

Dear Mr Nicholson.

I welcome very much ^{your} championship of the Broxhead Commons association.

I personally have no common rights over Broxhead Common East. I have over Broxhead Common West.

This is because I as my husband's widow ^{I was} ~~was~~ a the owner of Broxhead Common East. By an anomaly in the conveyance between myself & the trustees of the McAndrew Estate, and the late Septon Thyer I am Lord of the Manor.

I do not question the Squibs judgement - I feel certain it was correct legally - but politically and ethically it goes far against the amenities and health of Heasley Whitehill parishes. It seems strange to me that we won the case into 2 Commons + the appeal ~~was~~ ^{was} but have not gained an inch in saving the common, despite the influence of the County Council.

The action was taken as Commons - we thought probably wrongly that a commoner had rights by usage - it transpires that they are by deed. The situation has changed

as there are no longer small holdings on the edge of the Common and it was primarily these people whose experience we ^{rely on} ~~rely on~~ the expression 'Waste of the Manor' was not fully understood, by us, particularly as we fought as commoners. and not for the registration of Waste of the Manor.

The fight started over 80 acres illegally fenced. Mr Whitfield is not wholly to blame as he took this over from the late Septon. For this reason it would not be unreasonable for him to retain some fenced acreage. The danger now very real of sand mining was not a major issue at the start it is now, and I shudder to think what the effect of this would be on the neighbourhood.

The loss of the Common, would be a body blow to numerous walkers and nature lovers and any change in the scenic beauty would ruin many pleasant views, and I consider as Light Industry comes to Boston + White Hill we must keep this 'Lung' of fresh air for amenity use.

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 No one has worked for this aim for personal gain or vested interest. Except one Courmouet whose conduct I deplore.

I do not comment on John Ellis's devoted work, as we all know and admire it.

I do comment most strongly on the injustice of this case to ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~interest~~ ^{interest} in self seeking people of no worldly standing who have fought and won their heritage only to lose it.

It is in my opinion not democracy or the higher aims of Socialism.

Yours sincerely

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by virtue of being the senior trustee of the DeCushaw Trust. Lord of the Manor of Broxhead.
