



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 27/U/56

In the Matter of Newton Common,  
Newton-by-the-Sea, Alnwick District,  
Northumberland

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Newton Common, Newton-by-the-Sea, Alnwick District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL. 26 in the Register of Common Land 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 Chas Percy & Son Solicitors of Alnwick on behalf of Mrs M J A Slater of Leaholme sent a copy of a letter dated 27 February 1925 written by Mr Noel Villiers to the Clerk of Alnwick Rural District Council apparently on behalf of four persons who at the time considered themselves to be the owners: Mrs Slater's view was that the Rural District Council were the owners. In a letter dated 23 January 1973 the Clerk of Alnwick Rural District Council said that his Council did not wish to claim ownership. No person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no other 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 Alnwick on 21 June 1977. There was no appearance at the hearing.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and it will therefore remain subject to protection under section 9 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of June — 1977

a. a. Baden Fuller

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Commons Commissioner