather useful house alarm and deterrent against burglars. This is not a major nuisance to us, though I can tell there are people in the field without looking now as my noisy dogs will inform me quite vociferously even during the dark!

I walk my dogs in the fields every day along with the majority of dog owners in the village. The hedge we planted 21 years ago still acts as a screen to my property from the field side though not to my smaller dogs from the garden side as explained.

We have three grown children now, aged 19, 16 and 14, all of them have grown up using and still use the field regularly. They have learnt to fly their kites and their remote control airplanes and the eldest learnt to throw a boomerang when he was 6 years old (which is still in the hedgerow somewhere!)

All of my children attended the local Beaver and Cub scouts group which used the fields on a very regular basis to teach the children nature and forest skills.
They have built magnificent snowmen in the fields along with other children in the village. We have had a veritable crowd of snowmen out in the back fields some winters!

The copse at the top of the field is used regularly by my teenagers as a meeting place and in the past they used it as a den building area too. My husband delights in the memories of building dens here when he was a child as he has resided in the village his entire life (46 years).

In the rainy weather the puddle (lake) that forms in the middle of the field has always been a great place to splash. My children all loved to play in the big puddle that remains there during the autumn and winter seasons and although they are a bit ‘grow up’ to splash in it now, that job has been happily accepted by the younger generation of the village and I still see children splashing in the puddle when it is there.

There are cows in the fields for several weeks of the year at different times. The farmer usually lets the grass grow and cuts it to make hay, then puts the cows back in. My middle child’s first word when he was a toddler was in fact ‘cow’ as his bedroom looks over the field and he delighted in watching them. My eldest child was utterly delighted at haymaking time when he was 2 years old up until the age of 10 or 11 as he was fascinated by the tractors and haymaking equipment. When he was younger he liked the rectangle bales that the farmer made and would spend many a happy hour building dens from the bales and playing on them. As he got a bit older the bale making became quite different and he was fascinated by the machine that churned out circular bales. Later on a new machine that wrapped the bales in black plastic came along, by now he was about 10 or 11 and although it wasn’t ‘cool’ to like watching the farmers work, he still did and enjoyed it! On occasion he still watches the haymaking as now the farmers will work through the night and he sits with a beer on the patio!

My 16 year old middle son actually still likes watching the hay making and says ‘It’s sick isn’t it!’ Which translate from teenager into English as ‘this is quite fun to watch’. He walks the dogs in fields every day after school as he likes to wind down, though he has described it as ‘getting quite busy out there’, as many people walk there during that time. Having finished school this year he tried to find a quieter time to walk in the fields, and was disappointed to discover that there isn’t really a time in the day when he doesn’t bump into at least one other dog walker out there, and has accepted that there will always be someone walking a dog at some time during the day.
As you can see, the fields are a very busy and regularly used recreational area by many people and their dogs from the village. It would be a great travesty to lose this most beautiful and much needed place. I cannot imagine where the number of people who walk their dogs here would go as an alternative, especially the older people in the village as not all of them have the transport required to take them further afield.

To see these field preserved for the future generations to use would be the most sensible and beneficial idea for all in the immediate and surrounding area.

Yours sincerely

Laura Parsons.
My husband and I moved to the above address in October 1982. The perimeter of our property is next to the field in question, and our house and garden is 'sideways on' to the field which gives a good view of all comings and goings.

When we moved to our house, the garden was in a very bad state with ant hills and couch grass being the predominate features. Following the advice of some friends, we obtained some chickens to level the ground and eradicate the ants.

The hen house was installed next to the fence, and I let them out for their breakfast first thing every morning, in my dressing gown and wellington boots.

It was not long before I came face to face with walkers who were giving their dogs their daily exercise, by doing a circuit of the field, and I quickly learned to take cover behind the fir tree if I heard anyone approach. The field is used every day and at all times of the day for this purpose; working people walking their dogs in the morning, and when they get home, then there are pensioners with their dogs, and children walking the family dog – a real cross section of Claverham residents. The most popular times are early morning up to about ten o'clock, lunchtime, and from four o'clock onwards.

Many people have more than one dog, and some also have ball throwers and spend time in the middle of the field playing with them. The field is a popular meeting place where people can walk together and socialise while the dogs run about. As such, it serves an important role in village life, as there is no shop/Post Office in Claverham now to provide a natural meeting place. Over the years I have become friendly with many dog walkers and often pass the time of day with them when they pass our garden, or join them for a circuit of the field.

I have never heard of anyone being told that they should not stray from the Public Right of Way.

The route that the dog walkers take does vary depending on whether there are cows in the field, and where they are. If the cows are grazing near the footpath, then walkers with dogs entering the field from the access point in Chestnut Drive, will usually either turn left on entering the field, or walk diagonally across the field in order to avoid them. Most dog owners are responsible about keeping their animals on a lead when there are cows in the
field, and also picking up their mess. The council has provided a bin at the end of Chestnut Drive for that purpose. There are very few places locally where dogs can be let off the lead for a run, and this is the reason why the field is so well used.

When we moved to Claverham, the field at the end of Chapel Lane could be used for walking dogs, but this is now used for crops, so not suitable. Dogs are not allowed in the play area adjacent to Broadcroft.

Our daughter was born in 1985, and had a friend in No19 Chestnut Drive. No 19 had a gate in the fence and when they were about seven or eight, the girls often went into the field to play and to make dens in the hedgerow, where we could keep an eye on them from the house. The little copse was always a popular place for them to play, and a meeting place for young people after school.

As a family we have always gathered blackberries in the field, mostly from the hedgerow at the north end, which is where the best ones are.

When our son (born 1993) was in primary school he also used the field for various activities, such as his archery practice. I also used to take him and his friends to the Court de Wyck school grounds where they could use the play equipment, but the gate to the school grounds is now kept locked following episodes of vandalism, which has reduced open spaces in Claverham still further.

When Andrew came home from secondary school he used to sling his bag into the hall and run twice round the field to let off steam at the end of the day, and my daughter, who has recently taken up running, has been using it for training.

The field is a brilliant place for local children to make a snowman and to have snowball fights, and over the years I have seen kite flying, archery, cricket/frisby playing, all sorts of ball games, and most recently, remote controlled helicopters and planes. It has also provided an emergency landing area for hot air balloons!

In conclusion, I feel that the field is fulfilling a much needed leisure and social facility for the village, and that if it was to become an official Village Green then it would be used even more by young people for leisure activities and games. I would therefore like to lend my support to the application.

Carole Perrott.
To whom it may concern,

Field North of Chestnut Drive bordering Streamcross

We have lived at the above address for over 37 years during which time we have used the field for walking our dogs, without permission, without force and without secrecy. We have witnessed people using the field undertaking the following activities:

Dog Walking
Children playing football
Children playing frisbee
Children making dens in the copse
Children splashing in flooded areas
Blackberry picking
Golf practise
Kite flying
Making snowmen
Snogging/Walkers.

The field is an asset to the village and has been in continuous use. We believe it would be a blow to the community to lose the use of the entire field for recreational activities.

Yours faithfully

T. Scott

J. Scott
Singleton, David

139 Claverham Rd
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29th August 2015

Claverham Village Green Application
Submission from David Singleton

Between 1982 and the present I have used the field as follows:

Between 1982 and the present I have walked through, across and to the edges of the field with my wife's family and dog(s). We walked freely in both fields. When I first started coming to Claverham to see family and friends the field was an obvious place to go in order to enjoy the village and its outlook. My father-in-law was walking there most mornings and late afternoon from the mid-1970s.

I moved to Claverham in 2001 with my two young children. Although without a dog then, I remember accompanying my visually impaired mother-in-law for walks or to help exercise her dog(s) when her husband was away. She found the walk from her house easy-going and with few obstacles, and as she was of restricted mobility the sound of the birds and feel of the breeze was appreciated.

I have also been using this space with my children since 2001 to walk for pleasure or exercise (both on and off the path), pick blackberries, fly kites, play ball, make snowmen and play in the snow (particularly in the winters of 2001, 2010 and 2011), play hide and seek in the copse and look out for bats and birds. Since 2009 I have relied on it for exercise away from roads and without driving out of the village, and walk my dog and my father-in-law's dog there on average 3-4 times a week at any time. When my family visit I include some time there as it's a good location to appreciate the nature of the village and its views. I use the kissing-gates or the opening between fields. It has become normal to say hello to other walkers and have a bit of a conversation, and in this way I have got to know more people. I have observed retired people and those of limited mobility regularly walking around and would say that out of all the possible walks in and around Claverham this is the most suitable option for them as it has manageable gates and level access from Chestnut Drive. My father-in-law had to give up driving a couple of years ago and
the field is the only level open space in the village for him. I have never been challenged over access and have never seen any notices from the landowner regarding walkers, dogs and access. I am not clear about where the rights of way are and tend to walk wherever I see others walking.
To North Somerset Council

Dear Sirs

Claverham Village Green Application No NSG_TVG_006
Witness Statement:

My wife and I have lived at the above address for 28 years. The location of the above Village Green Application site is very close to our front door viz within 5 minutes walk to both gated access points.

We have owned dogs most of the time we have lived here. We have therefore used the field most days, at least once, to exercise the animal as well as ourselves. Many other local residents do the same and it can be a very sociable activity as we walk with others most days. The usual walks can include the total perimeter of the field and the evidence of the track around the hedgeline is testimony to this.

I can also confirm that it is not only immediate residents who use the field. Some people motor to the access points, park up kerbside and then walk around the area, normally with dogs.

Other recreational uses of the land identified during our residency are:

- Jogging round the field, very often with dog in tow and exercising for two!
- Welly-booted children playing in the flooded areas after heavy rain.
- Children playing in the snow and ice during a severe winter, our own grandchildren included!
- The hedgerows, particularly on the northern boundary, are well endowed with blackberries during the season and we have regularly filled our freezer with such riches.

- We were both involved with the local Scout Group for many years and the Scout Headquarters on the High Street has easy access to the field by public footpath. The field was used regularly by the Cubs and Scouts for games such as rounders, tag etc as well as the trial pitching of tents and such like.
- The Scout activities also included the building of dens in the copse area.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

Judith & Barry Straughton
Summers, Jo

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29th August 2015

Claverham Village Green Application
Submission from Joanna Summers

Growing up in Claverham from 1972 onwards I used the field which is the subject of this application in the following ways and for the following periods:

Between 1975 and 1982 I walked through, across and to the edges of the field with the family dog(s) on a regular basis and at varying times of the week and day, both on and off the footpaths.

I can recall the seasonal changes in the type of plants growing there. For example, in the late 1970s there were field-mushrooms during the early autumn which people used to pick. The field was a destination rather than a shortcut, avoiding roads and traffic. My father walked there every morning and late afternoon before leaving for work and after returning home for most of the mid-1970s until the mid-1980s. I remember the heavy snowfall of the winter of 1980 and playing with friends in deep snowdrifts (see photo 1). The field was a good source of blackberries and the copse by the ditch used as a child’s hide-out. In the late 1970s I set in this field several times to sketch the views of the houses visible at Streamcross and photograph the changing seasons.

I returned to Claverham to live in 2001 but between 1982 and 2001 continued to use the field for family and dog walks when visiting. My mother, who was visually impaired, relied on the field for exercising the dogs when my father was away. She felt safe and on even, familiar ground. Unable to drive she could reach the field from Franklins Way. She regularly walked here between 1972 and 2009. I took her blackberrying several times between 2001 and 2009 in both fields.

With my children I have used the field since 2001. When they were younger my son and daughter walked with me after school, at weekends and during the holidays both on and off the path, to gather blackberries, explore the ditch, make snowmen (winters of 2001/2010/2011 stand out in my memory), splash in the large
waterlogged areas (2014 – see photo 2), play hide and seek in the copse and observe the birds eg. buzzards and trees on nature trails for school projects. Now that they are older they exercise our dog there as it keeps them off the roads. This is usually late afternoons or summer evenings, weekends and school holidays. We have chatted with school friends who are photographing the hedgerows and views for their GCSE Photography projects. I have often seen other school-age children walking their dog from 4.30/5pm onwards and again in the early evening, especially in the summer months.

