



In the Matter of Land to the East of St James Church  
at Church Lane, Riding Mill, Broomhaugh and Riding,  
Northumberland

## DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land to the east of St James Church at Church Lane, Riding Mill, Broomhaugh and Riding, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 51 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former 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 one 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 Hedham on 27 October 1981.

At the hearing the Broomhaugh and Riding Parish Council was represented by Dr C J Robinson, one of its members. Dr Robinson said that the Parish Council had maintained the land for many years, but he did not appear to have any evidence which would support the acquisition of a possessory title.

In the absence of such 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 the 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

13<sup>th</sup>

day of

November

1981

Chief Commons Commissioner