



Commons Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 26

PART 4

MISCELLANEOUS

Intervention powers

45 Powers of local authorities over unclaimed land

- (1) This section applies where—
- (a) land is registered as common land or a town or village green;
 - (b) no person is registered in the register of title as the owner of the land; and
 - (c) it appears to a local authority in whose area the land or any part of it is situated that the owner cannot be identified.
- (2) The local authority may—
- (a) take any steps to protect the land against unlawful interference that could be taken by an owner in possession of the land; and
 - (b) institute proceedings against any person for any offence committed in respect of the land (but without prejudice to any power exercisable apart from this section).
- (3) In this section “local authority” means—
- (a) a county, district or parish council in England;
 - (b) a London borough council; and
 - (c) a county, county borough or community council in Wales.