Since 2009 when I got a dog I have relied on this space as a local resource for walking my dog off the lead on average 5-6 times a week all year round, any time of day (see photos 3, 4 and 5). I walk about 4 circuits and it has become a meeting-point for villagers. I have got to know at least 20 people that I probably wouldn’t otherwise have met. I bring family here when they visit and recommend the walk to friends so that they can appreciate the views and open spaces of the village and its historical context within the Streamcross area with the views towards, Claverham House, Cadbury hill-fort, Yatton parish church and the moors towards Kenn. Access is via the kissing-gates and the opening between fields. Once the pasture grasses start growing in the Spring I tend to stick to the footpaths and the edges, and when the cattle arrive after the grass is cut in May/June I know which areas to walk safely (May onwards). At other times of year I tend to walk around the edges or cut across to reach a gate. I would say that this is in keeping with how people generally use the area and that users obviously feel comfortable about walking on and off the path in order to chat to someone.

I have never been challenged over access and have never seen any notices from the landowner regarding walkers, dogs and access. I would also point out that it has never been clear where the rights of way are and that there is only one sign, obscured by hedges. In the summer there is more of a path defined around the growing pasture than in the winter when no particular way stands out. After decades of using the field I still do not know the ‘correct’ path to follow and nor do the walkers I see.

J Summers
Photo 1
Winter 1980

Photo 2

Photo 3
To whom it may concern,

WITNESS STATEMENT REF: TVG 006 CLAVERHAM VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION FOR FIELD AND COPSE

I moved to Claverham 19th July 1995 with my husband and two sons aged 10 and 5 yrs and have regularly enjoyed using this field and the copse for all sorts of outdoor activities and I am in strong support of the village green application.

We have openly used this field over the past 20yrs for recreational needs, we have never been challenged, never had to gain permission or act secretly and feel very privileged to have such easy access to a well used and loved field.

I am very aware that many residents of the Claverham ward use the field freely and openly for a variety of outdoor pursuits especially the dog walkers as I have a clear view of the south west corner of the field from my upstairs front window, this has been consistent throughout my 20yrs residence.

It is particularly busy in the early mornings, late afternoon, evenings and weekends come rain or shine.

When my sons were teenagers the copse was a favourite spot to meet up with their friends and other village children.

I am a keen walker and normally start my walks through the field to pick up other footpaths whilst also trying to avoid walking on the roads. I also enjoy making jam and in the autumn forage the beautiful and bountiful hedgerows for blackberries, sloes and elderberries. I am also a member of YACWAG and use the site at night to monitor the very diverse bat population.

The field has always been organically managed by a local farmer, occupied by beef herds and used for the production of silage some of the year but on the whole sits fallow, with the Tannery ditch running along the east side the site has become a haven for wildlife, in particular providing one of the best foraging areas for bats, grass snakes, badgers, foxes, newts, frogs and toads.
Areas like this are of great importance to our overall feeling of well being, health and feeling part of a community, catching up with other residents whilst getting some exercise and fresh air. I and my children have been very fortunate enjoying the freedom and safety this site offers for the past 20yrs and I believe it only fare that all young families should be able to experience the same.

Yours Sincerely

Deborah Tidy
Section 3

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To whom it may concern,

This letter is to state our view that the field north of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross is an important local amenity. In the 7 years we have lived in Claverham our family has observed and participated in many activities in this field — some seasonal, others all year round. We are in an ideal position to confirm the widespread and varied use of the field by the local community as our lounge and bedroom windows look directly over it.

Local Walkers and Dog Walkers use the field in significant numbers and we too take our dog here to play ball and socialise with other dogs. In doing so, like many others, we make full use of the whole field and do not keep to the registered footpaths.

Our 3 children and their local friends have enjoyed playing in the field for all the time we have been here.

Our son has flown his remote controlled aeroplane there on multiple occasions, he and his friends have made dens in the copse in the right hand corner of the field. They have had picnics, played five-a-side...
and picked blackberries together.

This level of activity in the field inevitably means that local people, including children, meet up here and chat, play and relax, therefore enhancing their feelings of wellbeing and cementing their beliefs of belonging to a community.

Finally, we would like to confirm that whilst observing or participating in these activities, no effort has been made to prevent them from happening, they have been carried out openly, as of right and without permission for as long as we have lived here and, we believe, for many years prior to our arrival.

Indeed, many of our neighbours and a work colleague who grew up in Chestnut Drive and played in the field herself, as a child over 20 years ago have confirmed this.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Barker
MRS HELEN BARKER

Dr Gary Barker

also on behalf of: Rosie, Emily + Kieran Barker

17.12.14
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21 August 2015

To Whom it might concern

Field bordering Chestnut Drive and Streamcross, Claverham

My wife and I have lived in Claverham for 37 years and have brought up our children here.

Throughout this time we have regularly used the public footpaths through the field, continuing through other fields to Chestnut Farm in Lower Claverham or up to the Scout’s Hut. Access through either of two kissing gates has never been challenged either by the owner or by the farmer who leases the land.

We appreciate the opportunity for healthy exercise in a rural environment. In season we pick blackberries and elderflowers from the hedgerows surrounding the field. We have in the past collected mushrooms although recently they have not been so easy to find. When cows graze in the field it adds to the interest.

In the 1980s we had a dog and the field was on one of our dog-walking routes. When no cows were present we used to let it run loose in the field to play with other dogs. Present-day dog owners can be seen doing the same thing, particularly on summer evenings.

I fully support the campaign to have the field declared a “Village Green”.

[Signature]

David Bax
**Bax, Eileen**

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20th Aug 2015

To Whom it May Concern

Field Bordering Chestnut Drive and Streamcross, Claverham

I am writing to support the campaign to have this field declared a ‘Village Green’.

I have lived in Claverham for almost 40 years and together with children and dog have regularly made use of this open space. There has always been access via a kissing gate and dog-owners could let their pets run and chase balls in safety.

My children have long left home and the dog is no more, but I have taken my grandchildren there searching for blackberries. The area is sometimes grazed by cattle but this has never prevented access. The path through the field leads to several other local footpaths which are regularly used by the local inhabitants as well as walkers and rambling groups from further afield.

The school playground was once available as a safe play area but has been closed due to vandalism. I feel that it would be detrimental to the whole character of the village if this natural open area (that requires virtually no maintenance) should be lost to us as well.

Eileen Bax
Bembridge, Bruce & Charlotte

December 17, 2014

To whom it may concern.

I have lived at this address since 31 May 2005 and used/witnessed in continuous use since this time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities:

- Blackberry picking — at least weekly during the blackberry season (August to October) each year since May 2005
- Elderflower picking — a couple of times a year during the season since May 2005.
- Building snowmen (see photo in attached document) — each time it snows. Since 2008
- Sledging (see photo in attached document) — each time it snows. Since 2008
- Paddling in the flooding (see attached photos) — at least twice a month during the winter season. Since 2008
- Walking the Grandparents dog — three to four times a year. Since May 2005.
- Walking with the children to get fresh air and exercise and general outside fun. (see attached photos) biweekly. Since May 2008
- Daisy picking — on occasions during regular walking as above. Since 2009.
- Playing football — on occasions during regular walking as above. Since 2009.
- Playing Frisbee — on occasion during regular walking as above. Since 2009.
- Climbing the tree in the wooded area — on occasion during regular walking as above. Since 2009
- Kite flying — on occasion during regular walking as above. Since 2009
- Ferret walking — on two occasions during 2013 whilst looking after neighbours ferrets.

I have witnessed other taking part in the following activities:

- Dog walking — the majority of the day there is always dog walker in the field using it to exercise their dogs and play with their dogs.
- Ferret walking. On several occasions during the summer.
- Groups of teenagers meeting sociably and sitting and chatting on the grass. On several occasions during the summer.
To whom it may concern,

December 17, 2014

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Walking in Field 2010

Walking in the field 2010 (by the end gate).
To whom it may concern.
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Paddling in the flooding 2010

Paddling in the flooding 2012
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Paddling in the flooding 2013

Building a snowman 2013
Reference Claverham Village Green Application No. NSC-TVG_006

2nd July 2015

Dear Sirs

We write in support of the above mentioned Village Green Application.

We moved into this house in December 1979 and for most of the time since we have had a Labrador. From about the mid 1980’s we have used the field that is the subject of this application, to exercise our dog on a regular basis. We have never been challenged about this use.

During this time, we have seen children playing in the field and others exercising their dogs.

Yours faithfully

Geoffrey Bland
Toni Bland
Brooks, TR

To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived at the above address since 1998 and used/witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities

**Dog walking.**

Add frequency and period

And also witnessed others taking part in

**Dog walking.**

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Signed

[Signature] Date 18.12.14
Reference Claverham Village Green Application No: TVG 006

I refer to the above application and wish to state that I have on many occasions used this field and the copse and the adjacent field at the rear of Chestnut Drive with my grandchildren. I personally have walked in these fields and have also walked neighbours dogs and walked with my Grandchildren. We have picked blackberries and have played ball games on many occasions especially during school holidays. We have also done nature searches seeking out wild flowers and various bugs and creatures and photographed them for their nature studies at school.

From: Mrs Betty E Brown
29 Chestnut Drive
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Bristol BS49 4LN

I have lived in Chestnut Drive since November 2006

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Tel: 01934 832469  Mob: 07776 023065

Signed: [Signature]

25th June 2015
To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived at the above address since Dec 2002 and used/witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities Dec walking, child walking, soccer, pet activities with children, wild flower picking, berry picking, Autumn. General outside resource especially at schools and closure of these fields.

Up to Date and Every Weekend. Used from Dec 2002 until Present Day—12 Years.

And also witnessed others taking part in Dec walking, kite flying, berry picking, generally using the area old and young.

Yours sincerely

Signed [Signature]

Date 12/12/2011.

Signed

Date

Timothy Brunt
E: googlemail.com
To Whom it May Concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross, Claverham

I have lived at the above address since April 1975 and have witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have witnessed people

- walking with or without their dogs
- blackberry picking
- making snowmen
- children playing football and other activities
- people exercising informally, in the fresh air, thereby enhancing their health and wellbeing

at times when I have passed this area whilst cycling or walking for pleasure or when driving by in the car.

Yours sincerely

Mary J Burridge

By email - signature available if required
CHAPPELL, NEIL & KAREN

To whom it may concern:

We have lived at the above address since 1990 and have lived in the Village since 1996. We have used this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without outcry.

We have undertaken the following activities, continuous and without notice: own a dog, have horses, tenant sheep with our children, ride bikes (of which we have used exclusively if noticed), use children and neighbours children to help and pump water in a village where there is precious little to do.

We strongly disagree with the proposed building of houses in our village here.

Yours sincerely,

Neil & Karen Chappell

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To whom it may concern,

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived in Claverham for 28 years and have always enjoyed free access to the fields identified above. I have used the footpaths as a nature trail when my children were small, to pick blackberries and sloes from the hedges and to access Streamcross from the High Street.

Along with numerous other residents on the village, I have always walked my dogs on this land. This has been done openly, without secrecy and never a suggestion of needing permission, only to respect any livestock when it has been present in the fields.

I walk here several times a week without restriction of any kind and hope to continue to do so.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Diana Clode

&

Mr Edward Clode
To Whom It May Concern:

Reference: Fields Bordering Streamcross, Claverham, North Somerset

We have lived at our current address on Streamcross since December 2010 but know the area well having grown up locally. I am writing to confirm that these fields have been used continually by our community since my childhood until present day.

Below is a list of activities past and present that these fields have provided space for. All of which have been repeatedly undertaken without specific permission, without force and without secrecy.

- Cubs and Scouts outdoor activities and games whilst attending the Cleeve, Claverham and Yatton Scout group during the 1980’s.
- For the past 4 years being resident on Streamcross we have walked the dog and met friends to play.
- During the snowy weather of previous winters these fields have provided a safe outdoor space for our school children to meet and build snowmen and enjoy playing in the snow.
- When the fields are flooded during wet weather, families take their young children for wellie walks in the fields as it is safer than the roads with traffic and tractors.
- Wildlife Hunting (Newts, Badger, Deer, rabbits) in the hedges, ditches and the copses during school holidays with other resident young families.
- We also often see people alongside our garden fence on the field boundary for seasonal blackberry picking and daily dog walking.
- Other people can be seen to be regularly enjoying kite flying, football, jogging, and general playing in the open space of the field.

I hope this demonstrates how these fields provide a benefit to our community and have, for generations, enhanced village life here in Claverham.

Yours Sincerely

Simon Cockram
Laura Cockram

07773 329444 / scockers@gmail.com
To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived at the above address since 1994 and used/witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities
- Dog walking, Blackberry picking.

Add frequency: Walking every day
End period: 1994 - 1913

And also witnessed others taking part in: As above

Yours sincerely
[Signature]

Signed: [Signature] Date: 18/12/14

Signed: [Signature] Date: [Blank]
To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived at the above address since MARCH 1993 and used/witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities: Added to the field, was played with my children, dogs in the field, was played with my grandchildren, with toys, balls and played with my children and played during their earlier years. And witnessed villagers playing during all of this. I recall that I was living here. I remember on one occasion that a hot air balloon landed in this field and the local council took it. It was used with balloons for the children. Since then, I have witnessed others taking part in the activities.

Yours sincerely

Signed: L. F. Cook
Date: 18.12.2011

and

Signed: K. Cook
Date: 18.12.14.
To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

We have lived at the above address since July 1984 and used/witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

We have undertaken the following activities

1) Dog walking (once or twice a week)
2) Socialising with local friends (regularly)
3) Playing with our and friends children (usually when young)
4) Fruit picking (sloes and blackberries in season)
5) Late evening strolls (bats to be seen)

And also witnessed others taking part in

Games
Walking freely
Playing in Winter mud/paddles

Yours sincerely

Nigel & Isobel Cooper

Signed and
Signed

Date 20/12/14
Date 20/12/14
For North Somerset Council and The Inspector,

WITNESS STATEMENT RE: CLAVERHAM VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION FOR FIELD AND COPSE (AS SHOWN ON ATTACHED LOCATION MAP Figure 1)

Hereinafter I call the Village Green Application site the Site.

I write in strong support of the application for the field and copse as shown on the attached Map to become Claverham’s Village Green and as witness to my children’s and my own use and enjoyment of the Site.

The Locality for the proposed Village Green is Yatton Parish Council’s Claverham Ward as produced for the application, the boundaries of which are a matter of public record.

My family moved to Claverham on July 7th of 1984 and I have raised our two children and had my own dogs and to date 14 Guide Dog puppies, all needing exercise and amusement in Claverham. With my dogs and children and village friends I have regularly used the Site for recreation, exercising our dogs and socialising with our fellow villagers.

Whilst I roam further afield with my dogs, the local mainstay has always been the Site.

My family and my dogs have used this Site for just over 31 years… 11 years longer than the test period for a Village Green.

The Site is easily and freely accessible from the North, South, East and West making it suitable for the majority of people in Claverham Ward.

I have never have any problem with access to the Field and mainly, due to my home location enter via Chestnut Drive, though visiting friends I also use all other means of access.
I know that there are unmade paths on the site but they are not easily defined on the ground and I use the whole extent of the Site when I exercise my dogs walking around and across the Site as my Dogs, or earlier my children, rushed about the Site.

The Site is a place to go, not a place to travel though and most, including myself rarely walk via this Site, Myself and my friends walk to the Site and use it as a much loved and needed green space for our Village.

I am aware that a local farmer has cows on the field and takes hay when it is available, these activities do not interfere with my walking, and more often than not the Site is completely fallow, with no farming activity.

At no time have I ever turned away from using the Site, I clean up after our dogs and the cattle are never a problem for the short periods they are in the field. I have never been approached about my access or use of the field, nor have there ever been notices or indeed comment amongst my friends suggesting any restriction or complaint about use of the Site.

I am delighted that the Farmer uses the site organically as the resulting rich environment encourages and supports our wonderful local bat population.

The Site has been a great place for me and my children and I should imagine even more so to young parents these days as safe places are hard to find where you can allow your children a good measure of freedom to explore.

I love the boundaries of the field and, in season there are many including myself who make good use of hedgerow fruit such as sloes and blackberries.

My use of the field is consistent over 31 years and continues to this day, I still have two of my own dogs and have raised 14 Guide Dog puppies.

The weather, rain, shine or flooding has not deterred my use of the Site.

In review of the circumstances in which Village Greens can be registered I advised that:

Section 15(2) of the Commons Act 2006 provides that anyone can apply to register land as a town or village green where a significant number of the inhabitants of any locality, or of any neighbourhood within a locality, have indulged as of right in lawful sports and pastimes on the land for a period of at least 20 years and continued to do so at the time of the application. The expression “as of right” means without force, secrecy or permission.

I confirm, by definition, that my enjoyment over the whole Site is “as of right”.

I confirm that the use by myself and others is not constrained to any part or way and is over the whole of the site.

I have never used or needed to use force to access the site as it has always been open to me.

I most certainly have never sought to be secretive about my use of the site, visiting openly and discussing that use openly.

I have never sought permission to access any portion of the site and have never been challenged or even talked to about right of access or any constraint on that access to any part of the site. There have been no signs or notices, at any time I have accessed the site whether the field is in active use for pasturage, hay making or being left fallow.
I attest to my use and enjoyment of the field “AS OF RiGHT”. I have freely made use of the Site for many years. I now want this valuable asset for Claverham to be recognised and preserved for future generations as a Village Green.

Yours Faithfully

ISOBEL R COOPER

(See overleaf for Fig 1 VILLAGE GREEN LOCATION MAP)
Figure 1 VILLAGE GREEN LOCATION MAP (Reproduced with kind permission of NSC & YPC)
Cox, MJ & JA

15 July 2015

Mr M. Jones
2 Whitehouse Road
Claverham
Bath
BA1

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have lived in Claverham for 15 years and everyone of those years we have walked our dog with our 2 children in the field adjacent to the Stream cross and elsewhere. We have picked Blackberries and in this field we have more Blackberry bushes than we need. It would be very upset to see this field go. Cordially,

M. Cox
To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived at the above address since April 2001 and used/witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities

- Dog Walking
- General Walking
- Firewood Collection

And also witnessed others taking part in

Similar to above
- Dogs
- Children/Babies

Yours sincerely

J. R. Dare

Signed

John R. Dare

Jane E. Dare

Date 21/12/2014

DARE, JOHN & JANE

John & Jane Dare

The Crescent

Streamcross

Claverham

N. Somerset

BS49 4QD

21st December 2014
To whom it may concern,

Re: Field opposite Chestnut Drive
Streamcross, Claverham

We have lived in Chestnut Drive opposite this field for the past 45 years. During this time this space has continuously been used freely by the local community as follows.

- Nature Groups
- Local football
- Scout and cub groups
- Dog walkers (frequently)
- Copse used as a play area by local children

Without this field there would be a severe impact on the local community and we will lose the only remaining green space where these activities can take place.

MR & MRS J DEACON
To Whom It May Concern

I have lived in Chestnut Drive overlooking the field in question for the last 45 years. In all that time I have witnessed various activities being undertaken without permission or without challenge from the landowner. These activities include walking, kite and model plane flying, playing football and den making. Ramblers from nearby villages also use this field on a regular basis. Most of the dog walkers living in Claverham and the surrounding areas use this field on a daily basis (respecting livestock when present). As a retired Cub Scout Leader for over 20 years (before retiring in 1997), I have myself often used this field on pack nights for the cubs to enjoy nature trails and quizzes, rounders, and cricket games. We have also practised setting up tents for forthcoming cub camps and have used the Copse for bivouacking and other camping activities.

This field is an important part of the village and the only remaining green space where our children are safe, free to wander and enjoy all these outdoor pursuits without challenge or trespassing on farmland. The playground in Broadcroft Avenue is far too small for any of these activities to take place due to the close proximity of the sheltered housing and allotments, both of which have suffered damage to property in the past.

It would be absurd to live in a lovely rural village location and not be able to freely use this valued green space for these activities but have to travel further afield.

Yours faithfully,

James Deacon    Lyn Deacon
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Application No 15/P/0185/0
Outline Application for the erection of 85 dwellings,
Land North of Chestnut Drive, Claverham

I can confirm that I was one of the Cub Scout Leaders from the Cleeve, Claverham and Yatton District during the period August 1989 to the end of 1997.

During this time I have undertaken various activities in the above mentioned field with the cubs without needing to seek permission or challenge from the landowner. These are listed in my previous letter dated 27th August 2015 (copy enclosed). This was the only nearest convenient open space where such activities could take place, the Scout Hut being situated at the far end of the adjoining field.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Deacon
To whom it may concern,

I have grown up in Claverham and live overlooking the field in question that lies to the north of Chestnut Drive since the 1970’s.

During this time the field has been used by myself and many local villagers and their families on a continuous basis without the need for secrecy or permission, as an important local rural space enabling them to participate in a wide range of outdoor activities that might otherwise not be possible.

These include; dog exercising, walking for leisure, and a variety of outdoor activities where a large green space is needed without any constraints.

The field is used throughout the day by all age groups as an outdoor safe rural area for local people to enjoy the countryside who in the past have enjoyed easy access without question via footpaths and dog friendly stiles even when the field is shared with local livestock.

The field has also been used by local families as a valuable green space allowing children to be able to fly a kite or model plane or even just to spend some time in a safe rural environment without the need to question access or right of way.

It has also been used over the years by local clubs such as Scouts and Cubs etc as an important outdoor space for activities near to their headquarters only a few minutes from the field.

Without this field, the current villagers will lose the freedom of this valued rural space that has been used by different generations over previous decades and which the current villagers hope to continue using on a daily basis into the future. An opinion presumably shared locally due to the addition of a Bench Seat and a Dog Bin that has been positioned next to the field.

Yours faithfully

T Deacon

Mr T Deacon
Mr Clive Fletcher
19 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN

17-12-2014
To whom it may concern
Field at North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived in Chestnut drive since 1989 and in this time I have every day of the week when I have been at home seen people using this field for walking their dogs, as my back bedrooms overlooks this field I am in a prime position to see activities taking place.

I have taken part in many activities myself over the years such as cricket with my children flying kites and launching toy rockets none of these I had asked permission to do from any body.

I have seen children playing in the woods, building snowman paddling in the flooded field and a great number of people just walking which I also do on a daily basis in the summer.

This field seems to be an important asset to the claverham community and in the whole of the time I lived here, I have never seen access denied to any body.

Yours Sincerely
Clive Fletcher

17-12-2014
To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived at the above address since June 2008 and used/witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities

Since we moved to Claverham in 2008 we have used the fields pretty much every day to walk our dogs and meet other people from the community enjoying the fields as well. We have also used it for jogging.

We personally have also admired some beautiful insects from the field and enjoyed seeing all the local wildlife e.g. Woodpeckers, Jays, all the birds that nest in the hedges/trees and the bats flying around at dusk.

And also witnessed others taking part in

blackberry picking

People walking with and without dogs

Children building snowmen

Children playing and running around

People jogging

Yours sincerely

Signed

M. Fox

Date 21st December 2014

Signed

S. J. Fox

Date 21st December 2014
To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived at the above address since 2005 and used/witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities

- Walked the dog
- Football/other games
- Children have played in the field (ball games etc.)

And also witnessed others taking part in

- Many other people walking dogs + children playing

Yours sincerely

Sally Gilbert

Signed Sally Gilbert

Date 18/12/14

and

Signed

Date
To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross.

I have lived at the above address since Aug 1999 and used/witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities: 10 yrs dog walking, kite flying, with grandchildren, snowman building.

Add frequency: Dog walking daily.

And also witnessed others taking part in: Football, soccer.

