



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference Nos. 20/5/132  
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In the Matter of the Village Greens at  
(1) Wardle Fold and (2) Knowle Syke, both in  
Wardle, Rochdale Borough, Greater Manchester

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DECISION

These references relate to the question of the ownership of lands known as the Village Green at (1) Wardle Fold and (2) Knowle Syke, Rochdale Borough (formerly Wardle Urban District) being the lands comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit (1) No. VG.57 and (2) VG.58 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Greater Manchester (formerly Lancashire) 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 these references no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the lands in question and no person claimed to have information as to their ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Salford on 10 December 1975. At the hearing East Lancashire Commons Association, on whose application these registrations were made, were represented by Mr W. Lloyd their secretary.

Mr Lloyd said (in effect):- These lands are joined to the nearby farms by rough access roads and had so he understood, in old times been used by the farmers as places where coal and lime and other materials could be tipped (deposited and left) by the vendors until such time as the farmers could conveniently take them onto their farms. Wardle Fold Green (VG.57) had also he understood been used by those living nearby for hanging out washing. His Society had no certain evidence of ownership, although some of the members thought that the VG.57 land may belong to Messrs J and A Jackson who run Brown Cow Farm on the north.

In the absence of any evidence, I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the lands and I shall accordingly direct the Greater Manchester County Council, as registration authority, to register Rochdale Borough Council as the owner of the lands under section 8(3) 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 1975

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner