

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

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ADDITION OF FOOTPATH FROM CHATBURN OLD ROAD, CHATBURN  
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2022**

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**WITNESS STATEMENT OF  
JANET RILEY**

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1. My name is Janet Riley and I live at Appleton Cottage, 2 Crowtrees Brow, Chatburn, Clitheroe BB7 4AA. I was born in 1935 and have lived at this address for about 36 years.
2. I was born in Accrington but knew the area before moving here because I used to come to Chatburn as a child with my parents on Sunday outings. I remember that it was one of my favourite places to come and we would park the car on Chatburn Old Road when it was still a road that you could drive along from Pimlico to Chatburn and I would play in the field crossed by the Order route and explore the old quarry workings.
3. In 2021 I completed a user evidence statement when the application was originally made to record the Order route as a public footpath. This Witness Statement provides further information relating to my use of the route.
4. I used the Order route with my husband or alone from the time that I moved to Chatburn in 1988 until it was blocked in 2021. My main use was from 1988 to 2010 when I used it weekly but from 2010 I then used it much more infrequently due to ill health.
5. I would normally walk along the length of Chatburn Old Road to the clapper gate at point B on the Order Map. I used this gate out of habit as it was much

easier to use than the five barred gate lower down the road. I would walk along the fence and remember there being a good path in the grass. Initially I used the route once a week depending on how much time I had. I would normally carry on along the top fence through to the nature reserve beyond point C on the Order Map and would sometimes return the same way and sometimes went out of the nature reserve onto Crow Trees Brow instead.

6. I would occasionally walk the rest of the Order route (from point C to point D) to get to Crow Trees Brow but not as often as I used the rest of the route. Sometimes I would cut the corner from the clapper gate at point B if I wanted to shorten my route to Crow Trees Brow as there was nothing to stop you doing so although you had to go around the old quarry.
7. I never used the Order route secretly and mostly walked along it in daylight. I saw other walkers using the path. I would use the route for pleasure and exercise on a regular basis on foot.
8. I never asked for nor was given permission to walk along the Order route. It never occurred to me that the Order route was not a public footpath as I had seen other people walking it and had played on the land as a child and I never thought that permission was required. I was never told it was not a public route.
9. I do not recall seeing any signs or notices indicating that the Order route was private and access to the public was not permitted.
10. I never encountered the landowner on any occasion when I was walking along the Order route and I was never challenged, stopped or turned back when using it. I saw others and none of them ever told me that I shouldn't be walking along the route. I never had any private right of my own to use the route. I do not recall anyone being told the route was not public.
11. I can confirm that I have never been employed by any of the owners of the land over which the path nor been a tenant of theirs.

12. In summary, I have known of the Order route most of my life and regularly walked on it from 1988 to 2021.

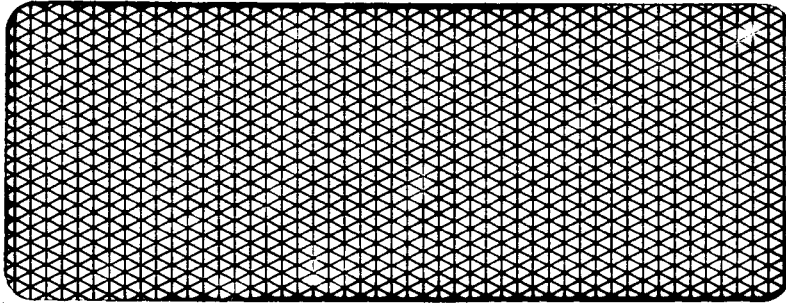
**STATEMENT OF TRUTH**

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

Signed: .....  .....

Date: 22.8.24.....





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