Yours sincerely,

Signed: Derek

Date: 16/12/14

Signed

Date
CLAVERHAM VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION DOCUMENTS IN SUPPORT – SECTION 3

HAIGH, LINDA & ANDREW

To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived at the above address since 1994 and used/witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities

My children and family playing ball games and playing in the wooded area.

Blackberry picking, kite flying

Pícnic.

And also witnessed others taking part in

Scouts & Cubs activities, regularly in the summer months

Dog walkers frequently using the fields

Moorberry picking.

Yours sincerely

Signed  

Date 18th December 2014

Signed  

Date 18th December 2014

LINDA HAIGH 0797 006 7531

Email linda@redcliffremovals.co.uk
To Whom it may Concern.

Fields North of Greatnor Drive and West of Dunsters Road, Claverham.

We have lived at the above address for circa 40 years, and have used the fields noted above, and have witnessed their use by others continuously during that period without permission, without force, and without secrecy.

In earlier years we dog walked in the fields, and in more recent years have enjoyed strolling in them for pleasure and tranquility: to enhance our well-being.

Over the entire period we witness others regularly exercising their dogs (using the entire fields; not just the designated footpaths). The open area at the rear of our garden is a very popular route for many.

7, Dunsters Road
Claverham
North Somerset
BS49 4LU

18th December, 2014

01934 833646
In addition, we note youngsters having fun in the coffee and in the area generally.

After speaking with local farmers to ensure that the fields will be free of animals (and much spreading) the local Cub Scout and Scout Leaders have used the fields without let or hindrance for such activities as nature gathering, tracking, and "wide games". This being the only area within Claverham that these activities may take place.

In Autumn, berry gathering is a common site.

Signed: Derek W. Hancock

Beryl Hancock
17th August 2015

Dear Sirs,

I would like to add my support to the proposal of Village Green status for the field behind Chestnut Drive in Claverham.

I have lived here since 1978 and have always had a dog during that time. I have used the field every day for walking my dog, usually twice a day. Several times a week I meet friends who are also walking their dogs, when we are in the field at the same time. I have made many lasting friends through that alone.

Dogs are usually off the leads. I will keep to the edges of the field if it is wet but not necessarily during the dryer weather. I would say that there are over 20 dogwalkers that I see on a regular basis from around the village.

I frequently go over to the copse when it’s fine in the summer to watch the bats in the corner near the copse and also watch the sunsets. There are owls too and sometimes a fox or badger. I’m very fond of nature and enjoy the variety of trees and birds as well as field mice, shrews and newts in the ditches.

I will go blackberrying during the autumn all around the bushes, including the field side of my own garden hedge. The hedges usually provide many of us with enough blackberries to last us all winter, and some years we get a good crop of mushrooms.

It’s a lovely place for children to play – and safe – playing ball games, flying kites and model airplanes. Or they will play in the copse, particularly during the school holidays. Children have carved their initials on the trees in the copse. During very cold winters they build snowmen or skate on the ice when the flooded areas freeze over.

We had a hot air balloon land one summer which caused great excitement!

Yours faithfully,

Pauline Harding
Harwood, Andrea

To Whom it May Concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross, Claverham, North Somerset

I have lived at the above address for nearly 10 years, and formerly in the neighbouring village of Cleeve for 12 years. Throughout this period I have used this field without permission, without force and without secrecy for a wide range of recreational activities, including:

- Recreational Walking – several times a month since 2003
- Geocaching – I have been geocaching since 2012. There are several geocaches in the village and at least 2 take you through this field.
- Dog Walking – daily since our dog ownership began in summer 2013
- Hedgerow foraging including blackberries, sloes and rosehips – every autumn

It is a much loved community and social space where locals meet to take exercise and enhance their wellbeing in the natural surroundings. I have seen local children benefitting from the outside space to build their independence and learn about friendship: building dens, playing in the water filled areas, playing ball, frisbee and tag, and generally just 'hanging out'.

I regard it as an essential space in the heart of the village which symbolises the village character and community ethos. I wholeheartedly support the application for village green status.

Yours sincerely,

Andrea Harwood (Mrs)
To Whom it May Concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross, Claverham, North Somerset

I have lived at the above address for nearly 10 years, and formerly in the neighbouring village of Cleeve for 12 years. Throughout this period I have used this field without permission, without force and without secrecy for a wide range of recreational activities, including:

• Recreational Walking – several times a month since 2003
• Geocaching – I have been geocaching since 2012. There are several geocaches in the village and at least 2 take you through this field.
• Dog Walking – daily since our dog ownership began in summer 2013
• Hedgerow foraging including blackberries, sloes and rosehips – every autumn

It is a much loved community and social space where locals meet, take exercise and enhance their wellbeing in the natural surroundings. I have seen local children benefitting from the outside space to build their independence and learn about friendship: building dens, playing in the water filled areas, playing ball, frisbee and tag, and generally just ‘hanging out’.

I regard it as an essential space in the heart of the village which symbolises the village character and community ethos. I wholeheartedly support the application for village green status.

Yours sincerely,

Andrea Harwood (Mrs)
To Whom it May Concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross, Claverham, North Somerset

I have lived at the above address for nearly 10 years, and formerly in the neighbouring village of Cleeve for 12 years. Throughout this period I have used this field without permission, without force and without secrecy for a wide range of recreational activities, including:

- **Recreational Walking** – several times a month since 2003
- **Geocaching** – I have been geocaching since 2012. There are several geocaches in the village and at least 2 take you through this field.
- **Dog Walking** – daily since our dog ownership began in summer 2013
- **Hedgerow foraging** including blackberries, sloes and rosehips – every autumn

It is a much loved community and social space where locals meet take exercise and enhance their wellbeing in the natural surroundings. I have seen local children benefitting from the outside space to build their independence and learn about friendship: building dens, playing in the water filled areas, playing ball, frisbee and tag, and generally just ‘hanging out’.

I regard it as an essential space in the heart of the village which symbolises the village character and community ethos. I wholeheartedly support the application for village green status.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Harwood (Mr)
HARWOOD, BRIAN

5 Orchard Court
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North Somerset
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andreaharwood@mympostoffice.co.uk
brian.harwood@mympostoffice.co.uk

To Whom it May Concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross, Claverham, North Somerset

I have lived at the above address for nearly 10 years, and formerly in the neighbouring village of Cleeve for 12 years. Throughout this period I have used this field without permission, without force and without secrecy for a wide range of recreational activities, including:

- Recreational Walking – several times a month since 2003
- Geocaching – I have been geocaching since 2012. There are several geocaches in the village and at least 2 take you through this field.
- Dog Walking – daily since our dog ownership began in summer 2013
- Hedgerow foraging including blackberries, sloes and rosehips – every autumn

It is a much loved community and social space where locals meet take exercise and enhance their wellbeing in the natural surroundings. I have seen local children benefitting from the outside space to build their independence and learn about friendship: building dens, playing in the water filled areas, playing ball, frisbee and tag, and generally just 'hanging out'.

I regard it as an essential space in the heart of the village which symbolises the village character and community ethos. I wholeheartedly support the application for village green status.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Harwood (Mr)
Headdon, Kathy

To draw it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and
bordering Streamers, Claverham.

We have lived at Pax Cottage since
April 1973 and used these fields
without permission, without seizing,
and without force. We have
undertaken the following:

- Dog walking - daily
- Feeding local people
- Building dens and playing
- Bat watching
- Playing football with children
- Taking children on walks

We have also witnessed others

Nesting birds and local people

But watching - she has been a

Out watching - she has been a

Nature friends and local people

Dear Kathy - thank you

With best wishes,

K.H. Headdon

E-Mail: kathyheaddon@btinternet.com

Yours sincerely,

Kathy

Kathy

17/12/14
HOLBROOK, JUDITH

6, Dunstaps Road,
Claverham,
Bristol
BS49 4UE

24th Dec 2014

To whom it may concern,

Field north of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streatages.

I have lived at the above address since 2005 and the property was in my family’s possession for 10 years before then.

I regularly use the field to walk in and to play ball games with the family. We also pick blackberries and sloes.

The field and the field behind Dunstaps Road are used on a
daily basis, mainly for dog-walkers and joggers. Just enjoying a stroll, I regularly see people using the fields to play ball or frisbee and children having fun in the sunshine.


Yours sincerely,

Julie Holbrook

Jholbrook@hotmail.co.uk
Mr & Mrs Hopkins
26 Dunsters Road
CLAVERTHAM
NORTH SOMERSET
BS47 4LU
01934 834769
Email m.j.hopkins@talktalk.net

To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

We have lived at the above address since Sept 1976 and used/witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy. We brought up our family and household and have enjoyed the use of the fields with our children and compound.

We have undertaken the following activities:

Dog walking, kite flying, blackberry and sloe picking whilst children growing up - 1970s, 80s and 90s.

Meeting and chatting with friends and acquaintances when walking/exercising in the fresh air, enhancing health and well-being from 1976 to the present day.

And also witnessed others taking part in:

Dog walking, kite flying, making snowmen, blackberry & sloe picking, chatting with acquaintances/friends, exercising with children making dens in the copse, playing games, paddling/splashing in the flooded areas.

Yours sincerely

Signed M. Hopkins
and
Signed Helen Hopkins

Date 18.12.2014

P.S. Several times a day we look out onto those green fields and get a sense of joy and peace. It is also great to see the occasions when there are cattle grazing in these fields - as it has been and as it should be.
CLAVERHAM VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION DOCUMENTS IN SUPPORT – SECTION 3

Hudson, Mark & Fletch, Katy

Mark Hudson and Katy Fletcher
22 Streamcross
Claerham
North Somerset
BS49 4LL
01934 835866
Hudson450@hotmail.com


To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived at the above address since 10.05.2010 and used/witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities

- Dog walking - Daily 45 mins
- Playing football - Summer
- Playing in wooded area - Hide & seek
- Children playing in floored area - Our son will go in it every time we go in the field.
- Blackberry picking - Autumn - a few times when ripe
- Kite flying
- Making claymen
- Chatting with acquaintances - Daily
- Playing in the long grass - Summer - Daily

And also witnessed others taking part in

All of the above daily according to the seasons.

Yours sincerely

K. Fletcher
M. Hudson

Signed

Date 21.12.14

and

Signed

Date 21.12.14

I have also taken part in and witnessed others doing the above in the 20 years or so that I lived at 14 Chestnut Drive before moving to Streamcross. Katy Fletcher.
Mr & Mrs D Jarrett (& family)
21 Whitehouse Road
Claverham
Bristol
BS49 4LJ

19 December 2014

christinejarrett@btinternet.com

To Whom it May Concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

My family and I have lived at the above address since September 1993 and before that in Yatton for 4 years. During this time we have witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

We have personally undertaken the following activities during the last 21 years:

- Dog walking
- Walking with children.
- Paddling with dog and children in the pools that develop each year.
- Meeting up and socialising with other dog walkers.
- Sloe picking.

And we have also witnessed:

- Children playing in the winter building snowmans and igloos!
- Dog walking.
- Children playing football, with kites and splashing in the floods.
- Jogging.
- And all of the above personally undertaken.

We believe this gives the fields ‘Village Green’ Status and we hereby sign to confirm the above.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C A Jarrett

Mr D T Jarrett

Miss K A Jarrett
To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived at the above address since 1971 and used/witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities

DOG WALKING, BLACKBERRY PICKING, SLOE PICKING,
KITE FLYING, BOOMERANG THROWING, PICNICKING.

And also witnessed others taking part in

CHILDREN FRISBEE-THROWING, SNOWMAN MAKING, JOGGING,
MEETING/CHATTING, CHILDREN PLAYING,

Yours sincerely

Signed

Date 19/12/2014

and

Signed

Date 19/12/14

Kesy, Mary & Mr.
To whom it may concern,

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross.

I have lived at the above address since March 1988 and have witnessed many people going about their business, using the open space for their leisure activities and to my knowledge have done so openly and without question and have never been stopped or questioned by the land owner or anyone else.

The most common activity appears to be exercising the dog any time during the day or night, children playing, people flying kites, meeting and chatting, jogging, picking blackberries, building seasonal snowmen. Floodwater does seem to have a strange fascination for dogs and little children in wellington boots.

It would be a sad day if this leisure facility was removed.

Yours sincerely

S. Lloyd

c. q. lloyd
Arriving in Claverham 43 years ago with two young children, the field was our first step of adventure. Through the seasons, Autumn blackberry picking and collecting Autumn leaves, Winter cracking ice on the stream and with many snow winters in the 70’s/80’s making the biggest snowball ever. Spring finding wildflowers and watching birds making their nest. Children growing up a dog was to join our family. Many walks across the field. Now another dog in the family and a grandchild history repeating its self with again these walks through the field off Claverham Drive to Stream Cross. To lose the field would be a great loss to the Village.

LONG, M

22nd June 2015
167 Claverham Rd
01934 833957
Claverham
North Somerset BS47 4HH
To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived at the above address since January 2006 and used / witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities:

- Walking
- Children Playing

And also witnessed others taking part in

- Dog Walking
  - Photography
  - Nature spotting (with local kids)

Yours sincerely

Bill McIsaac
Maddie McIsaac

Signed

Date 18/12/14

Signed

Date 18.12.2014
To Whom it May Concern,

Field North of Cheolme Drive and Lending Stream Cross

We have lived at the above address since 2008 and my family lived here before us from 1978. We have witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

We have frequently used the field to walk with our dog and our grandchildren. It is used all year round by dog walkers who enjoy a chat with their friends as their dogs run around. We have seen people jogging around the field and some people practice their golf. As the grass starts to grow and become a beautiful meadow with wild flowers, the children enjoy playing in the long grass.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. D. E. Meek
Mr. S. Meek
18/12/14

Mr. D. E. Meek
18/12/14
Dear Sirs/Madam

16 June 2015

We have lived at 4 Dunstons Road Claverham from 2008. After the death of my parents, who had been living here from 1978, our daughter Helen played cricket and other ball games in the field with her grandad from 1983 onward. She is now married with her own children. Every week they come to visit we take them, and their dog Rex for a run in the field. The fields are in constant use by us, and many other local people.

We have seen adults and children flying Kites and Model aircraft, also I have been in the field practicing my golf (BOY DO I NEED IT). In the months up to June it becomes a beautiful meadow with wild flowers etc; this is enjoyed by dogs and children.

When the grass is cut the children enjoy playing with the cut grass before the farmer bales it up.

The farmer then moves his cattle into the fields, the cattle and dogwalkers are not worried by this, and use the field side by side.

The cattle disturbs ground insects, and birds feed on them. This field brings enjoyment to all our village residents.

Therefore it is very important to the wellbeing of the wild life it attracts ie birds, bats, newts, and human beings. This GLADMAN DEVELOPMENT as not taken into account all of the above. So NSC. must say NO to this planning application.

regards D E/S MEEK

4 DUNSTERS ROAD
CLAVERHAM
BRISTOL BS 49 4LU
To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived at the above address since 1982 and used/witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities:

- Dog walking, using the paths to the Scout Hut and Chestnut Drive almost every day since my children played there and used the paths to go to school as there are no pavements in Streamcross or High St.
- And also witnessed others taking part in land used for grazing by local farmers and the hedge was for bird spotters, due to the assortment of berries growing there.

These fields are why I moved here to live!

Yours sincerely,

David & Louise Mills

Signed

Date 18/12/14

Signed

Date 18/12/14
Teresa and Chris Moore
Rose Farm
Streamcross
Claverham
BS49 4OD
22nd December 2014

Dear Sir

Field between Streamcross and Chestnut Drive

We moved here in January 1990 when our children were 1 and 2½. Before they went to school we
would regularly walk through the field so they could enjoy freedom, use up energy and explore on
the way to the playground at Broadcroft. Streamcross has no pavements and so was not safe for 2
small children to walk unless they were either in a buggy or holding a parent’s hand – very
restricting.

Nowadays I occasionally accompany friends walking their dogs in the field and I am always
impressed with what a great place it is to pass the time of day with other dog owners – everyone
knows each other!

It is clearly a much used resource, particularly by the dog walkers and close enough to the heart of
the village to be reached without having to drive.

Good for carbon emissions, good for health and exercise.

Signed

Signed

Teresa Moore
To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived at the above address since 2014 and used/witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities

- played games with my child and her friends, including

- and also witnessed others taking part in

- people walking their dogs and children

Yours sincerely

Signed and

Date 15/12/14

Signed

Date
To whom it may concern,

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived at the above address since 39 years and used/witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities:
- Mushroom picking, my children & grand children have played in the field and woods. In the winter they used to build snowmen and in the summer they would make fires.

And also witnessed others taking part in:
- There are always people in the fields, either taking their dogs for a walk or just walking.
- It would be such a shame to build houses on the fields as they are used by so many.

Yours sincerely,

Pauline Payne

Signed: Pauline Payne

Date: 18/12/14

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 18/12/14
To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived at the above address since 2007 and used & witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities

At least once a week in the winter (for walking ) & more regularly in the summer & spring & autumn for the following purposes:

I gather the cow manure from the fields to “cloom” my skep beehives as I know those fields to be as organic as is possible in the area, therefore the cow manure is also of a good quality (unlike grain fed animals) & does not contain any toxins which could potentially harm the bees. Cow manure is the manure that sets very hard & provides a more durable weather protection for the straw skeps.

There are many species of flowers & trees within those fields & hedges, which provide valuable forage, particularly the brambles, clover, knapweed & dandelions containing pollen & nectar rich food for all the species of bees. None of this is treated with either herbicides or pesticides, thus providing a source of crucial “clean” forage for all the pollinators. As the cattle are not on the fields continuously, the flora can mature sufficiently for the pollinators to feed before the cattle graze.

My small grandchildren & I often go walking in the “squelchy mud” which is something they experience very little of, being brought up in the city. It’s also wonderful for them to experience the cattle up close, prompting conversations about the provenance of milk, cheese butter etc.

We explore the wetlands that occur at certain times of the year within those fields; we explore the hedgerows for birds & different flora. It’s a wild area for children to safely explore their more natural surroundings, which my grandchildren (& myself) love to do.

We have gone out to try to spot the unusual bats who forage over the insect rich fields.

And also witnessed others taking part in part in walking, watching, playing & enjoying the wild areas provided locally by these wonderful fields.

Yours sincerely

Sal Pearson

S4 High St
Claverham
BS49 4NE
21st December 2014

Signed Sal Pearson

Date 21.12.14

received by email - signature available if required

Alice Moore
To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived at the above address since 1967 and used / witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities

- Dog walking
- Kite flying
- Admire the view all day every day
- My Husband played in the copse as a child

And also witnessed others taking part in

- Dog walking every day
- Chaing with friends

Yours sincerely

Signed

Date 19 Dec 14

and

Signed

Date 09 Dec '15
To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived at the above address since 1988 and used/witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities: walking & enjoying a quiet & peaceful place to appreciate the natural environment. I have done this weekly during the dry weather. I also use the field for gathering sloes and blackberries as they are clean & free from car pollutants. I have also released slow worms which have made their way into my greenhouse. And also witnessed others taking part in exercise, walking pets, playing games, frisbee and ball, picking fruits.

Yours sincerely

T. RHYS-DAVIES, 01934876388.

Signed

Date 20/12/14

RIDEOUT, LINDA

27 Ductgate Road
Clafterham
SS4 1FL
7th July 2015
A934 833021

Dear Sir/Madam,

re: Claverham Village Green Application no NSC IVG 006

... Since moving here in Dec. 1990 the field and copse (Stroucer - Chestnut Bank) have been a source of relaxation for me on numerous occasions (and 460 for my family). Making it a village green seems an excellent idea. As I have seen many others using it similarly over the 25 years - walkers with/without dogs or children in summer and snowshoers in winter. I particularly enjoyed the fact that 2 of our cats(!) felt safe enough to accompany us there and sat in the copse - padded there was no nearby grass or dogs of course!

I have often walked around the perimeter when needing fresh air and exercise but being short of time; it is conveniently near and accessible, but kept enough to feel like a proper walk.

I do hope it can be preserved for continued use by the local community.

Yours sincerely

Linda Rideout
Mrs Union Roscar

P.S. Apologies for last hour support, due to being away on holiday.
RIDEOUT, ROBERT

R.H. RIDEOUT,
27, DUNSTERS RD,
CLAVERHAM,
BS49 4LD
5/6/15
Tel. 01934 838021

Dear Sir,

I have lived in Dunsters Road Claverham for the past 24 years and have regularly used the field to walk our pets in, and also pick blackberries.

It would be a great loss to the village if the proposed development went ahead – destroying this peaceful and safe area for the villagers to enjoy.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Rideout.
Ms. Gina Ryall
10 Dunsters Road
Claverham
North Somerset
BS49 4LU
Tel 01934 834899
gina.ryall@live.com

RE: FIELD NORTH OF CHESTNUT DRIVE AND BORDERING STREAMCROSS

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have lived at the above address since October 1996, and during the time I have lived here I have used the above field on many occasions for jogging and keeping fit.

When I first moved to my home I suffered from depression and I found it very therapeutic to walk and run in this field.

In addition to using the field for exercise, I have used the area to watch and enjoy the wildlife in the field, particularly the birds. I am a member of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the Yatton and Congresbury Wildlife Action Group. I find being outdoors and watching wildlife very relaxing and de-stressing.

I have also used the field to pick blackberries from the hedges and have seen other people picking blackberries as well.

Whilst using the field myself, I have seen many other people using the field.

The field is very well used by people walking dogs. Some walk dogs alone, some with friends and many are in family groups. Some meet up with other dog walkers on a regular basis to walk their dogs together.

I have seen people jogging and running in the field. I have seen adults and children playing games and running around having fun in the field. Football and
frisbee are the most popular games, but I have also seen children playing cricket on the field.

I have also seen the local Scouts and Cubs using the field for activities and games.

This field is an important resource for the people of Claverham to have access to the outdoors and fresh air and is an open space to exercise. This is particularly important at a time when too many people live sedentary lives, and obesity and ill health are an important national issue.

I believe that many people in Claverham benefit physically and mentally from having access to this field.

From a personal perspective, I can say that the field is a beautiful outdoor space to enjoy fresh air and exercise, and having access to it has greatly enhanced my physical and mental health and sense of wellbeing.

Yours sincerely

Signed: [Signature] Date: 17/12/2014
Mr & Mrs G Sheppard
15 Hollowmead Close
Claverham
North Somerset
BS49 4LG

21 December 2014

To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

We have lived at the above address since 1984 and previous to this grew up as children in Claverham and attended the local schools.

My husband has vivid memories of playing with friends in the fields in question in the early 1960’s and all through his childhood. Since we were married in 1981 we have had dogs and regularly walked them around these fields.

When our brothers and sisters had children of their own we regularly played with them in the fields doing such activities as kite flying, tree climbing, playing rounders and football. We still have family videos showing us playing in the fields with the children.

It would be a great shame if this valuable open space that has been used by many local people was lost for future generations.

Yours faithfully

G Sheppard

A Sheppard
Smith, Christine & Brian

To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived at the above address since 2004 and used/witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities

1. I exercise my dog in the fields.
2. Groups of people doing dog-training.
3. Children making dens in the copse.
4. Children playing in the stream and flood water.
5. The local 'cub' pack using the fields.
6. People blackberry picking.

Yours sincerely

Brian Smith

Signed: B. Smith
Date: 16/12/2014

C. M. Smith
Date: 16/12/2014
To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

I have lived at the above address since 2000 and used/witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

I have undertaken the following activities

Picking berries
every year
in autumn.

And also witnessed others taking part in

Dog walking
Kite flying
Rambling
Bird watching

Yours sincerely

Mary [name]

Signed
Date 19/12/14

Signed
Date 19/12/14

Email: mazzasmithe54@gmail.com
To whom it may concern.

