

Relevant periods considered: 1995 – 2015 and 1978 – 1998 (pre- Leafy Lanes Playing Field Ltd ownership)

No	Name	Address	Period of Use	Years in 1995 – 2015 period	Years in 1978 – 1998 period
1	Mr Terry Allen	13 Kidston Way, Rudloe, Wiltshire	1987 – 2015	20	11
2	Mrs Elizabeth Arkell	2 Kidston Way, Rudloe, Corsham, SN13 0JZ	Early 90s to 2015	20	c.6
3	Mrs Kathryn Barstow	2 Highlands Close, Rudloe, Corsham	1989 to 2015	20	9
4	Mr Michael Canham	8 Springfield Close, Corsham, SN13 0JP	1982 – 2015	20	8
5	Mrs Susan Canham	8 Springfield Close, Rudloe, Corsham, SN13 0JP	1982 – 2015	20	8
6	Mrs Marilyn Chubb	7 Ashwood Road, Rudloe, SN13 0LF	2002 – 2015	13	0
7	Mrs Olivia Cleverley	1 Highlands Close, Rudloe, Corsham, SN13 0LA	1972 – 2015	20	20
8	Mrs Gillian Cook	11 Springfield Close, Rudloe, Corsham, SN13 0JP	1970 – 79, 2000 – 2015, occ from 1985	20	3
9	Ms Angela Cornelius	21 Kidston Way, Leafy Lane, Rudloe, SN13 0JZ	1971 – 2015	20	20
10	Mrs Patricia Crowe	10 Kidston Way, Leafy Lane, Rudloe, SN13 0JZ	1973 – 2015	20	20
11	Mr Robert Davies	88 Springfield Close, Corsham, SN13 0JR	1976 – 2015	20	20
12	Mr Stafford Peter Davis	6 Kidston Way, Rudloe, Corsham, SN13 0JZ	1972 – 2015	20	20
13	Mrs Margaret Duxbury	19 Springfield Close, Rudloe, Corsham, SN13 0JR	1985 – 2015	20	13
14	Mr Robin Duxbury	19 Springfield Close, Rudloe, Corsham, SN13 0JR	1985 – 2015	20	13
15	Mr David Gale	12 The Links, Hawthorn, Corsham, SN13 0NX	1994 – 2015	20	4
16	Mrs Mary Gale	27 Pine Close, Corsham	2007 – 2015	8	0
17	Mr Alex Gilmour	10 The Links, Hawthorn, Corsham, SN13 0NX	2009 – 2015	6	0
18	Mrs Susan Griffith	66 Ashwood Road, Rudloe, SN13 0LG	2000 – 2015	15	0
19	Mrs Patricia Chater	6 Springfield Close, Corsham, SN13 0JP	2007 – 2015	8	0
20	Mr John Harrill	15 Kidston Way, Rudloe, SN13 0JZ	1998 – 2015	17	0
21	Ms Victoria Hess	11 Ashwood Road, Rudloe, Corsham, SN13 0LF	2010 – 2015	5	0
22	Mrs Celia Hopkins	80 Springfield Close, Corsham, SN13 0JR	1978 – 2015	20	20
23	Mrs Samantha Ledbury	38 Pine Close, Corsham, SN13 0LB	2011 – 2015	4	0
24	Mrs Susan Mackie	24 Park Avenue, Corsham, SN13 0JT	2014 – 2015	1	0
25	Mr Howard Manthley	74 Springfield Close, Rudloe, SN13 0JR	1991 – 2015	20	7

