

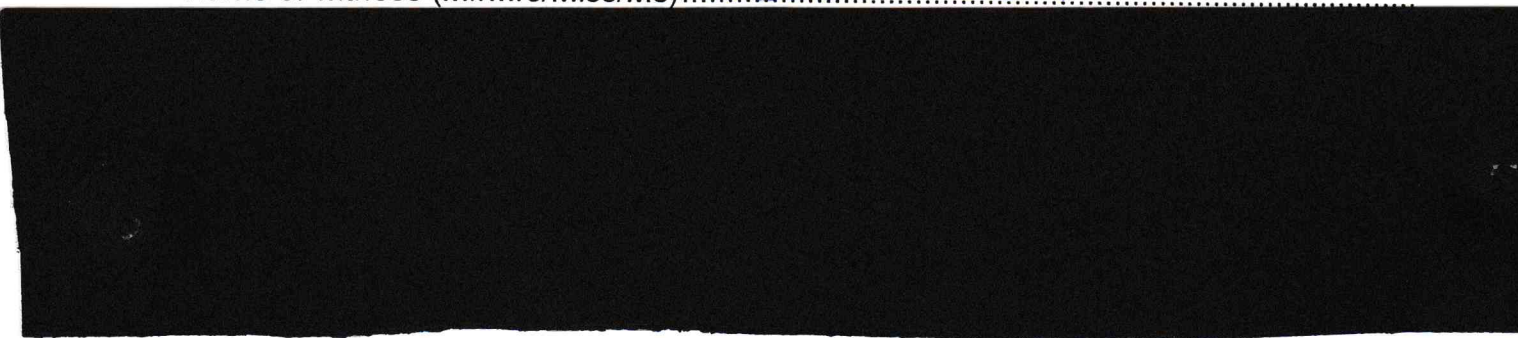
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## PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY EVIDENCE FORM Important Note

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Name of witness (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) ROBERT COX



**Please attach a map showing the claimed way marked in red, signed by yourself.**

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Description of claimed way:- (include grid references if known)  
From

To

Please take time to answer the questions carefully and in full

1. (a) How many years have you known the way? ..... 45 .....  
(b) Does the way have a popular name? ..... NO .....  
(c) Have you personally used the above way? ..... \*YES/NO .....  
(d) Did you only use part of the way? ..... \*YES/NO

Please do not use vague terms such as "often".

- (e) During which years have you used the way? From 1958 To PRESENT.  
(f) Where were you going from/to? BELTHURSTANE - IVESAY RD.  
(g) For what purpose? (eg work, pleasure) ..... PLEASURE .....  
(h) How many times a year? (eg daily, weekly, seasonal) OCCASIONAL  
(i) By what means? (eg on foot, horseback, motor vehicle etc) ..... FOOT .....  
(j) Is, or was, the way a short cut for you? CIRCULAR WALK  
(k) If so why? .....

(l) Please show on the attached plan the route of the way you have used.  
If you have only used part of the way please mark or indicate the part used.

- (m) Do you still use the way? ..... No (used 15.4.06) but challenged .....  
(n) If not why not? ..... OBSTRUCTED .....

2. When using the path where did you live? ..... WHEATON ASTON .....

If at different places please provide details and years.

3. (a) How wide is the way? .....

(b) Is it the same width throughout its length? .....

4. If you have ridden a horse on the way

(a) Where did you keep the horse? .....

(b) Where did you start and finish your ride? .....

(c) Were you ever riding with the hunt when you used the way? .....



5. (a) When using the way did you ever see any other person driving motor or horse-drawn vehicles on the way? \*YES/NO

(b) If YES, how often and what type of vehicle were they using? .....

(c) Have you ever driven, or been a passenger in, a motor or horse drawn vehicle on the way? \*YES?NO

(d) If YES to (c),

(i) How often was this? .....

(ii) What type of vehicle were you in? .....

(iii) For what purpose was it being used? .....

6. (a) Has the way always been on the same route? \*YES/NO

(b) If NO, please describe the original route, state when the way was diverted and show details on a plan. ....

(c) Is the way a clearly defined track or path which a stranger to the vicinity could follow? .....

(d) Have you always kept to the route of the way between the start and finish, or have you wandered from the route? .....

7. (a) Have there, to your knowledge, ever been any stiles on the way? \*YES/NO

(b) Have there, to your knowledge, ever been any gates on the way \*YES/NO

(c) If YES, please mark on the attached plan the location of the stiles or gates and state, if known, when they were erected or removed.

(d) If any gates on the way were ever locked please state, how often, and if known, by whom? .....

Please mark on the attached plan the locations of the locked gates.

8. (a) Excluding locked gates, have you ever known of any other obstructions to the way? \*YES/NO

(b) If YES, state (i) what type of obstruction was this? *See map. (1) Several tens of earth heavy interwoven dead branches topped by dead branches.*  
(ii) When they were erected or removed? *these at present time*

(c) Please state, if known, who erected the obstructions and show the approximate position of the obstructions on the attached plan. *Probably new owners of Seven Oaks.*

9. Has your usage ever been hindered or prevented in any way?  YES/ NO  
 If so by whom or what? *Challenged by new owners of Sea Otter*  
 When was this? *15.4.06*  
 Have you continued to use the way despite hindrances or obstructions  YES/ NO  
 How did you do this? (e.g. diversion) *Walked through it*  
 Is the hindrance or obstruction still in existence  YES/ NO
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10. (a) Were you ever an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the way?  YES/ NO  
 If YES, please give dates.  
 (b) If you were an owner or tenant did you acknowledge the route as a Public Right of Way?  YES/ NO  
 If YES, please give dates.  
 (c) Was the land ever owned or tenanted by a relative of yours?  YES/ NO  
 If so, what was their relationship to you? .....  
 (d) When you used the way were you working for any owner or tenant of the land adjoining or crossed by the way?  YES/ NO  
 (e) If YES to (d),  
 (i) What was your employment? .....  
 (ii) Between what years were you employed? .....  
 (f) If you were employed by the owner/tenant  
 (i) Did you receive any instructions from the owner/tenant as to the use of the way by the public?  YES/ NO  
 (ii) If so, what were your instructions? .....  
 (g) Did any relatives of yours ever work for an owner or tenant of land adjoining or crossed by the way?  YES/ NO  
 If so, what was their relationship to you? .....
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11. (a) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way? \*YES/NO

(b) Do you know, or have you heard of, anyone else having been prevented from using the way? \*YES/NO

(c) If YES to (a) or (b), please give details including dates.

Challenged by owner of Sever Oaks.  
15.11.06.

12. (a) Were you ever told by any owner or tenant of the land crossed by the way, or by anyone in their employment, that the way was not public? \*YES/NO

(b) If YES, please state:

(i) Who told you? .....

(ii) When you were told? .....

(iii) What were you told? .....

13. (a) Have you ever seen any deterrent notices such as "Private", "No Road", "No Thoroughfare" or "Trespassers will be Prosecuted", on or near the way? \*YES/NO

(b) If YES, please state what the notices said appropriate date of their display and show their approximate position on the attached plan? \*YES/NO

14. (a) Have you ever seen any notices such as "Public Path", or "footpath", or any other similar notice on or near the way? \*YES/NO

(b) Have you ever seen any direction signs, finger posts or other indicators on or near the way? \*YES/NO

(c) If YES to (a) or (b), please state what the notices or posts said and show their approximate position on the attached plan? .....



15. (a) Have you ever been given permission to use the way?  
(Whether or not you asked for it) \*YES/NO
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16. (a) Have you seen other people using the way? \*YES/NO
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*Evidence of frequent use by horse riders + walkers.*

17. Have you ever been charged a monetary sum for using the path?  
If so, by whom? \*YES/NO

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 .....
- (c) Would you be willing to make the original document available if necessary? \*YES/NO

19. Can you give any further information about the way (continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary).

20. Would you be prepared to give evidence of your use of the way at a public inquiry or in a court of law, if necessary?