I have lived at the above address for 38 years and have always used the field for dog walking and blackberry picking without permission, without force and without secrecy. My children played there and I have witnessed various activities over the years, such as playing in snow, people picking sloes, blackberries and walking and even training dogs. Children enjoy playing in the copse. It is a great advantage to the village to have somewhere like this to enjoy. It also teaches children to respect other people’s property and livestock.

Yours sincerely,

B.J.P. Sullivan
42 Claverham Park
Claverham
N. Somerset
BS 49 4LR
17.12.14
01934 534501

PS: Sullivan
To whom it may concern

Field North of Chestnut Drive and bordering Streamcross

We have lived at the above address since November 2012 after moving a short distance from 2 Hollowmead Claverham where we had resided for 28 years and have used and witnessed this field in continuous use since that time without permission, without force and without secrecy.

We have undertaken the following activities at least once a month since November 2012 and less frequently before that time:

Walking for exercise, exploring the hedgerows and trees in the copse all whilst enjoying the view and setting of Claverham House a Grade II Listed Building.

We have also witnessed:

- A large number of dog owners exercising their pets from dawn till dusk every day.
- Children playing, mostly on weekends and holidays.
- Walkers both solitary and in groups.
- Local residents chatting with acquaintances.
- Joggers using the field as part of their route.
- Kite flying.
- Model aircraft flying.
- Small model rocket launching.
- Blackberry picking in season.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C.M. Toogood
Signed

Mrs S.K. Toogood
Signed

Mr R.J. Toogood
Signed

Date: 21st December 2014

Mr C.M. & Mrs S.K Toogood
Claverham House
Streamcross
Claverham
BS49 4QD

21st December 2014
chris@2good.entadsl.com
North Somerset Council  
Weston Super Mare  
Somerset  

23 High St  
Claverham  
North Somerset  
BS494NB  

21/6/2015  

Claverham Village Green Application No NSC TVG 006  

Dear Sir  

I have lived in the village of Claverham at the above address for 15 enjoyable years.  

I support the above application as me my family including children (4) and grandchildren (9) have used this field frequently over those last 15 yrs to play games & pick blackberry’s and also sloes to make sloe gin, when in season.  

My access to the field was from High St scouts hut footpath usually and we used the complete field as we were not aware of the footpath layout.  

Regards  

Roger Wood  

Mr Roger F Wood  

E: roger.wood23@btinternet.com
Section 4

OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION EXCEPT PLANS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

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From: Teresa Moore <teresamoore1@yahoo.co.uk>
To: Sandra Hole <Sandra.Hole@n-somerset.gov.uk>
Cc: Clive Fletcher <technofletch@yahoo.co.uk>; Sarah Chidwick <slchidwick@googlemail.com>; Emma Anderson <Emma.Anderson@n-somerset.gcsx.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, 19 January 2015, 13:48
Subject: Re: 07-01-2015 Claverham Village Green application

Dear Sandra
Thank you for your response re your meeting with the solicitor. I note that you need a clear identity of the chosen neighbourhood for Note 6. Could you just check for me that the following definition will be adequate. Then I will complete it on Note 6 of Form 44 and return to you.

The area bounded by Streamcross, Lower Claverham, Jasmine Lane, High St, Bishops Road as far as Court de Wyck School, Claverham Road to Hollowmead and back to Streamcross. For clarity this includes roads within this boundary - Franklins Way, Anvil Road, Orchard Court, Chapel Lane, Claverham Park, Whitehouse Road, Hollowmead Close, Hunts Lane, Broadcroft, Dunsters Road, Chestnut Drive.

Thank you for confirming that there are already sufficient witness statements. I will let you know about any redactions required re the witness statements contact details.

I look forward to hearing from you.
Many thanks.
Kind regards
Teresa

From: Teresa Moore <teresamoore1@yahoo.co.uk>
To: Sandra Hole <Sandra.Hole@n-somerset.gov.uk>
Cc: Clive Fletcher <technofletch@yahoo.co.uk>; Sarah Chidwick <slchidwick@googlemail.com>; Emma Anderson <Emma.Anderson@n-somerset.gcsx.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, 22 January 2015, 10:52
Subject: Re: 07-01-2015 Claverham Village Green application

Dear Sandra
Thank you for coming to reception yesterday to receive the amended Form 44.

Just to confirm that all the witness statements can go on the website.

I look forward to hearing it has been 'dually made' and the application reference number.
Kind regards
Teresa

• Teresa Moore <teresamoore1@yahoo.co.uk> Jan 30 at 4:00 PM

To Sandra Hole
CC Clive Fletcher Sarah Chidwick Emma Anderson
Dear Sandra and Emma
Really good to hear that following your meeting this afternoon, the Village Green Application for Claverham is considered to be 'Duly Made'.

As regards the application date - here is the link to a write up of a case that went to the High Court.

Court of appeal thwarts Winchester village green application | Open Spaces Society
Court of appeal thwarts Winchester village green application...

The court of appeal has ruled that Hampshire County Council cannot consider an application by Barbara Guthrie to register land known as Bushfield Camp, at View on www.oss.org.uk Preview by Yahoo

'The court confirmed that applicants are allowed to correct defects, as required in regulations, and the date of the application is the date when the application is originally received and receipted by a council.'

I look forward to receiving written confirmation re the 'Duly Made' status and also, from the case above, that the application date is that when you originally received Form 44 and the Witness Statements ie 22nd December 2014

Many thanks

Kind regards

Teresa Moore

Emma Anderson
North Somerset Council,
Town Hall,
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Delivered by hand to Castlewood

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6th September 2015

Claverham Village Green application – NSC_TVG_006

Dear Emma

I am writing to make an amendment to the Form 44 submitted on 22nd December 2014.

The amendment required is to Item 6 : “Locality or Neighbourhood within a locality in respect of which the application is made.”

We propose to define the Locality as :
‘The neighbourhood of Claverham Ward within the locality of Yatton Parish.’

A map of this name is attached herewith with the area for which the application is made highlighted – The Field in green and The Copse in red.

There is also an additional higher resolution map of The Field and The Copse itself, showing footpaths. For clarity should these maps have numbers : Map 3 and Map 4 ?

Apologies for the inconvenience caused. Could you please confirm receipt and also let me know if there needs to be a further Statutory Declaration because of this revision.
Many thanks.

Yours sincerely

Teresa Moore

On behalf of the joint applicants Clive Fletcher and Sarah Chidwick

From: Emma Anderson <Emma.Anderson@n-somerset.gov.uk>
To: Teresa Moore <teresamoore1@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: Friday, 11 September 2015, 11:15
Subject: Claverham TVG application

Dear Mrs Moore

I note your request to amend your chosen locality for the purposes of the application.

When your application was first submitted, the description of the locality or neighbourhood, required within section 6 of the application form ie. ‘on the edge of the village of Claverham, within the Parish of Yatton’ was invalid and an amendment was required in order for the application to be duly made.

You therefore made an amendment pursuant to regulation 5.4 of the registration rules to enable your application to be considered duly made. You chose to amend the locality of neighbourhood to ‘The area bounded by Streamcross, Lower Claverham, Jasmine Lane, High Street, Bishops Road as far as Court de Wyck school, Claverham Road to Hollow Mead and back to Steamcross, within the village of Claverham, within the Parish of Yatton and Claverham.’

Your current request to make a further amendment does not fall under the same regime as your application has now been accepted and is progressing. In the circumstances I propose to leave this request for an amendment to be determined by the inspector once appointed.

With reference to your second letter with enclosures. I have not been able to access the video, the link does not appear to work.

Regards

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Please note my working hours are Monday - Friday 08.30 - 14.30
To Teresa Moore

Dear Mrs Moore

When I instructed Mr Bohm QC to act as inspector for this application, I specifically drew your request to his attention and provided the relevant correspondence.

I have now contacted him further and asked that he make a direction in respect of your request.

I shall contact you further when I hear from him.

Regards

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Carter Jonas letter 27th Feb 2015 (Recreational Use)

Andrew Stevenson
Principal Planning Officer
Development and Environment
North Somerset Council
Post Point 15
Town Hall
Wallscoate Grove Road
Weston-super-Mare
Somerset
BS23 1UJ

27 February 2015

Dear Andrew

LAND NORTH OF CHESTNUT DRIVE CLAVERHAM

As you are aware, the above application was validated by North Somerset Council on 23 January 2015. Through monitoring the Council's website I see that, to date, only a small number of statutory consultees have responded to the formal consultation; despite this consultation period ending on 26 February 2015. So far (at the time of writing) responses have been received from only the Parish Council, Highways Agency, Wessex Water and the Council's Flood Risk Management Team.

I will address these comments below but I would be very grateful for your assistance in expediting the outstanding consultation responses please.

I am aware that some of the application supporting information was only uploaded to the website fairly recently, with documents being uploaded on 23 December 2014, 27 January 2015, 09 February 2015 and 16 February 2015. However, all the supporting documents were in fact sent to the Council on 23 December 2014. The delay, I understand, was primarily as a result of the Council losing the CD which contained all the supporting information and which had then to be re-sent. I also understand that some delays were caused because the Council had mistakenly marked the documents 'sensitive' and therefore they were not published on the website straight away. As you will appreciate, this 'drip feeding' of information does not allow members of the public to consider the application as a whole and we have been informed that this is causing unnecessary confusion. These delays have not been caused by the applicant and I would welcome your assistance to ensure that no further delays with regards to the processing of information are encountered.

The table below sets out a summary of the statutory responses received so far and Gladman's response to each.
### CLAVERHAM VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION DOCUMENTS IN SUPPORT – SECTION 4

| Highways Agency | * No detrimental effect on the Strategic Road Network  
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### Wessex Water
- Separate drainage systems needed
- Surface water disposal to land drainage system subject to agreed flood risk measures
- The public sewer should be protected by an easement of 3m minimum each side
- Public sewer connection required in Cleverham Road
- Developer to confirm gravity connection for foul water disposal
- Further discussions should take place with Wessex Water before detailed drainage scheme and adoption (sewers to be adopted by Wessex Water and off site sewers to be requisitioned)

Comments noted.
Separate systems are proposed and the existing sewer will be protected by a 3m easement each side.
Gladman's consultants, Hydrock, will provide additional information regarding the gravity connection and drainage proposals (see further comments below)
A detailed drainage scheme will be drawn up at a later stage as part of a reserved matters submission and/or discharge of relevant conditions.

### North Somerset Council Flood Risk Management Team
- No objections subject to 7 conditions to address the following: flood risk, satisfactory detailed surface water drainage scheme and maintenance details, development and access 'buffers' to the drainage ditches, no culverting, ditch crossing points and land drainage consents

Comments noted.
Gladman's consultants, Hydrock, will be producing additional information in respect of a drainage catchment assessment/model in the interests of minimising flood risk (suggested condition 1) and this will be submitted shortly. Liaison will take place with the Flood Risk Management Team as necessary.
All matters can be addressed by appropriately worded conditions.

I have also reviewed the responses received from residents on the Council's website. One issue on which I would like to comment at this juncture are the suggestions that residents have been using the application site for recreational purposes over a number of years and essentially that they have had unconstrained access to the site for these purposes.

I would like to take this opportunity to confirm that the application site is in fact private land and therefore any access for recreational purposes is solely restricted to use of the public footpaths that cross the site and not...
for any other part of the land. The landowner has never made the application site available for public recreational purposes other than for use of the public footpaths.

I note that some residents have commented that the proposal is to provide 'upto' 30% affordable housing, thereby enabling the applicant to provide less than 30% affordable housing. I would like to confirm that the intention is to provide 30% affordable housing and the applicant would be willing to accept a planning condition, in line with the Planning Inspectorate model condition, securing this provision.

I will continue to monitor the Council's website for the remaining responses and will respond in due course. In addition to following up outstanding consultation responses, I would also be grateful if you could send me a list of the consultations undertaken as this is not available on your website.

Yours sincerely

Clare O’Hanlon
Associate

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Current Designation of Application Site

Extract of North Somerset Planning Map web site showing site designation.

