

**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 EILEEN RYBKA

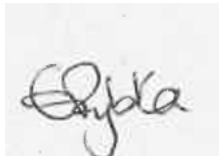
1. My name is Eileen Rybka and I live at 59 Holme Terrace Wigan WN1 2HG. I was born in 1956 and have lived locally. I am retired.
2. I completed a user evidence form in 2013 confirming my usage of the route that runs from Moss Lane via footpath 21 to Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. I signed a witness statement with a statement of truth on 17/9/2024.
3. I began riding at Roocroft Riding Stables as a school girl from 1966 to 1974. I was riding every weekend and school holidays. I would use that particular route to go out as a group of children with Judith from the stables.
4. I stopped using the route in 1974 as I joined the army and then married and had a family. From 1988 to 1998 I was looking after horses for a man in Standish and started using the route again. The man was called Frank Bullen. He owned Bullen Plant Hire and lived at Strickland House Farm on Standish Wood Lane. I believe some of his family still live there. He passed away quite a while ago. He was a member of the Holcombe Hunt for many years and was very well known in the area. It was a nice circular ride, I called it going round the block. For those years it was a huge part of my life 3 mornings every week for 10 years. From 1998 to 2010 I had my own horses stabled on Pepper lane and did the same ride regularly. I was using the route regularly, sometimes weekly, sometimes monthly. It was a nice ride about an hour and close to Pepper lane stables. In 2010 I had to have my horse Ben put to sleep and gave up horse riding. Using the route avoided the busy road near the motorway.

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 regularly from 1966 to 1974 and 1998 to 2010.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe the contents of this witness statement are true

Signed

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'E. J. P. K.' or similar, written in a cursive style.

Dated 21/8/26