

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE FORM

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Section 53(3)

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Please Note

1. Evidence given in this form must relate to use by one person only.
2. Please answer all the questions as fully and accurately as possible

Details of Witness

Name _____ Title: *Mr / Mrs / Miss or other* _____
 Address _____ Date of Birth: _____
 _____ Daytime tel No.: _____

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Path runs: *From* _____ *Grid Ref* _____
To: _____ *Grid Ref* _____

In the parish of: _____

And is shown on the map attached to this claim (minimum scale 1:25,000)

Please provide a full description of the route:

Is your claim for:		YES	NO
FOOTPATH		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BRIDLEWAY		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BYWAY OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Have you used it?

	YES	NO	YEARS DURING WHICH YOU HAVE USED PATH					
			*FROM	TO	FROM	TO	FROM	TO
ON FOOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
ON HORSEBACK	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
WITH A VEHICLE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

How many times each year on average

*These boxes are provided to allow you to indicate any variations in use, which may have occurred over the years.

Where were you going? FROM: _____
 TO: _____

For what purpose? _____

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Have you always followed the same route? YES NO

If NO, when was it changed? YEAR: _____

AND BY WHOM: _____

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On the route have there ever been? - GATES YES NO - STILES YES NO

If YES, please mark the locations on the plan

Are they still there? - GATES YES NO - STILES YES NO

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Have there ever been any obstructions such as hedges or fences across the route?

YES NO

If YES, are they still there? YES NO If YES, please mark the locations on the plan

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Have there ever been any notices along the route?

YES NO If YES, what did they say: _____

Are they still there?

YES NO If YES, please mark the locations on the plan

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Has any part of the route ever been ploughed or cultivated?

YES NO If YES, please give details and mark the location on the plan _____

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Over what type of land does it pass? _____ (e.g. arable / pasture / woodland etc.)

Is/has the route or any part of it been enclosed between boundaries? (i.e. hedges, fences, ditches, walls)

YES NO If YES, please give details, including maximum / minimum widths _____

Is the whole of the width between boundaries used by the public?

YES NO If NO, how much is used _____

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At any time when you used the route were you working for any owner or occupier of any land over which it runs or were you the tenant of any such owner or occupier?

YES NO If YES, please give the dates and particulars of the owner or occupier _____

Were you ever told by them whether they regarded the routes as a Public Right of Way?

YES NO If YES, please give details _____

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If you answered YES to the previous questions, have you ever used the route during a period when you were NOT an employee or tenant of the owner/occupier?

YES NO If YES, please give details and mark the location on the plan _____

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Did you ever seek or get permission to use the route?

YES NO If YES, from whom? _____

Have you, or to your knowledge has anyone, ever been stopped or turned back?

YES NO If YES, when and by whom? _____

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Were you ever told by any owner or occupier or by their employee that the route was not public?

YES NO If YES, when and by whom? _____

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If this claim is contested are you prepared to give evidence at any local Public Inquiry, which might result?

YES NO If NO, are you prepared to make a statutory declaration on oath as to the truth of the above information? YES NO

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Is there any other information, not given above, which you think will support your claim?
(for example, further details of your use of the route as outlined in section 2)

SIGNED _____

DATE _____

Person completing this form if different from claimant

Please return this form, with a map or plan of the route concerned, to:

Public Rights of Way Officer
Highways & Transportation Services
PO Box502
Vancouver House
Gurney Street
Middlesbrough
TS1 9FW