The site is currently designated as ‘Safeguarded Site for Proposed Strategic and Structural Open Space’

The whole of the site, including the copse, is earmarked to be used a community facility in the hope that it can be realised, to ameliorate the shortage of public open space in Claverham and Yatton.
Shortage of open space in the Yatton Parish (which includes the ward of Claverham) has been studied by the local council. Discussions and correspondence with Graham Quick, Local Planning Team Leader in Development and Environment at North Somerset Council, provided the following information which I quote verbatim.

"See below extract from the evidence base for the draft Green Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Document which has yet to be published. The figures are somewhat dated (6 or 7 years old) but given that not much extra open space has been provided they are still valid

Hope this helps"

Yatton (rural)

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Quantity of open space

The quantitative assessment of open space within the area shows the following:

There is an under supply of Formal Parks and Public Gardens and Neighbourhood Open Space.

There is a sufficient supply of Conservation Sites and Woodland.

Access to open space

There are gaps in access to neighbourhood open space in the south of the Yatton area.

Quality of open space

There is opportunity for improving some of the existing open spaces within the area.
Priorities for developer contributions

New provision of open space should be sought through development; the priorities are for neighbourhood open space. Off site contributions should be sought for conservation sites and woodland.

-------------------END QUOTE

The draft document is still unpublished but the lack of neighbourhood open space remains the same if not more critical that when the data was gathered.

The fact that the application site has been used ‘as of right’ for many years, as evidenced in witness statements, is a natural consequence of the lack of other space close within our community. The use as of right is an obvious and simple solution taken by our community that has longstanding considerably greater than 20 years.
Applicants’ Initial Response to Objectors’ Statements

Claverham Village Green application – NSC_TVG_006

The Applicants have the following observations to the objections with Emma Anderson’s letter of 27th May 2015.

Mrs Bushell’s letter - Broadcroft Play Area

The Broadcroft play area is not a designated Village Green. It has been defined to be used as a ‘children’s playing space and public playing fields for the purpose of organised games only and for no other purpose whatsoever’. For confirmation – from Celia Dring, N Somerset Council, Principal Planning Policy Officer, May 12th 2015:

Start Quote:

1. NSC own the land and lease it to Yatton PC on a 125 yr lease from 1st April 1987, for the permitted use as “children’s playing space and public playing fields for the purpose of organised games only and for no other purpose whatsoever”
2. In addition there is a restriction in the NSC title that has a similar use restrictions. There is a covenant on the title going back to when the land was transferred from the National Playing Fields Association to the Long Ashton RDC on 18/12/1952 which states

“that it would use the piece of land.....as a public playing field for the purpose of organised games and a children’s playground only and for no other purpose without the previous consent of the Minister of Housing & Local Government and the National Playing Fields Association”

End Quote.

And so use is ‘by right’.

In particular there is a ‘No Dogs’ policy, witness these photographs at the entrance to the playground from Streamcross.

A key pastime carried out in the application Site is dogwalking and this is not allowed at the Broadcroft Close Play Area.

In addition the location, being bordered closely by the old people’s bungalows, although ball games are allowed, it can be inconvenient and disturbing for the residents if ball games are played there. The area is approximately 45m by 90m, but includes the space taken by the play equipment for small children, and so is too small for eg kite flying, model airplane flying.
Mrs Bushell’s letter - Other

Other concerns raised in Mrs Bushell’s letter relate to planning matters and not the statutory criteria related to Village Green applications.

Responses to Statement of Objections by N J H Burnett and P F Burnett dated 31st March 2015

N.B. 

• Reference numbering taken from objectors’ statement for ease of review
• North Somerset Council is abbreviated to NSC
• The Qualifying Area, ‘The Field and The Copse’ is referred to as the Site

2 Validity of the Application

2.1 NSC has already responded on the validity of the Application.

3 Requirements for Registration of a TVG

The Applicants have submitted evidence of these requirements.

4 Summary of Grounds for Objection

4.1 There has been an amendment put forward to the ‘Qualifying Area’: see separate letter to NSC.

4.2 The Applicants assert that with over 70 Witness Statements with in excess of 100 signatories they have more than adequately shown use by a ‘significant number’ of the inhabitants of Claverham Ward for lawful sports and pastimes.

4.3 See 4.5

4.4 Although there has been mention of activities that do not constitute valid sports and pastimes eg taking a ‘short cut’ across the Site, these are occasional in relation to the totality of eligible activities evidenced.

4.5 The use of the site for recreational purposes is so frequent and regular eg daily by many dogwalkers, with the full knowledge of the tenant farmer and the local community, the Applicants assert the owner had every opportunity to know of the recreational use of the site ‘As of Right’. Access has always been openly available via the ‘kissing gates’ from Streamcross and Chestnut Drive and a footpath from an adjacent field. There has been no stealth or secrecy or force. There has been no signage to preclude access, nor even any visible indication of the location of the PROWS. As stated by one of the joint owners of the Site, permission
has never been granted for recreational use. From Witness Statements it is clear that neither has permission been denied.

4.6 The Applicants attest that there is evidence of use ranging over the whole of the Site.

4.7 see 4.5

4.8 The Witness Statements show continual usage of the Site for the full 20 years usage and in fact for considerably longer.

5 Locality or Qualifying Area within a Locality

5.1 There were minor clerical errors in the original submission which are now being corrected, no legal assistance was used and the applicants are lay persons.

5.2 Despite the registration authority (NSC) accepting the description of the Locality, for simplicity The Qualifying Area is being amended, by separate letter, to ‘the Neighbourhood of Claverham Ward within the Locality of Yatton Parish’ and for clarity maps are included.

5.3 This amendment is presented to coordinate with the cohesiveness and description of the Qualifying Area.

The Qualifying Area does not extend close to Yatton, but stops at Hollowmead. The settlement boundary is not being used as any defining area.

The play area at Broadcroft Close has already been dealt with under comments re Mrs Bushell’s letter.

6 Significant Number

6.1 The Witness Statements show that a considerable number of households within the community use the site.

6.2 The Applicants attest that there are an adequate number of witnesses who have used the Site daily in each of the 20 years.

6.3 Additional statements have been supplied.

6.4 There is no numerical definition of what constitutes a ‘Significant number’ of inhabitants within the Commons Act 2006. It is sufficient to signify that it is in general use by the community. The Applicants assert that this has been demonstrated.

In any event, the analysis put forward compares the number of Witness Statements to the number of inhabitants, disregarding the fact that some statements were signed by more than one person. To be valid observations they should either compare the number of statements to the number of households OR the number of signatories to the number of inhabitants. In addition, further statements are now submitted which alter the ratios.
6.5 Comparing the number of statements from users of over 20 years to the total current population is incorrect. This analysis ignores those who were using the field at the beginning of the period and no longer live in Claverham. To be meaningful the comparison should be compared to the number of households where residents have lived in Claverham for the full 20 years (or signatories to the number of residents who have lived in Claverham for 20 years).

7 Lawful Sports and Pastimes

7.3 The Applicants attest that there is proof of lawful sports and pastimes having taken place continuously on the land for at least 20 years and is still in such use currently.

7.4 More detailed witness evidence has now been submitted will be available at the Public Inquiry which will confirm users ranging across the entire Site. Cattle grazing only occurs for short periods during the year.

It is accepted that taking a ‘short cut’ across the Site does not constitute a criterion for Village Green rights however this is mentioned only infrequently by witnesses.

7.5 Many of the activities on the Site are seasonal, including its agricultural use for the grazing of cattle and haymaking. Collecting berries is just one of these seasonal activities and is not restricted to the PROWS but demonstrates access to all hedgerows and the Copse.

7.6 Common sense indicates that activities are carried out consistent with the seasons, part time agricultural use and the land conditions eg the cattle are off the Site well before it is flooded and children’s playing becomes water based eg paddling during these times.

7.7 Again use is seasonal, appropriate to the weather and land conditions.

7.8 Further evidence is now available from Witness Statements to substantiate the use by children playing.

7.9 The type and of frequency of other activities contribute to overall usage. In particular eg kite flying would be unlikely to have taken place from the PROWS.

Occasional use by visitors from out of the Qualifying Area does not prevent Village Green designation.

8 As of Right

8.1 There are 3 written instances of ‘no permission has been granted’ for recreational use of the field:

- In Mrs Bushell’s letter
- In Carter Jonas’s letter of 27th February 2015 (attached) to Andrew Stevenson, Planning Officer at NSC re planning application no. 15/P/0185/O
- In Mr Peter Burnett’s ‘Statement of facts regarding the land at Streamcross’

Permission never having been sought or granted is an intrinsic part of ‘As of Right’ and supports the Applicants position.
8.2 Observed usage of the field is inconsistent with those stated in the objectors comments. In addition if the cattle were on the field for the entire time stated then there would be no hay to cut. Observation this year, 2015, was that the cattle first went on the Site 29th May 2015, after it was cut for hay. They have not been continually present eg currently in early September 2015 there are no cattle on the Site. The site is generally saturated or flooded by November see photo from November 2014.

Many Witness Statements indicate that The Site is still used recreationally in conjunction with, and respectful of, the farmer’s activities.

8.3 It is understood there was an incident where an inconsiderate dogwalker was asked to keep better control of their dog. An occasional incident of this nature does not outweigh the overwhelming majority’s sensible use of the Site, nor does it invalidate the Application. The Applicants attest that dogwalkers do use the Site when the tenant farmer is present, and quite openly. That common courtesy is used at these times, not to interfere with the farmer’s activities, does not preclude the recreational use being ‘As of Right’.

8.4 There are many witness statements to evidence that permission has never been sought or granted. Consequently there are grounds for a reasonable person witnessing the activities as being carried out similarly, as per common knowledge, within the local community.

8.5 The majority of the objectors’ statements come from people who were on the Site for very short periods of time and during the day when many local residents will have been at work. Given the lack of signposting of the footpaths, and the lack of visible evidence of their location on the ground, the Applicants would contest whether the assertion re recreational users of the Site being ‘generally on the PROW, rather than the wider site’, could be made.
8.6 The applicants contest strongly that use is small scale or sporadic. The Site is used daily by a large number of the community, in particular, dogwalkers.

9 Not less than 20 years ....and continue to do so at the date of the Application

9.1 The Applicants attest that there is sufficient evidence to show this.

10 Conclusion

The Applicants objective is for the Site to continue to be used, as they consider it has been for over 20 years and is still currently, ‘as of right’ by a significant number of people, for lawful sports and pastimes.

The Applicants welcome the opportunity to have the evidence tested at a Public Inquiry, date to be determined.
## CLAVERHAM VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION DOCUMENTS IN SUPPORT – SECTION 4

### Objector Witness Time on Site

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### Personal statements total attendance time

- **26.50 hours**

### These following were third party reports

**reported by Mares Dreising, Senior Urban Designer, Turkey**
- 30/09/14 | Turkey | No | Angus Jacobs | Yes | 11am to 12 | 1 hour | 1 dog walker & 2 walkers PROW | on PROW |
- 14/10/14 | Turkey | No | Kay Heaver | Yes | 11.30am | 1 hour | 1 dog walker | on PROW

**reported by Matthew Lack, Associate Ecologist from FPCR**
- 16/07/14 | FPCR | No | Ben Lambourne | Habitat survey | Yes | 3 hours | 3.09 | dog walker on PROW |
- 30/07/14 | FPCR | No | Steve Roe | Bat activity survey | Yes | 8.45pm | 3.5 hours | 3.50 |
- 22/08/14 | FPCR | No | Dale Cooper | Not on site | No | Negl. | 0.00 | nil |
- 25/10/14 | FPCR | No | E. Osborne | Landscape architect | Yes | 19.40 to 23.15 | 3.5 hours | 5.50 |
- 23/11/14 | FPCR | No | Alex Saunders | Bat activity survey | Yes | 18.45 to 22.00 | 3.25 hours | 3.25 |
- 24/11/14 | FPCR | No | E. Osborne | Landscape architect | Yes | 5 am - 7am | 2 hours | 2.00 |
- 10/12/14 | FPCR | No | Alex Saunders | Set up equipment on site | Yes | 3pm | briefly | 0.19 |

### Reported statements total attendance time

- **37.15 hours**

### Total attendance time

- **43.85 hours**
Supporting Witness Statement Signatory Years in Claverham

No. Of Supporting Signatories In Each Number Of Years Lived in Claverham

65 Signatories Greater or Equal to 20 Years
Village Green History

Introduction

This short narrative places the Village Green application site, the historical Broad Croft, in historical context with our Village of Claverham.

