



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 227/U/16.

In the Matter of land northwest of Beadnell Square,  
Beadnell, Berwick upon Tweed District,  
Northumberland.

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DECISION.

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land northwest of Beadnell Square, Beadnells, Berwick upon Tweed District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 55 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Northumberland 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no person 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 Berwick upon Tweed on 17 June 1975. At the hearing Beadnell Parish Council were represented by Mrs. F.E. Morton their clerk and Mrs. I.M. Douglas one of their members.

They said (in effect):-The land up to about 1937 was by the side of the road from Seahouses (about 2 miles to the north) which ran by the coast before turning west to St. Ebba's Church in the middle of the Village; at that time it was waste land (only good for rabbits). In about 1937 the County Council made a new road north of the Village leaving at the junction with the old road a triangular piece (the land in question) next the coast. It was planted with trees but they had not taken, probably because the site is too exposed to sea spray; it is now an open piece of grassland. To the southeast there used to be a hollow square of fishermen's cottages known as Beadnell Square; these cottages were pulled down before the 1939-45 War; now Beadnell Square is vacant ground where people going on to the beach park their cars. They could offer no evidence of ownership of the land in question.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land and I shall accordingly direct the Northumberland County Council as registration authority, to register Beadnell Parish Council as the owner of the land 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 25<sup>th</sup> — day of June 1975.

*a. a. Bates Fuller*

Commons Commissioner.