

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

**THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL UPGRADING OF WRIGHTINGTON
FOOTPATH 21 TO BRIDLEWAY BETWEEN MOSS LANE AND MOSSY LEA
ROAD, WRIGHTINGTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH**

DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2016

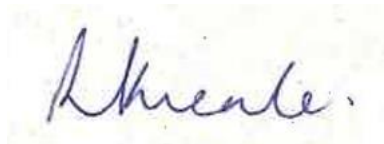
WITNESS STATEMENT OF RACHEL KNEALE

1. My name is Rachel Kneale and I live in Robin Hill Drive, Standish WN6 0QN. I am more than 60 years old. I am employed as a valuer by Lancashire County Council.
2. I completed a user evidence form in 2013 confirming my usage of the route that runs from Moss Lane via footpath 21 to Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. I signed a witness statement with a statement of truth on 14/9/2024.
3. I began riding at Roocroft Riding Stables as a school girl in 1972 to 1975. I would use the route on horseback regularly in my school holidays. We would take the route as it was the beginning of a longer ride towards Standish Lower Ground and always followed the same course. I would also use on foot in 1972 to 1975 period when I had been riding at Roocrofts and caught the bus home. I stopped horse riding on the route in 1975 as I got a part time job.
4. As an adult in 1993 I moved my horses to new stables near the route on a farm called Thompson House and started to use the path again. I was using the route at least monthly until Brian Aston agreed a sale of the farm and the livery yard was closed and my horses moved off. I would use the route much less after that as my horse was further away. I'd use the route more in winter, less in summer but on average once a month. I mostly rode with someone else. I can't recall seeing other riders on the route. I occasionally met walkers but would stand to one side, it was never a problem.
5. I've never seen any permanent or temporary blockage of the route. I have never known any stiles, gates or fences across the route.

6. I was never stopped or turned back when using the route. I have never heard of anyone else having been stopped or turned back using it with a horse.
7. I don't recall seeing any signs or notices.
8. I have never been told by an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the route or by anyone in their employment that horses should not be on it.
9. In summary I used the route on horseback from 1972 to 1975 and then from 1993 to 2013.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

Signed

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Hume', is written over a light yellow rectangular background.

Dated 20/8/26