This series of notes can be verified by simple archival research and use of publically available resources.

The site that we seek to protect for future generations is much used as of right and that may be sufficient for our application, however it will be good to know that the enquiry also understands that this open space:

• Affords the setting of Grade 2 listed buildings and in turn enjoyment of them.
• It forms the definitive edge of Claverham, much in keeping with the land use and water table.
• From it the setting of Claverham, against the southerly hills, can be enjoyed.
• Its historical use as pasture has fostered the maintenance of ancient hedges and provided feed not only for livestock but also local wildlife built up over many generations. The field is the foraging ground for many species but particularly bats (including nationally rare species).

The very history of this site has created the environment that has and continues to draw many villagers to it to enjoy their simple legal pastimes and the rich environment that we wish to preserve for future generations as it has been preserved for us over hundreds of years, let alone use as of right for 20 years.

The ancient field of Broad Croft (the Village Green application site) as viewed from the corner of Chestnut drive and the ancient lane called Streamcross.
Background

Use of Local County Archives and research of publicly available records demonstrates that the landscape pattern of lanes (including Streamcross), fields and hedges dotted with buildings which includes the Village Green application site has survived almost unchanged since 1821 as shown in the Sturge Survey.

The field and copse for which Village Green status has been sought are part of Broad Croft, a field for which no earlier or different designation has been found.

The surveys of the hedges on Streamcross along Broad Croft’s western boundary have shown that boundary to be far older than records used for this text, with sufficient individual marker species to date the hedge at the Tudor period or older.

Changes to the field boundary structure since 1821 have been subtle and relatively minor. This is notwithstanding the encroachment of suburban development and hence some erosion of the openness of the field known as Broad Croft by Council Housing to Claverham Road including the development of the road known as Broadcroft and the development of Chestnut Drive.

The Broad Croft field that persists is the Village Green application site.

This is a field which has been associated with Claverham House since at least 1799 (evidenced from wills), if not the time of its building in 1744.

The historic landscape can still be ‘read’ and the site of the Village Green application can still be appreciated and experienced much as it probably was as when Claverham House was built. It is a local asset that has endured over 270 years, the current local foot paths upon Broad Croft are, in all probability, the trace of earlier customary routes.

Location and Boundaries

East of Claverham House, on the other side of Streamcross is a large, open field known as Broad Croft which — like most of fields in the area — is given over to pasture. It is bounded to the north and west by hedges with hedgerow trees, the landscape beyond visible from the lane where growth is thinned or interrupted by gates. The eastern boundary of Broad Croft is marked by the curving line of Tannery Ditch, a roughly north–south watercourse crossed by a footbridge and the public right of way that — following the line of an historic field boundary — links the built–up edge of Claverham to the east (Dunsters Road) with a gate opposite the entrance to the Cottage. The line of another right of way follows the ditch, along with a hedge turning to trees. Carved out of the northwest corner of Broad Croft is the plots of a semi–detached bungalow (Cherry Tree and Rydale), beyond which is a new house known as the Barn, and then Manor Farmhouse.
Historical and Current Land Use

The land use is overwhelmingly for pasturage and this primary activity, both historic and current, is due to regular saturation lying close to the ground water table and having thin soil cover. The site is only very slightly above the nearby Kenn Moor where land has only been brought into use by active drainage and is still managed by the local drainage authority. The Tannery Ditch is part of this ‘viewed’ drainage system, which is managed, not always successfully, to mitigate the worst of flooding in these low lands to the north of Claverham.

Broad Croft (The Village Green) its historical and current part in the setting of Claverham.

Claverham’s northern setting is created by land with a flat landscape of irregular small–medium size fields bounded by hedges with occasional hedgerow trees. This landscape provides a sense of openness and Broad Croft gives views out, adding to the value of the site for those who pass thorough and spend time in it.

Historical Maps (Village Green Context past and Current)

The site of the Village Green application shown on the Sturge Survey Map of 1821(light blue colouring-land known to be part of Claverham House ownership and purple that of Manor Farm House)
Tithe Map of 1841 showing field boundaries consistent with those of today and delineated those lands in association with the owner of Claverham House (Mrs Norman) at that time.

CURRENT AND HISTORICAL READ TOGETHER

Aerial view of the Village Green application site in its modern context with the surviving ancient field boundaries.
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Section 5

PLANS AND PHOTOGRAPHS EXCEPT FOR A COPY OF THE DEFINITIVE MAP HELD BY THE COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 53 COUNTRYSIDE AND WILDLIFE ACT 1981

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Perrot, Clive Photo

Copse in use 8th October 2015 approx 4.06 pm

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Joe Timms with model airplane

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Claverham Village Green
Locality:
Claverham Ward of Yatton Parish Council

Map reproduced from North Somerset Website 24/7/15
Village Green Application Site Detail Location

Claverham Village Green
Detail Location and PROWs
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Yatton Parish Boundary
Blackberry pickers Sun 4 Oct 2015, 6:07pm
Photo taken by
Bruce Bembridge
21 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN
From the Field to north
A couple blackberry picking and 2 separate dog walkers, Sun 4 Oct 2015, 4:41pm

Photo taken by
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From the field towards 15 Chestnut Drive

I confirm that the above picture is a printout of the unaltered digital photograph(s) taken by me at the time and/or on the date stated.

Signed
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Dog walker  Sun 4 Oct 2015, 6:07pm
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Claverham
BS49 4LN
From 21 Chestnut Drive towards Claverham House
Father and 2 sons flying helicopter in field, Sun 8 November 2015, 12:30

Photo taken by
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From 21 Chestnut Drive towards Claverham House
Dog walkers Sun 4 Oct 2015, 11:30 am
Photo taken by
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From 21 Chestnut Drive towards Claverham House
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From 21 Chestnut Drive towards Claverham House
Dog walkers Sun 4 Oct 2015

Photo taken by

Charlotte Bembridge

21 Chestnut Drive

Claverham

BS49 4LN

From 21 Chestnut Drive towards Claverham House
Blackberry pickers  Sun 4 Oct 2015
Photo taken by
Charlotte Bembridge
21 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN
From 21 Chestnut Drive towards Claverham House
Walkers Sun 4 Oct 2015
Photo taken by
Charlotte Bembridge
21 Chestnut Drive
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From 21 Chestnut Drive towards Claverham House
**Walker Sun 4 Oct 2015**

Photo taken by

Charlotte Bembridge

21 Chestnut Drive

Claverham

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From 21 Chestnut Drive towards Claverham House
Walker Sun 4 Oct 2015
Photo taken by
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Walker Sun 4 Oct 2015
Photo taken by
Charlotte Bembridge
21 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN
From 21 Chestnut Drive towards Claverham House
Dog walkers Sun 4 Oct 2015, 11:42 am
Photo taken by
Bruce Bembridge
21 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN
From 21 Chestnut Drive towards Claverham House
Fletcher, Clive Personal Photos
Gate into the field at 19 Chestnut Drive,
Fletcher, Clive Letter with photos

Mr Clive Fletcher
19 Chestnut Drive
BS49 4 LN

Date 8-10-15

These photos were taken in the last month from my rear bedroom window of activities in the field behind my house, of people off the paths.

Clive Fletcher
Perrott, Carole Photographs From 15 Chestnut Drive

Blackberry picker – 29th September 2015 lunchtime
Photo taken by Carole Perrott
15 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN
From 15 Chestnut Drive towards Streamcross

I confirm that the above picture is a printout of the unaltered digital photograph(s) taken by me at the time and/or on the date stated.

Signed

Dated
Dogs and cows – 13th October 2015 approx 10.37am (top) approx 8.17am (bottom)
Photos taken by Carole Perrott
15 Chestnut Drive Claverham BS49 4LN
From 15 Chestnut Drive towards the Copse
Several Dog walkers – 1st October 2015 approx 9.06 am
Photo taken by Carole Perrott
15 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN
From 15 Chestnut Drive to Claverham House

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Dated
Dog walker – 1st October 2015 approx 3.23 pm
Photo taken by Carole Perrott
15 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN
From 15 Chestnut Drive to mid field

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Dated
Single Dog walker – 29th September 2015 approx 11.30 am
Photo taken by Carole Perrott

15 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN

From 15 Chestnut Drive to Claverham House

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Dated
**Blackberrying Dog walker – 1st October 2015 approx 3.30 pm**

Photo taken by Perrott

15 Chestnut Drive

Claverham

BS49 4LN

From 15 Chestnut Drive right by garden fence

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Dated
Blackberry pickers 4th October 2015
Photos taken by
Carole Perrott
15 Chestnut Drive Claverham BS49 4LN
From 15 Chestnut Drive towards Cherry Tree in Streamcross

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Dated

Blackberry pickers 4th October 2015
Photos taken by
Carole Perrott
15 Chestnut Drive Claverham BS49 4LN
From 15 Chestnut Drive towards Claverham House
Dogwalker – 30th September 2015 approx 7.56 am
Photo taken by Carole Perrott
15 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN
From 15 Chestnut Drive directly by fence

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Dated
Dog walker – 30th September 2015 approx 4.33 pm
Photo taken by Carole Perrott
15 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN
From 15 Chestnut Drive back garden Eastwards

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Dated
Dog walker – 1st October 2015 approx 3.54 pm
Photo taken by Carole Perrott
15 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN
From 15 Chestnut Drive just outside garden

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Dated
Dog walker – 1st October 2015 approx 3.54 pm
Photo taken by Carole Perrott

15 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN
From 15 Chestnut Drive to Claverham House

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Dated
Dog walker – 1st October 2015 approx 3.53 pm
Photo taken by Carole Perrott
15 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN
From 15 Chestnut Drive to mid field

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Dated
Dog walker – 1\textsuperscript{st} October 2015 approx 4.24 pm
Photo taken by Carole Perrott

15 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN

From 15 Chestnut Drive to Streamcross

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Dated
Dog walker – 30th September 2015 approx 7.12 am
Photo taken by Carole Perrott

15 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN
From 15 Chestnut Drive towards Claverham House

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Dated
Dog walker – 29th September 2015
Photo taken by Carole Perrott
15 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN
From 15 Chestnut Drive towards the Copse and towards Claverham House

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Dated
Family near the copse – 20th October 2015
Photo taken by Carole Perrott
15 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN
From 15 Chestnut Drive towards the copse

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Dated
Jogger – August 2015
Photo taken by Clive Perrott
15 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN
From 15 Chestnut Drive towards the cattle trough

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Dated
Single Dog walker – 30th September 2015 approx 4.52 pm
Photo taken by Carole Perrott
15 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN
From 15 Chestnut Drive to Claverham House

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Dated
*Walker – 30th September 2015 approx 5.24 pm*

Photo taken by Carole Perrott

15 Chestnut Drive

Claverham

BS49 4LN

From 15 Chestnut Drive right outside kitchen

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Dated
Walkers – 30th September 2015 approx 3.45 pm
Photo taken by Carole Perrott

15 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN
From 15 Chestnut Drive just beyond fence

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Dated
Perrot, Clive Photo

Copse in use 8th October 2015 approx 4.06 pm
Photos taken by Clive Perrott
15 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN

From 15 Chestnut Drive towards the Copse

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Dated
**Timms, Sam Photo**

*Joe Timms with model airplane*
Photo taken by Sam Timms April 2015

18 Chestnut Drive
Claverham
BS49 4LN

I verify that the above photo was taken by me Sam Timms
Signed
Dated
Scott Photo
Summer, Jo Photos

Photo 1
Water 1980

Photo 2

Photo 3
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Section 6

A COPY OF THAT PART OF THE DEFINITIVE MAP HELD BY THE COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 53 COUNTRYSIDE AND WILDLIFE ACT 1981 THAT RELATES TO THE LAND

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