



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 2/U/4

In the Matter of Kine Croft,  
Wallingford, Berkshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Kine Croft, Wallingford, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.3 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 Wallingford Corporation claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and Sir John Hedges 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. B.R.G. Brewster, the Town Clerk of Wallingford. It appears from documents in Mr. Brewster's custody that Kine Croft has been the property of the Wallingford Corporation since at least as early as 1342. The Corporation still enjoys the rents and profits of the land. The matter is so clear that it does not seem to be necessary to go into the evidence in detail.

I am therefore satisfied that the Wallingford Corporation is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Berkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Corporation 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 25th day of October 1972

  
Chief Commons Commissioner