



## COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.33/U/1

In the Matter of Woodmill Common,  
Yoxhall, Tutbury R.D., Staffordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Woodmill Common, Yoxhall, Tutbury Rural District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.CL.8 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Staffordshire 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and Mr. R. B. Lea, the clerk of the Tutbury Rural District Council in a letter dated 29 December 1972 said: when he registered this land under the Commons Act he did some research and it appeared that at the time of the Enclosure Awards (1812) the land in that area belonged to the Lord of the Agardesly Manor who was then Earl Talbot (his estate subsequently passed to the Lords Shrewsbury); he understood that many years ago this area was in the adjoining parish of Hamstall Ridware, the then Parish Council sold a marl pit to Lord Lichfield; at one time the Yoxhall Parish Council maintained some white wooden posts which surrounded the Woodmill Common but these have since disappeared. No other person claimed to have information as to the ownership of the land.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Stafford on 22 May 1973. No person attended 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 be 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 1973.

a. a. Baden Fuller

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Commons Commissioner