Truscott Village Green and Ponds VG 703

Statement of Facts February 2025

• Truscott Village Green and Ponds VG703 is protected by law under village green legislation against damage and disruption of better enjoyment - *town and village greens (TVGs) are protected by ancient legislation under section 29 of the Commons Act 1876 and section 12 of the Inclosure Act 1857*

• The law prohibits any vehicle driving on a village green except to access agricultural gateways - *as shown on the village green registration map*

• St Stephen by Launceston Rural Parish Council has invested considerable funds on planting and maintenance of this area since the 1960s - *currently under licence*

• The following organisations have all supported and improved the biodiversity of this area: Cornwall Council, The Woodland Trust, Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Forest for Cornwall, English China Clays, Launceston Scouts, Trust for Conservation Volunteers, Cornwall Mammal Group, Cornwall Environmental Consultants, West Country Rivers Trust, local area Parish Wildlife Group and the local community

• The ancient pond area is registered on the Cornwall Historic Environment Register (HER: MCO61634) together with hedgerows (HER: MCO64288) that extend south as part of the village green

• All the hedgerows adjoining village greens are protected by legislation - *Hedgerows Regulations 1997*, *Management of Hedgerows (England) Regulations 2024*, *Commons Acts*

• Linda Packer BA (Hons.) Local Policy, whose family were the proprietors of Glebe Farm and sold it to the present owners, made it clear in a signed statement dated 20th June 2013, that her family never claimed or maintained the hedge or adjoining land - *the only maintenance conducted was by Cornwall Council and residents*

• The Public Records Office in London shows that the village green land, hedgerows and pond are open parish land, and that there is no record of other ownership

• Photographic evidence from 2009 and 2013 confirms that there was no hedge cutting or driving on the village green at that time - the village green registration application was supported by the majority of parishioners in Higher Truscott