

**THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT OF
PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

**THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL UPGRADING OF WRIGHTINGTON
FOOTPATH 21 TO BRIDLEWAY BETWEEN MOSS LANE AND MOSSY LEA
ROAD, WRIGHTINGTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH**

DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2016

WITNESS STATEMENT OF DEBBIE GRAY

1. My name is Debbie Gray and I live at 17 Pateley Square, Wigan WN6 7HG. I was born in 1978 and I live locally. I am employed as a primary school teaching assistant.
2. I completed a user evidence form in 2013 confirming my usage of the route that runs from Moss Lane via footpath 21 to Mossy Lea Road, Wroughtington. I signed a witness statement with a statement of truth on 22/9/2024.
3. I began riding at Roocroft Riding Stables as a school girl in 1986. I was riding every Saturday, Sunday and school holidays. I would use that particular route to go further afield in my school holidays and we always followed the same course, a circular ride from Standish to Wroughtington. We would go out in a big group of children with Judith from the stables.
4. I was a groom for Tim Calderbank's family in Wroughtington 1995 to 2001 and used the route weekly to exercise their horses. I changed job 2001 and stopped. From 2001 to 2010 I had horses on loan but in a different location and didn't use the route.
5. My daughter Chloe was born 2010 and started riding in 2016 at Roocrofts. From 2016 to 2023 I've ridden the route occasionally when I was helping there.
6. I've never seen any permanent or temporary blockage of the route. I have never known any stiles, gates or fences across the route.

7. I was never stopped or turned back when using the route. I have never heard of anyone else having been stopped or turned back using it with a horse.
8. I don't recall seeing any signs or notices.
9. I have never been told by an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the route or by anyone in their employment that horses should not be on it.
10. In summary I used the route on horseback regularly from 1986 to 2001 and then occasionally from 2016 to 2023.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'D' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Dated 5/8/26