Proof of Evidence - Margaret Holt: ref: ROW/3377321

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
The Definitive Map and Statement of
Public Rights of Way for Gloucestershire
Additional Public Footpaths across land known as Verney Fields and Surrounding Area, Stonehouse Parish
Modification Order 2025

1. I would like to present my evidence on the 1st day – Tuesday 17 November.

2. I have lived at [redacted] at the end of Verney Road, for over 50 years.

3. Throughout the 50 years, my husband, children and later their children have all immensely used and enjoyed Doverow Hill. Farmers used to graze their cattle, and we mixed amongst them freely. A photo is attached – **MH1**.

4. During the last 20 years, this amenity has continued and many people use the various walkways up Doverow and paths leading from it for health benefits, and by owners of dogs on leads.

5. One of my walks was turning left uphill (near the bottom oak tree near to the Bramble Lane houses). I climbed over the stile and then walked behind Cotswold Green before walking on across the fields.

6. I would like to say that in 2019 my husband's last walk was halfway up Doverow Hill.

7. My most regular walk was climbing over the stile at the bottom of Doverow Hill and making my way to the oak tree and seat near the top of the hill. This is quite a feature where I would often sit and chat with other walkers before climbing on. Each week I would turn left here to go up the footpath and over the stile by the gate to collect eggs from the farm for 3 families.

8. When it snowed, many of the younger population of Stonehouse were up there with sleds, old tyres and other contraptions.

9. Another walk leads right over to the viewpoint (a seat is there) and you can look over Rosedale and Stonehouse.

10. Walking from Doverow Hill we enter the "wood". This was the most direct route for me.

11. During the time of occupation of Doverow and surrounds by the new landowner, I have continued to walk up the hill using the routes I have claimed.

12. I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief this is a true statement

Signature..... [redacted] ..... Date..... 7/10/26



