

Sherwood's Village Green application

Following a public meeting at TN2 in the Autumn 2008, Friends Of Sherwood Lake (FOSL) was set up to pursue an application under the Commons Act of 2006 for village green status for Sherwood Lake and the surrounding woodland.

Stage 2 was collecting evidence to show a record of unchallenged, legal use over a period of at least 20 years to meet the conditions of the Act. 53 survey forms have been collected using the Open Spaces Society's pro forma.

Stage 3 was then a formal application, submitted to Kent County Council (KCC) as the Area Registration Authority last week.

If successful, the outcome will be that the area will become Common Land. At present the site is owned by Gleeson.

KCC have said that it will be at least 6 months before the application is considered. We anticipate it will be a very lengthy process.

However at this stage we are able to collect more evidence surveys.

So if any reader has ever used the site (fishing, dog walking, chestnutting, blackberrying, walking to school, pond dipping, painting ...) **would you please let us know.**

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