



In the Matter of Maidengrove Scrubs, Swyncombe,  
Oxfordshire

DECISION

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This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Maidengrove Scrubs, Swyncombe, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 96 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former Oxfordshire 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 Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Naturalists' Trust Ltd 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 Oxford on 20 July 1978.

At the hearing the Naturalists Trust was represented by Mr R C S Low, its Secretary.

The land in question was conveyed to the Naturalists Trust by a conveyance made 29 December 1967 between (1) Rosa Edith Bond (2) Barclays Bank Ltd (3) Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Naturalists Trust Ltd.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Naturalists Trust is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Oxfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register it 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 3rd day of August 1978

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER