

## MERE: FOOTPATH 78 EDGEBRIDGE - SUMMARY OF WITNESS STATEMENTS

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS	STATUS	PERIOD OF USE	FREQUENCY/ NATURE OF USE	CHALLENGES	NOTICES	PERMISSION	COMMENTS
Mr. M. Avery 15 Bramley Hill Mere	BR	1945-58	Quite often when small. Has watered horses there.	Never	Never	As it was public, permission not necessary	Used it from childhood as access to the river. Has seen cart horses and ponies watered there. Gate has recently shut-off access.
Mr. A. Howell Limpers Hill Mere	BR	1948-51 Has known it for 53 years	Played in the location with friends	No	In 1998 a gate was erected and marked 'Private'	No	
Mr. B. Howell Limpers Hill Mere	BR	Has known it from the 1920s to date. Used it regularly in the 1920s and 30s.	Regular in childhood	No	Recent gate marked 'Private'	No	In the 20s and 30s cattle and horses were watered in the river. The blacksmith was on the corner.
Mr. G. Mills 10 Clements Lane Mere		1926-97	Used it most days as a child. Now 2 or 3 times a week.	No but his neighbour was turned away while washing dog. At Parish Council meeting the owner stated that it was not a public path.	No	No	Watering place for horses
Mr. P. Norris Forgurils Mill Lane Mere	FP	1954-93	1954-63 used 10 times a year. 1963 to 1993 used on odd occasions.	No	No	No	Used by children and adults
Mr. S. Pearce Maltot Shaftesbury Road Mere		1948-97	Daily on foot	Gate erected and locked. At a Parish Council meeting owner of 2 Edgebridge said it was private.	'Private' notice on gate	No	Used it for vehicle cleaning, garden watering, animal welfare
Mr. R. Sams Glendon Castle Street Mere	FP to bucket dip	Known it for 70 years. Used 1947-51.	Daily	No	No	No - this was public	The bucket dip was in use before 1920
Mr. B. Sheppard 21 Lordsmead Road Mere	BR	1944-94	Once a week in Summer at least	No	No	No	The path is the access to the Shreen for the people of Mere, known as "The Dipping". Horses are led there to drink.
Mr. K. Stone 56 White Road Mere	FP	1960-80	12 times a year on foot	No	No	No	Has always been access to the river
Mrs. G. Wines 56 Bramley Hill Mere	BR	1916-21 then occasionally	Played there as a child once a week	1998 gate erected	Gate marked 'Private'	No	Was always open to everyone