\*YES/NO

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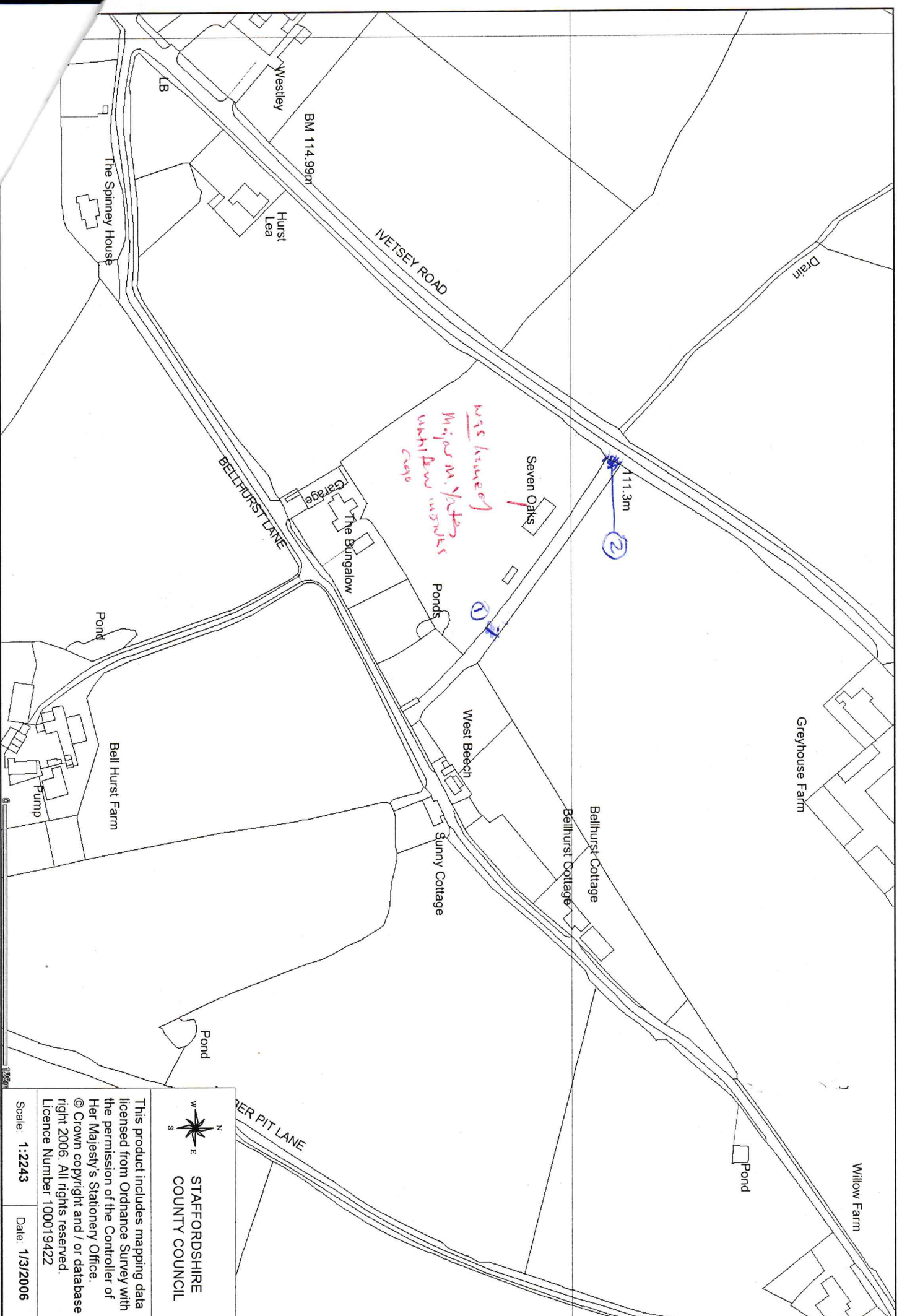
I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have given to this statement is true.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature].....

Person taking this statement (if applicable) .....

Date: 16/4/06.....





  
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Name of witness (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) ~~Sylvia Whiteaway~~ SYLVIA WHITEWAY

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**Description of claimed way:- (include grid references if known)**

From Bellhurst Lane

To Ivetsey Road

**Please take time to answer the questions carefully and in full**

1. (a) How many years have you known the way? ..... 68 years  
(b) Does the way have a popular name? ..... can't remember  
(c) Have you personally used the above way? ..... \*YES/NO  
(d) Did you only use part of the way? ..... \*YES/NO

**Please do not use vague terms such as "often".**

- (e) During which years have you used the way? From 1938 To 1941  
(f) Where were you going from/to? ..... with parents in the plough field  
(g) For what purpose? (eg work, pleasure) ..... I played in there as a child  
(h) How many times a year? (eg daily, weekly, seasonal) ..... regularly as a child  
(i) By what means? (eg on foot, horseback, motor vehicle etc) ..... not applicable on foot  
(j) Is, or was, the way a short cut for you? ..... no, played in there  
(k) If so why? ..... when got fed up

**(l) Please show on the attached plan the route of the way you have used.**  
If you have only used part of the way please mark or indicate the part used.

