

**The Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way for the County of  
Lancashire**

**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**

**Lancashire County Council**

**The Lancashire County Council Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights  
of Way (Definitive Map Modification) (No.6) Order 2012**

**Claimed Public Footpath from Conder Green to Nans Buck,  
Thurnham, Lancaster City**

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**PROOF OF EVIDENCE – BETTY PYE**

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1. I, Betty Pye of Meldhams, Ashton with Stodday, Lancaster, LA2 0AJ, have lived at Meldhams for 22 years (in 2016). I married my Husband Jim Pye in 1957 and I have always been local to the area and have been using the route for the past 58 years.
2. The land that is affected by the route used to be in the ownership of W&J Pye Limited one of which was my husbands grandfather, the business was then handed down to the other Pye family members before going into administration in 2006 when Stodday Land took over.
3. I used to holiday at Waterloo Cottage with Jim and the other family members throughout the summer months, there would be a rotation for when each family would stay but we all would visit each other. I remember seeing numerous people using the route and myself as well as other family members would have conversations with people using the route as they walked past, it is a lovely route to walk especially in the summer months.
4. My use of the route has varied over the years but there has never been a time when I stopped using the route, Jim and I walk our dog along the route daily now sometimes together and sometimes separately as our property is near Nans Buck we use that access to get onto the route and walk south to Conder Green. The route showed on the Order plan is the route that I have known and walked for over 50 years, there is a clear trodden path to follow and it is obvious on the ground that people walk this route. When I get to the concrete sea wall between points G – D I sometimes walk on top of the sea wall and sometimes below, this just depends on the tide of what route the dog has taken.
5. Throughout the whole time I have been using this route I have always seen and known of others who use the route, it is a well-known route in the area

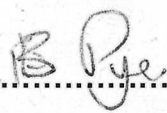
and as far as I'm aware no one has ever requested or needed permission to use the route. It was always open and available to the public until Stodday Land attempted to prevent access.

6. As the route is along the foreshore it can be quite often be affected by tides, every so often about once a fortnight there are high tides and these vary in strength and height and can quite often cover most of the route. Some parts of the route A-C as shown on the Order Map rarely get covered by the tide but when walking the whole length this still affects the walk. Once the tide goes back out people are able to walk the route again, the path is still always visible on the ground and people in the area are aware of the times the tide comes in and they just avoid walking the route during the high tides. I have never had a problem using the route in regards to the tides and I walk my dog around the clock of the tides to avoid being affected by one.
7. When W&J Pye went into administration Stodday Land soon took over ownership, they attempted to prevent access onto the shore by erecting barbed wire along access points. Soon after I remember people cutting the barbed wire to re-gain access onto the shore and I never found myself prevented from using the route. I heard of people talking about the wire that Stodday Land had put up but never heard of anyone not using the route or being prevented. This path has been used for many years long before Stodday Land took over, and it has been a huge part of the Pye family upbringing and of the Glasson Dock community.

**STATEMENT OF TRUTH**

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement prepared in 2016 are true.

**BETTY PYE**

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Dated ..... 21.12.2024 .....