



In the Matter of land south of St. Ebba's Church,
Beadnell, Berwick upon Tweed District,
Northumberland

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land south of St. Ebba's Church, Beadnell, Berwick upon Tweed District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.49 in the Register of Town or Village Greens 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 Beadenell 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 is open grass land in front of the church. An old inhabitant who recently died at the age of 93, had said that he as a boy used to play there. It has probably been a public open space since the Church was built (said to be 1706). Recently village teas have been held on it. They could offer no evidence of ownership.

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 Beadnells 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 24th — day of June 1975.

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner.