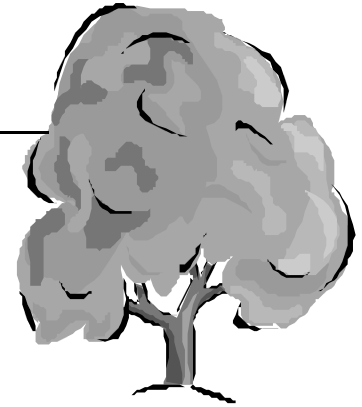


# ODDRAG

Odd Down Residents' Action Group



## Make Odd Down Playing Fields our Village Green

### What?

Following the success of the Keep off the Grass campaign which prevented St John's School being built on Odd Down Playing Fields, **ODDRAG is now applying for Village Green Status.**

A village green must be land on which a **significant number** of the **local inhabitants** have indulged in lawful sports and pastimes for **20 years as of right**. These might include organised or ad-hoc games, picnics, fetes and other similar activities.

### Why?

Odd Down Playing Fields are protected by **planning laws**, but this **hasn't stopped applications** to use part of the land for new development (eg: St John's Primary School).

Successfully getting Village Green Status for this land will **safeguard it for the future**, giving the highest protection possible.

Many people in this area remember a **covenant on the land** which kept the fields for recreation only but the covenant cannot be found. Village Green Status would give the land the same protection as the missing covenant did.



### How?

We need to show that a **significant number** of those people who use the land are **local people**.

We need to show that those using the green have done so without requiring permission, without being stopped or seeing notices which stop them, and without having to be secretive about it and that between them, local people have done this for a **continuous period of 20 years**.

If your experience has been any or all of these, please **fill in the back of this leaflet** and return it to one of the addresses at the bottom. We need **as many people as possible** to respond to make this a success.



Please fill out the boxes below and return to one of the addresses listed by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

**How many in your household use the playing fields?**

*tick relevant box*

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1                                | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3                                | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5                                | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other ( <i>write here</i> )..... |                            |



**What do you use the playing fields for?**

*tick all relevant boxes for members of your household*

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> walking                      | <input type="checkbox"/> football   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dog walking                  | <input type="checkbox"/> jogging    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cricket                      | <input type="checkbox"/> basketball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other ( <i>write below</i> ) |                                     |



**How often do you use the playing fields?**

*tick relevant box for your household*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> every day          | <input type="checkbox"/> more than once a week      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> about once a week  | <input type="checkbox"/> more than once a month     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> about once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> other (please state below) |

**How long have you been using the playing fields?**

*tick relevant box for members of your household*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> for less than a year | <input type="checkbox"/> for over a year            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> for over five years  | <input type="checkbox"/> for over 10 years          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> for over 20 years    | <input type="checkbox"/> other (please state below) |

**About you...**

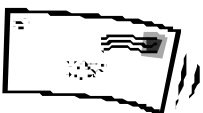
*Name*.....

*Address*.....

*Email*.....

*provide your email to be kept informed of the village green application*

Once complete, return this sheet to one of the addresses below by 20<sup>th</sup> July 2007



St Philip & St James Church Office, 35 Frome Road, Bath. BA2 2QF

Combe Down Branch Surgery, Sulis Manor Rd, Bath.

Sulis Meadows Neighbourhood Watch, 15 Burnt House Road, Sulis Meadows, Bath.

Adams Apple, 33 Upper Bloomfield Road, Bath.