- (m) Do you still use the way? ..... No  
(n) If not why not? ..... Physical ill health, too old had lots physical illness

2. When using the path where did you live? ..... The first in P. n. Ford home

If at different places please provide details and years. N/A

3. (a) How wide is the way? ..... about 8 metres

(b) Is it the same width throughout its length? ..... I think so

4. If you have ridden a horse on the way

(a) Where did you keep the horse? .....

(b) Where did you start and finish your ride? ..... NO

(c) Were you ever riding with the hunt when you used the way? .....



my sister Zelda we played together

a) When using the way did you ever see any other person driving motor or horse-drawn vehicles on the way? *but see notes at end* \*YES/NO

(b) If YES, how often and what type of vehicle were they using? .....

(c) Have you ever driven, or been a passenger in, a motor or horse drawn vehicle on the way? \*YES/NO

(d) If YES to (c),

(i) How often was this? .....

(ii) What type of vehicle were you in? .....

(iii) For what purpose was it being used? .....

6. (a) Has the way always been on the same route? \*YES/NO

(b) If NO, please describe the original route, state when the way was diverted and show details on a plan. ....  
*N/A*

(c) Is the way a clearly defined track or path which a stranger to the vicinity could follow? *so far end now a bit overgrown*

(d) Have you always kept to the route of the way between the start and finish, or have you wandered from the route? *yes*

7. (a) Have there, to your knowledge, ever been any stiles on the way? \*YES/NO

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(c) If YES, please mark on the attached plan the location of the stiles or gates and state, if known, when they were erected or removed. *N/A*

(d) If any gates on the way were ever locked please state, how often, and if known, by whom? .....

Please mark on the attached plan the locations of the locked gates. *N/A*

8. (a) Excluding locked gates, have you ever known of any other obstructions to the way? \*YES/NO

(b) If YES, state (i) what type of obstruction was this? *I'm told it's been obstructed by various friends who walk it!*  
(ii) When they were erected or removed? .....

(c) Please state, if known, who erected the obstructions and show the approximate position of the obstructions on the attached plan. *people at Seven Oaks*

*erected bush type obstructions*

\* Please delete as appropriate

9. Has your usage ever been hindered or prevented in any way? \*Y.  
If so by whom or what? .....  
When was this? .....  
Have you continued to use the way despite hindrances or obstructions \*YES/NO  
How did you do this? (e.g. diversion) .....  
Is the hindrance or obstruction still in existence N/A \*YES/NO

10. (a) Were you ever an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the way? \*YES/NO  
If YES, please give dates. NO  
(b) If you were an owner or tenant did you acknowledge the route as a Public Right of Way? N/A \*YES/NO  
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(c) Was the land ever owned or tenanted by a relative of yours? \*YES/NO  
If so, what was their relationship to you? N/A  
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(i) Did you receive any instructions from the owner/tenant as to the use of the way by the public? N/A \*YES/NO  
(ii) If so, what were your instructions? .....  
(g) Did any relatives of yours ever work for an owner or tenant of land adjoining or crossed by the way? \*YES/NO  
If so, what was their relationship to you? .....

My parents owned land where Dennis's are now (on opposite side of the way to Sever Oaks)



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.....  
.....

NO  
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.....

N/A



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(Whether or not you asked for it) \*YES
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- (d) When were you given permission? ..... N/A
- (e) For what purpose were you given permission to use the way? .....

16. (a) Have you seen other people using the way? *my sister as a child as said* \*YES/NO
- (b) How were they using the way (ie foot, horse)? .....
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If so, by whom? \*YES/NO

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- (b) If so, in what form is this? ie maps, photos, etc please attach a copy if possible) .....
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\*YES/NO

Can you give any further information about the way (continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary).

My parents owned land adjacent to the path at the time. But recently I have had contact with a man known to me whose father sold the plot of land which now "houses" Seven Oaks. He informed me it was a right of way and he used the way with a horse & cart quite regularly. At the time there was no ditch there - either subsequent owners who built horse and ditch or the highway people.

I think it a pity in these days of "right to roam" that a way open for public use for at least approximately 200 years should be closed by a new entrant / resident to the village.

I am allowing Wendy Arker to write this as my hands are very stiff, part of my incapacities!!