No	Name	Address	Period of Use	Years in relevant period	Years in 1976 – 1998 period
26	Mrs Sarah Miles	56 Springfield Close, Rudloe Park, SN13 0JR	1980 – 2015	20	18
27	David and Patricia Moore	8 Kidston Way, Leafy Lane, Rudloe, SN13 0JZ	2000 – 2015	15	0
28	Mrs Juliet Powell	15 Pine Close, Rudloe	2009 – 2015	6	0
29	Mr Kevin Short	12 Pine Close, Rudloe, Corsham	1982 – 2015	20	16
30	Mr Anthony Simpson	72 Springfield Close, Corsham, SN13 0JR	1998 – 2015	17	0
31	Mr Christopher Tarbitten	86 Springfield Close, Rudloe, SN13 0JR	2005 – 2015	10	0
32	Mrs Pauline Tiley	48 Pine Close, Rudloe, Corsham	1971 – 2015	20	20
33	Mr Richard Turner	29 Springfield Close, Rudloe, SN13 0JR	1980 – 1999 and 2006 – present	13	18
34	Mr Paul Turner	29 Springfield Close, Rudloe, Corsham	1975 – 2015	20	20
35	Mrs Esther Turner	29 Springfield Close Rudloe, SN13 0JR	1976 – 2015	20	20
36	Mr William Turner	3 Highland Close, Rudloe	1972 – 2015	20	20
37	Mrs Constance Uncles	4 Highlands Close, Rudloe Park, SN13 0LA	1980 – 2015	20	18
38	Mrs Stella Vain	15 Springfield Close, Rudloe, Corsham, SN13 0JR	1968 – 2015	20	20
39	Mr Samuel Wadkin Snaith	37 Pine Close, Corsham, SN13 0LB	1981 – 2015	20	17
40	Mrs Madeleine Wright	40 Ashwood Road, Rudloe, Corsham, SN13 0LF	1975 – 2015	20	20
41	Mr David Wright	40 Ashwood Road, Corsham, SN13 0LF	1975 – 2015	20	20
42	Dr David Wright	14 Kidston Way, Rudloe, Corsham, Wiltshire	1996 – 2015	19	0

No	Frequency	Other users	Signs	Stiles or gates	Permission	Challenge	Was the Owner aware?
1	In 1988 regularly	People walking dogs	No	Stile onto Quarry Hill road	No	No	Yes, I have used this route on many occasions and never been questioned
2	Twice daily	Walkers, riders and cyclists	Yes, 3 indicating where walkers should go	Bar gate at entrance to woods unlocked gate to side	No	No	Yes, because of the signage showing where people can walk, the footpath is unobstructed and kept clear
3	Twice daily	Walkers and pushchairs	Yes at Leafy Lane entrance	Stile at Leafy Lane and Boxfield Road gate at Leafy lane	Yes Leafy Lane Playing Field designated the area as "dog walking area" when they took over in 1998?	No	Yes, previous owner I was told was aware but did not mind. Current owners designated the area for dog walker etc so granting permission for public access Identifies change in route across field c.1998
4	Daily	Yes frequently walkers	No	No	No	No	Yes, because the area concerned is adjacent to the present owner(s)
5	2 to 3 times per week	Other people walking	No	Stile at exit onto Tunnel	No	no	Yes, sports area is adjacent to the wooded area

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6	3 times per week	Other dog walkers	Not known	Gate on Leafy Lane Stile on Boxfields Road	No	No	Yes, because for years most residents of the area like to use the woods for walking and the owners are well aware of this
7	Daily	Yes other dog walkers and children playing	Yes at nearest point to football club and at second entrance off Leafy Lane	Originally a stile near the bus stop – not maintained and no longer there. Gates at the middle entrance off Leafy Lane	I consider that the map erected on signs at the entrances to the woods showing the authorised routes to take through the woods confirmed the rights of way ie gave permission	No	Yes, because when the football club opened signs showing the rights of way for dog walkers were put up at the entrance points. Two of those signs are still up but faded and illegible due to age. Before the football club took over the woods it was regularly used by families and dog walkers

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8	Approx 5 times per week	Yes, walkers, buggies, small children on bikes, runners	Yes signs for dog walkers permission as they aren't allowed to use adjoining fields. Signs showed a plan of the woods erected about 15 yrs ago now defaced/faded	2 gates never locked	No	No	Yes, previously mentioned dog walking signs with map on each erected by landowner and visual sightings/meetings of landowners in wood
9	Daily	Yes walkers and cyclists	Yes, map of path on a sign off Leafy Lane	Gate off Leafy Lane never locked	No	No	Yes, 3 paths from Leafy Lane are obviously used continuously by a lot of people
10	Twice a day on numerous occasions	Yes walkers cyclists and a horse	No	2 gates off Leafy Lane, pedestrian gate open. Broken stile near to sub station	No	No	Yes, because a previous owner/occupier put up stiles once the paths became wider and it was obvious that the public were using the wood for recreational purposes as the bars of the fence by the stile on Leafy Lane were gradually removed. No one attempted to repair the fence. The pedestrian gate has never been locked for over 40 yrs to my knowledge

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11	Daily	Many walkers	Yes faded sign put up by current landowner inviting access	Stile at leafy lane entrance put in c. 1992	In about 1992 Clive Freeman of Freeman Agricultural Engineers put up a stile because he was aware of the public walking the path	No	Yes because of the well worn path through the woods and he would see them or his agent or tenant. I have old photos dating back many years I could produce in evidence if necessary. They are of sentimental value so I have not enclosed them.
12	Daily	Other walkers	I believe there were signposts marking footpath many years ago	Not answered	Not answered	No	Yes, I have lived on Leafy lane for the last 40 years and myself and neighbours have used the footpath daily
13	Daily until 2012 now 2 or 3 times per week	Many times dog walking	Football club put up signs and map	No	No	No	Yes
14	At one time daily now 2 or 3 times per week	Always and walking	Signs and plans were put up by the football club but have largely	No	No but presumed permission by omission	Not in 30+ yrs nor have heard of anyone	Yes, the chairman of the football club lives opposite and it is obvious on a daily basis you observe the number of people using it. When the weather is wet the entries off Leafy Lane

			gone or faded			else	quickly turn to mud leaving a myriad of tracks
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15	3 times per week	Yes walkers	Not answered	Not answered	No	No	Yes because no restrictions have been put into place
16	Twice daily	Yes walkers	Not really	2 gates one stile	Always used it	No	Yes because everyone used it
17	Every 2 or 3 days	Yes walkers	Signage marking permissive route at entrance	Stile on Boxfields Road	No	No	Yes, permissive path signage in place and route clearance undertaken in 2014 as well as hedge cutting along the rear of the route
18	Each weekend	Yes on foot	No	Stile at Boxfields Road	No	No	Yes, in the 15 years of using the woodland I have seen many people/families enjoying the woodland for recreational purposes and have at no time been or seen any member of the public challenged for using the woodland walk
19	Several times per week	Yes walking	Plan of area sign on Leafy lane	Open access	No just assumed permission from signs and plan	No	Yes, open access and paths used constantly from early morning until night time. Paths kept well defined by constant use
20	Twice daily	Yes other dog walkers	On Leafy Lane entrances	Gate on entering but never locked	No	No	Yes because of signposted dog walk
21	Monthly	Yes other walkers	No	No	No	No	Yes, walkers are visible from the playing fields owned by the football club who own the woodland too

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22	Daily	Walkers and joggers	No	Stile at bus stop. Early 90s farmer had cows in woodland	No	No	Yes, owner must have been aware of use as the paths as shown on plan have not changed and are paths that are well trodden and have been for many years
23	Twice per week	Walkers with dogs and children	No	No	No	No I had no idea until now that it was private	Yes, the footpath is heavily used and well established
24	4 or 5 times per week	Walkers	No	Yes, never locked	No	No	Yes, path is occasionally cleared and strimmed and there is a large gate leading onto the path, permanently unbolted
25	Daily when possible	Yes	Faded signs on lower 2 Leafy Lane entrances	Stile at Boxfield Road	No	No	Yes, many people – adults and children use the paths so I believe the owner is aware of the public using the paths and has no objection
26	Daily	Walkers	No	Gate onto Leafy Lane never locked	No	No	Yes, it is obvious to the owners that the track is used and is my belief that they are fully aware
27	Twice a day variously	Walkers and cyclists	No	Stile at Boxfields, small gate never locked	No	No	Yes, in my opinion the owner/occupier must be aware of the pathways and broken fence as to my knowledge have been there over 15 years
28	Twice a week	Walkers	Woodland sign	Gate never locked	No	No	Yes, there are no private signs. There are gates, paths even a sign showing the wood but it is old

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29	Now weekly was daily	Walkers	Maps of permitted walking routes at each gateway	Gate never secured	No	No	Yes – 30 years of public use. Consultation with the parish council over changes made to nearby sports fields including area known as “the Carriageway”
30	Daily	Often – walkers and runners	Yes indicating dog walking area at main entrance points and Boxfield Rd and sports field	Gates were never locked	Use indicated by signage		Yes, well worn paths, signs indicating dog walking areas, grass cutting, fence repairs to separate the dog walkers form the sports field, written appeals to keep dogs off the playing fields
31	Twice per day	Fellow dog walkers daily	No	Stile on Boxfields Rd vehicle and pedestrian gate on Leafy Lane	No	No	Yes, one of the dog walkers I meet is the chairman of Leafy Lane Playing Fields Ltd
32	Twice a day	Other dog walkers	No	Stile at Boxfields road	No	No	Yes, because nobody ever asked why I was there and don't know of anybody that was asked
33	Daily but not between 199 and 2006	Walkers	No	No	No	No	Yes because there are clear footpaths established where there are gaps in fences and clear entrances for people to access the woods

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34	Daily to 2006 then 2 per week	Frequently walkers	Originally 4 (1996?) now 2. Signs indicate it is a recreational area. Maybe no right of way sign on tree pre 1996	Gates on Leafy lane, vehicular one never used	Since 1996 permission given by Leafy Lane Playing Fields Ltd and special resolution 1997 and letter 1999	no	Yes, the Special Resolution 1997 states “to provide for the inhabitants of Corsham and surrounding areas in the interests of social welfare facilities for recreation and leisure”. Letter of 1999 states “This will create a circular dog walk around the majority of the site in addition to the large wooded area to the north” and “ an extended dog walking area is being provided around...we have always intended that the site be sensibly used by the whole community.”
35	Daily	Yes dog walkers and children playing	Years ago, in the 1970s at leafy Lane near a gateway (no longer there)	?	No	No	Yes Mr Padfield who was the previous owner was aware back in the 70s that people walked through the adjoining fields to the woods – and when Leafy Lane Playing Fields were aware of people walking for leisure either with or without dogs – they are the current owners of the wood since 1995
36	Daily	Yes dog walkers and children playing	Sign post at southerly Leafy Lane entrance instructing dog walkers	Stile	Sign informing dog walkers of the direction to proceed	No	Yes, sign informing dog walkers of the direction to proceed
37	At least weekly	Yes walkers	Not answered	Not answered	No	No	Yes

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38	2 or 3 times per week	Regularly walkers	Notice at entrance showing route of footpath now faded	Stile onto Boxfields road open entrance to Leafy Lane	No	No	Yes, the owner diverted part of the footpath to go around conversion to a football/cricket pitch instead of across
39	3 times per week	Yes walkers	No	Stile at Boxfields Rd	No	No	Don't know
40	Twice daily now 3 times per week	Yes	Way marking posts indicating dog walking route and at Leafy lane	Large gate with small gate	No was not aware permission was required	No	Yes he/she did not have a problem with public using the pathway
41	3 times a day	Yes dog walkers	Yes	Stile at Boxfields Road end	No	No	Yes footpaths through were defined by them
42	Daily	Walkers and dogs	No	Stile at Boxfields Rd end	No	No	Yes, yellow signs describe primary path and signs advising dog walkers not to soil the area

Widths: 2.5, 2.5, 2.5, 2.5, variable, 3, 2.5, 1.5 – 4.0, 2.5, variable, 2 – 4, 3, 1.5, 3, variable, variable, 1 – 4, 1 – 3, 3 – 4, 0.5 – 4, 1.5, 3.5, 1.5, 1, 3.5, 2, 2, 1 – 4.5, 1 – 4, 1 – 3, variable, variable, 1, 2, 1, 2.5, 1 – 3, 1.5

Submitted Plans:

The application is to record three paths through the woodland. These have been labelled Paths 1 (the main path), 2 and 3 by officers as shown below:



Witnesses have submitted their own plans of where they walk. Some witnesses have walked all of the claimed routes, some only parts of them and others different paths. As a result the plans have been compared with the application plan and listed below where reasonable agreement is shown.

Summary of Use – all periods

Route 1	Route 1	Route 1	Route 2	Route 2	Route 3	Route 3
1	20	36	3	40 (part)	2	26
2 (wood only)	21	37	6 (approx)	41	3	28
3	22	38 (part)	7 (approx)	42	4 (part)	30 (part)
4 (part)	23 (wood only)	39	8 (approx)	17	5 (part)	31
5 (part)	24	40	9	19	6	32
6	25	41	10	Total 21	7	33
7	26	42	14 (approx)		8	34
8	27	17 (pt)	16 (approx)		9	36 (part)
9 (wood only)	28	19	24 (part)		10	38
10	29 (wood only)	Total 41	28 (part)		13	40 (part)
11	30		30		14	41
12	31		31		16	42
13	32		33		18	17 (part)
14	33		34		20	19
16	34		35		24	Total 29
18	35		36 (part)		25	

NB Witnesses 15,17,19 and 27 had not submitted sufficiently completed plans. As a result new blank plans were sent 20.11.15. Plans for witnesses 17 and 19 were returned,