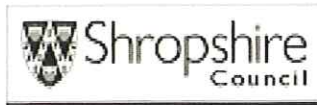


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APPLICATION FOR DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER

DEFINITIVE MAP OF RIGHTS OF WAY FOR SHROPSHIRE

To: The Outdoor Recreation Manager

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Applicant's Statement for Weston Woods

We strongly believe that all the footpaths around Weston woods (see map attached) that are already in maps, GPS and walking guides should be added to the Definitive Map of public footpaths.

All these maps and social historical accounts show that the use of these footpaths and tracks inside Weston woods were essential in the every day lives of local villagers for centuries. Even to this day several people still use them to visit friends and relatives around Wem, Lee Brockhurst, Moston and Stanton.

The information on the Geocaching map is very relevant because it shows a constant traffic of walkers through the woods. Their dated log entries are first accounts of the general activity in the woods. Some of the entries describe the paths, tracks, lanes and other information. The North Shropshire Hunt uses the woods quite often. Also when Tilhill was going to be in the woods logging or clearing the cryn (restricted byway) they would put notices up to let people know (See below). The restricted byway and the rest of the tracks and paths are used by hundreds of people every year and not only by the locals. Tilhill always keep them clear and in the aftermath of a storm they will come and move any fallen down trees.

The Potteries Orienteering Club's records show that local landowners were happy to let people use the woods for certain activities. It shows that Tilhill knew that other people walked the woods and that while these events took place other walkers were also in the woods.

Through their surveying, the maps show exactly the location of all the footpaths and tracks. These footpaths and tracks have not change since our earliest map shows in 1880 nor have been diverted in any way.

Top track could well fit into the category of common land and historically the adjacent fields had several owners. According to the Land Registry Top Track is not registered to anyone. Therefore the access can't be restricted or blocked by Mr. Muhiddin.

All the correspondence with the new owner shows an unwillingness to negotiate any access to the woods. Mr. Stock, his manager/handyman has confirmed that the three gates are coming back to the restricted byway as soon as the animals arrive and they are going to be closed.

From the A49 are several public footpaths that lead directly into the woods and eventually into Weston under Redcastle. Just before they enter the woods they are recorded as public footpaths and once inside they are just footpaths. Nevertheless people still have used them as an extension of the public footpaths.

All of this evidence shows that Weston woods are to this day very popular with walkers and historically even had a couple of Roman roads through it.

List of evidence

1. Maps and social history of Weston woods
2. Potteries Orienteering club in Weston woods
3. Walking guides to Weston woods
4. Top Track in Weston Heath Coppice
5. Geocaching in Weston woods
6. Kadri Muhiddin

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Christine Moodie

CHRISTINE MOODIE 6.9.15.

List of evidence Weston woods

Maps and social history of Weston Woods

1. Weston Woods 1880 Map Francis Frith Collection
2. Second Edition, Northern or Newport Division 1902 map of Weston and Wixhill
3. Detail of 1880 and Shropshire council map 2015
4. Potteries Orienteering club map 2012 and Shropshire council map 2015
5. '*Shropshire Parish Register Society*' copy of book published March 1911
6. '*Under the Redcastle*' History and tales from the village of Weston under Redcastle from around 1900 to the year 2000ad published 2000
7. The London Gazette copy of articles published 29th April 1988 and 6th May 1988

Potteries Orienteering Club in Weston Woods

Potteries Orienteering Club article first published in The Potter January 2005

1. Weston Heath & Bury Walls Potteries Orienteering Club map 2012
2. Weston Heath & Bury Walls Potteries Orienteering Club map 2005
3. Weston Heath & Bury Walls Potteries Orienteering Club map 1982
4. Potteries Orienteering Club, extract from events at Weston Heath
5. Letter from Brigadier Sir Alexander Stainer dated 6th August 1987
6. Letter from Sir Beville Stanier dated 15th November 2005
7. Letter from Tilhill Forestry dated 08 February 2005

Walking guides to Weston Woods

- A) '*20 Walks in and around Shrewsbury*' by Shropshire Ramblers published 2012
- B) '*Walks to wet your whistle*' by Roger Seedhouse published 1997
 1. The Cryn photo - Restricted byway 2012
 2. The Cryn photo - Restricted byway 2015

Top Track in Weston Heath Coppice

1. Photo of notices
2. Photos of gate and fences
3. A and B - Weston Heath & Bury Walls Potteries Orienteering Club map 1982
4. '*Landed Estates and the Gentry*' by Anthony Ruscoe published 1998

Geocaching in Weston Woods

1. Geocaching.com map of Weston woods
2. 15 Farmers frolics - Utree
3. 16 Farmers frolic - Oak Squirrel
4. 17 Farmers frolic - Tree

5. 18 Farmers frolic – What a tree
6. 19 Farmers frolic – Off the track
7. 20 Farmers frolic – Log it
8. 21 Farmers frolic – Monster tree
9. 22 Farmers frolic – Ho Ho Ho

Kadri Muhiddin

1. John Clegg & Co sales particular Weston Woods
2. A and B Letter from Mr. K. Muhiddin dated 29th June 2015 and map from John Clegg & Co of Weston Woods
3. Letting particulars of 12 Weston Heath from Strutt and Parker dated 17th August 2015
4. 2 photocopies of Shropshire Star articles, one published 15th July 2015 and the other published 25th July 2015

Applicants's Statement