

**Turbury Croft
Long Lane
Dunkeswell
Honiton
EX144QN**

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I, Derek Hurst of the above named address, make oath and say that:

I moved into the above mentioned property in the year 2011. Since that time I have lived here continuously and I have not had any other place of residence.

I moved into the property with my wife Elizabeth Hurst.

In relation to our employment and professional background is concerned, I can state the following:

I worked at my fathers farm along with my 2 brothers until 1973. The address was Bargain Farm, Frogmore Lane, Nursling, Southampton. As this farm was rented, the owners sold most of the farm land leaving not enough to suitably farm sufficient for 3 families. Between 1973 and 1979 I worked in Southampton cleaning roads and carrying out maintenance work for McAlpine on the M27 & M271. So I could spend more time looking after my family, in 1979 I ended this employment in exchange to look after my 4 children following the passing away of my wife. This took up most of my time, so I did not resume work until 1990 where I then rented a shop from the Southampton City Council called 'The Fruit & Veg Shop' on Kendle Avenue in Southampton. All produce was bought in externally. In 1992 we decided that with the costs increasing, and the rent becoming so high, to end the business.

In May 2007 I started worked at Somerset Willows in Weston Zoyland, Bridgewater where I worked on a machine that stripped the willow taking bark off the branches. This was only ever a machine operated position and was the main source of my income at the time. Because of the cold damp working environment, I concluded this employment in May 2009.

For the avoidance of doubt, I can confirm that during the course of this employment I was not involved in any agricultural or forestry work, including the growing, planting or harvesting of willow. All I did was as described as above.

The other person living in the house is my wife Elizabeth Hurst after re marrying in 1994. In relation to her employment history, I can state the following:

Between 1993 and 2006, my wife, Elizabeth Hurst worked at a service station on the M27 working in the cash office.

No one else has ever lived in this house besides myself and my wife.

The only other point that could be worth clarifying is the planning application granted on our land in 2012 Ref. No: 12/0832/FUL for two polytunnels. Although we only erected one, we did so because of the position of our land, it gets very wet and cold, so growing conditions are virtually impossible. The polytunnel has and is only ever used for our own personal growing of vegetables ie: for our own consumption and never sold on. If any extra produce was not required by us, we would sometime leave it at the front of the house for passers-by to take for free.

I can state the following. Neither I nor my wife have ever worked in agriculture or forestry and have no intention whatsoever of becoming employed in agriculture or forestry in the future or that any person so employed should take up residence in my home.

SWORN by the said Derek Hurst)
at)
in the County of)
This day of 2022)

Before me
A Commissioner for Oaths/Solicitor