

**Application to register as a town green,
land at Humpty Hill, Faringdon, Oxfordshire**

Witness Statement in support of the Application

1. I, Robert Stewart, of 15 Eagles, Faringdon, state that I have lived in Faringdon from birth (1980). From 1980 until 2013 I lived at 14 The Pines, from 2013 until January 2015 at Landview, Canada Lane, and now at 15 Eagles.
2. My first concrete memory of my usage of Humpty Hill would have been easter egg rolling in 1988 (although I'm sure I played there before). I believe this was the first year this event took place. Throughout my childhood myself and my friends used Humpty, particularly in the spring and summer for the usual childhood games or simply as a place to congregate which our parent considered to be safe. We would play in the long grass during the springtime and once the grass was cut we were able to play ball games or frisby. As I grew into my teenage years it became a place where the usual teenage activities would take place, walking, talking, congregating in the evenings as groups of teenagers love to do. It was peaceful and beautiful and we could be without hassle. Once I gained a driving licence (1998) my usage of Humpty Hill lessened. However, I have walked or jogged on Humpty several times each year since 1998. And on many occasions just sat on the steep part of the hill enjoying the view, peace and tranquility. On two or three occasions when in my teenage years we would sit and watch the air tattoo aircraft and of course if there is the slightest covering of snow we would be sledging. In more recent years, 2009 onward, I have skied there. On these occasions the hill is full with Faringdonians enjoying the same.
3. Growing up at 14 The Pines our living room window looks directly onto Canada Lane, which is one of the access routes to Humpty Hill. Each day people, with and without dogs pass, often the same people at the same time each day, en route to Humpty.
4. I have observed other people indulging in the following activities:
 - a. Walking, with and without dogs.
 - b. Kite Flying
 - c. Skiing
 - d. Snowboarding
 - e. Sledging
 - f. People sitting in the field admiring the view.

- g. Children playing.
- h. Teenagers Playing / Congregating.
- i. Football kickarounds.

- 5. I have observed the farmer (or his contractors) in the field. They have never spoken with me nor indicated that I should leave the field. I do remember once seeing a few cattle in the field. I believe this was in the late 1980's.
- 6. I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true

Signature:

Date:

(Please remember to also sign and date the front of the OCC map)