



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.2/U/12

In the Matter of East Hanney Green,  
East Hanney, Berkshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as East Hanney Green, East Hanney, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.23 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the 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 the East Hanney Parish Council 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 Reading on 5th October 1972.

At the hearing evidence was given by Mr. H.R. Shepherd, the Clerk of the East Hanney Parish Council, who has lived in the parish for 54 years. During the whole of Mr. Shepherd's memory the Parish Council has looked after the Green and has treated it as if it were its property. In particular, the Council collected tolls for a fair each year until 1969 and has allowed two householders to lay drains across the Green on the payment of lump sums. On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Berkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the East Hanney Parish Council 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1972

Chief Commons Commissioner