



In the Matter of Parish Land near Kimbers Coppice,  
Winterbourne, Berkshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Parish Land near Kimbers Coppice, Winterbourne, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG 49 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Berkshire County Council of which no person is registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 as the owner.

Following upon the public notice of this reference Mr E J Saunderson claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and Mr A H Just, the Clerk of the Winterbourne Parish Meeting, claimed to have information as to its ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Newbury on 31 January 1978.

At the hearing Mr Saunderson was represented by Mr A S MacArthur, solicitor, and Mr Just appeared in person.

By an assent made 26 July 1961 by Mrs Rosalie Alice Saunderson, the personal representative of the late Mr Armar Dayrolles Saunderson, the land in question was vested in Mr Edward John Hardress Saunderson. Mr A D Saunderson acquired the land by virtue of an indenture made 21 November 1919 between (1) Mary Leigh Best (2) A D Saunderson. Since 1961 Mr E J H Saunderson has been in possession of the land by shooting over it and by authorising other persons to shoot over it.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr E J H Saunderson is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Berkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register him as the owner of the land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965.

I am required by regulation 30(1) of the Commons Commissioners Regulations 1971 to explain that a person aggrieved by this decision as being erroneous in point of law may, within 6 weeks from the date on which notice of the decision is sent to him, require me to state a case for the decision of the High Court.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 1978

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER