

PRESHUTE: FOOTPATH 30 - SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

NAME	PERIOD OF USE	COMMENTS
Baring A.	1975 to present time	Uses it on foot and horseback to exercise horses on the Downs at least twice a year. Sees other people walking, riding and cycling. Always followed the same route. The way was signposted as a bridleway. Was always open, now large gate locked. In September signs at either end erected saying Footpath only, no cyclists. Never stopped, challenged, nor given permission to use it.
Byrne A.	1988 - 1990	Rode it from Manton Stables to Valley of Stones 20 times a year as part of job. Never obstructed, turned back nor been given permission to ride it. Owner was aware people were using the way. Saw others riding it.
Carter G.	1962 - present day	Has ridden it since childhood onto the downs for recreation and to visit farm and stock at Maisey. Use several times a year, gate onto A4 never locked, never stopped or challenged in 41 years nor given permission to use it. Landowner knew people were riding it as up to 20 horses use it regularly in the summer. Other people use it. Taken riding for the disabled groups and riding school clients along it.
Deuchar	1967 - present day	Has walked along it as they have lived there since 1993, visited previous owner of Clatford Farm from 1967-93. Has seen riders using it. New metal gate erected across it near her house in 1999-2000, side gate for horses. Gate out on to A4 replaced in about 1998-99 with wicket gate for walkers and horses, was signed as bridleway now removed. Previous owner welcomed walkers and riders and led riders to believe it was a bridleway and provided access for them. Use by 10-20 riders at summer weekends, less during the winter.
Humphris D.	2000 - present	Used by riders in the village, access to the Downs. Rides it twice a week. Did have a bridleway sign but this has been removed and new owners have locked one of the gates. Footpath only, no cyclists sign erected early September. Currently access through side hunting gate. Never told not to use it, never had permission, used as of right.
Johnson J.	1989 - 1995	Has used it on foot and horseback but horse died in 1995. Used it as access to the Downs 2-3 times a week with 2-5 or so other people. Also seen other people riding on it. Was signed a bridleway. In 1998 gate erected with a hunt gate alongside - not locked. Never stopped. Previous owner positively encouraged users, not all users were locals, open at all times since 1982.
Lovelace K.	2000 - present	Part of route onto the Downs on a daily basis seen other people riding on it. Bridleways sign at A4 and by the Hall, sign now stating footpath only – cyclists. Never stopped, challenged or given permission to use it. Always open. Often saw previous owner when using it.
Lyons S.	1998 - present	Route recommended and uses it as part of a circular route about 5 times a year. Has seen other riders on it. Never challenged nor had permission to use it. Seen residents and owners whilst using it.
Penn J.	1987 - present	Ridden it as access to the Downs and seen other people riding it. Uses it on a monthly basis. Signed as bridleway off A4 and on track. Gate never locked, route always open, never been stopped or challenged. Previous owner gave her permission.

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Peyton C.	2000 - present	Thinks it is a byway, uses it about 24 times a year access to the Downs. Used by other riders from the yard at Manton. Gate at A4 now sometimes locked. Never stopped or challenged nor given permission.
Riley R.	2001 - 2003	Was told it was a bridleway by people at the yard at Manton. Uses it on horseback 20 times a year and has seen other riders on it. Never been stopped or challenged nor given permission to ride it. Previous landowner rode it herself and believed it to be a bridleway.
Ryan S.	1981 - present	Used it as access to the Downs to exercise horse about every week to get horse fit for events, less in the summer. Saw many people riding along it. Was signposted as a bridleway, always open, gates unlocked. Never stopped, challenged, permission to use it was not necessary. Spoke to previous owner while riding and never commented.
Ryan A.	1981 - 2003	Used it once a month, even with the previous landowner, signed bridleway, never challenged or given permission to use it.
Ryan A.J.	1981 - present	Rode it as access to the Downs about twice a month. Believes it was signed as a bridleway from the A4 on the route. Never challenged or stopped, used as of right.
Scaramanga P.	1988 - 2003	Rode from crossroads stables on to the Downs two or three times a week. There was bridleway sign off A4 and at the hall but both removed. Gates were not locked, new signs either end stating footpath only no cyclists. Never stopped or challenged, used of right.
Scrimgeour	1967 - 1995	Owner in the 1960s told her it was a bridleway. Used it as the best access to the Downs at least 3 or 4 times a week usually with 2 or more horses and ponies. Used by daughter. Frequently saw other people riding it as it provides the safest access crossing of the A4. Gates always unlocked. Never challenged or stopped. Always been recognised as a bridleway by the three previous owners.
Slee	1987 - present	Rides it with daughter, uses it on a daily basis, sees other riders on it. Was signed as a bridleway by the hall. Gates never locked, always open. Never challenged but bridleway sign has been removed. Permission to use it not necessary. Recent owner actively encourages use of it, rode it herself. Local hunt used it.
Staddon	1962 - 1997	As a child rode it every weekend. Over the years has ridden it 5 out of 7 days a week for 6 months in the year. Frequently saw other riders using it and the Tedworth Hunt. Was signed as a bridleway off the A4 and by the Hall. Gates never locked. Never stopped, challenged, rode it as of right.
Tilstone	2003	Provided safer crossing of the A4 to get on to the Downs. Saw other riders on it. Gates never locked, never stopped, challenged or had permission to use it.