Sylvia M. White way

20. Would you be prepared to give evidence of your use of the way at a public inquiry or in a court of law, if necessary?

\*~~Y~~

*owing to severe disability*

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I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have given to this statement is true.

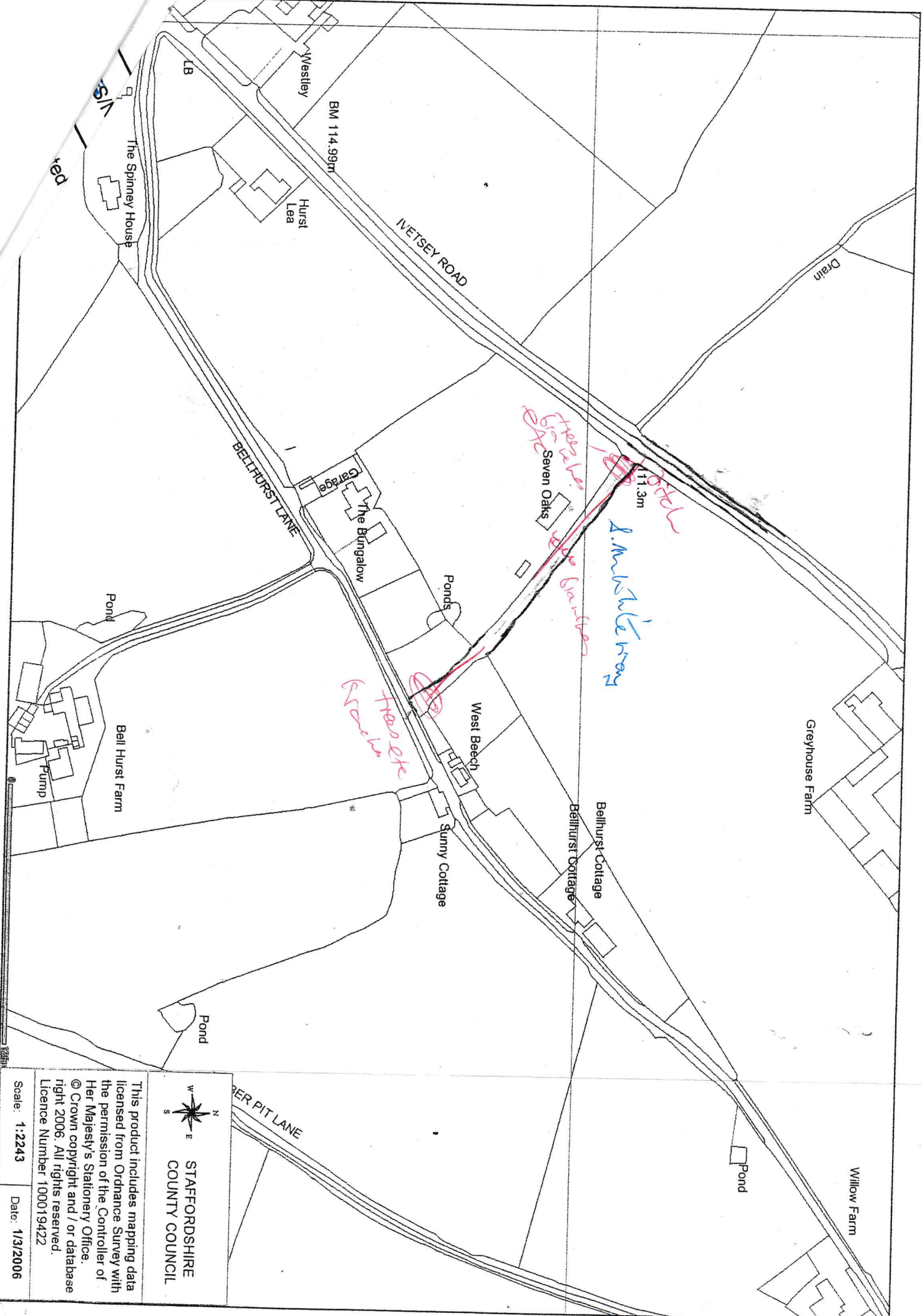
Signature: ..... *S. M. Whiteaway* .....

Person taking this statement (if applicable) ..... *Wendy Arthur* .....

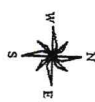
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*My health problems are too  
severe I feel  
for what would be a bit of  
an ordeal.  
Wendy Arthur.*





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