

North Bucks rRIPPLE
(ramblers Repairing & Improving Public Paths for Leisure & Exercise)
Activity Report – 1 December 2022 – 28 February 2023

Copies of before & after photos of all work are available on request. Man hours include some travel time. DaG = Donate a Gate. CAMS (Countryside Access Management System) is a reference used by BC (Buckinghamshire Council) for work requests. All work is requested and authorized by Alastair McVail, BC North Bucks PRow Officer, or Jon Clark, BC Senior Strategic Access Officer. OPAG = Oving Paths Action Group. PG = Pedestrian Gate (e.g. Centrewire Marlow); KG = Kissing Gate (e.g. Centrewire Woodstock). DFU = Dinton with Ford & Upton.

“Installed to NB rRIPPLE standard” means the following: “Marlow gate installed c/w 22 mm washer, hinges greased, eye bolt thread copper greased and latch oiled. Two 1.8 m x 100 x 100 UC4 15 year Redwood posts c/w Postsaver sleeves are attached to the gate’s H-frame with two 10 mm diameter coach screws. The posts and H frame are tamped in firmly with copious quantities of stones. Improved by the Ramblers square decals and BC way markers fitted as appropriate.” KG slightly different as only one post needed and as from 30/1/19 we are now putting half a 20 kg bag of Remix Rapid Post Fix (£4.50 per bag) on top of each of the two galvanized “feet” of the two hoops. Arisings, i.e. the timber from the old stile is cut up by chain saw and removed from site unless stated otherwise.

6/12/22 Cuddington S2KGs. Loaded Diccon’s trailer. 2 man hours. BJerry.

7/12/22 Cuddington Gate 307 CUD/2/1 CAMS 98504 at SP737114 Cuddington Parish Council DaG. Dismantled 3-rail, 1-low step, 1-hand post stile. Dismantled single timber rail and three strands of barbed wire fencing on one side replacing this with three rail fencing and retained existing four rail fence on other side. Installed Briants of Risborough 0.9 m timber gate c/w one coat of 5* Cuprinol Complete Timber Treatment. Supported gate on self-closing fittings on 2.4 m x150x150 redwood UC4 15 yr post c/w Postsaver sleeve. Extremely difficult ground conditions with very high water table flooding hole from spring. Used jack hammer to free hole of stones. Built timber corral comprising 4No 1.8m x100x100 sleeved redwood posts and three levels of rails. 3x7=21 man hours JerryKMicheal plus 2x6=12 man hours Ken Birkby, Chair of PC & James Stonham, local resident and landowner. 10 miles.

7/12/22 Cuddington Gate 308 CUD/2/1 CAMS 98505 at SP736113 Ros Long DaG – “In memory of Barbara Gibson”. Dismantled dilapidated 3-rail, 1-low step, 1-hand post stile. Installed Briants of Risborough 0.9 m timber gate c/w one coat of 5* Cuprinol Complete Timber Treatment. Supported gate on self-closing fittings on 2.4 m x150x150 redwood UC4 15 yr post c/w Postsaver sleeve. Extremely difficult ground conditions with numerous tree roots from immediately adjacent horse chestnut tree. Supported gate closing post with rails bolted to tree. Installed single 1.8 m x100x100 post. 3x7=21 man hours. MikeJohnB. John 18 miles.

8/12/22 CRFC. Dropped off arisings and empty buckets used for stones. 1 man hour. B. 10 miles.

8/12/22 Weston Turville WTU/21/1 at SP852103. Sagging gate fixed by fitting a replacement 20 mm nut to hinge pin. 1 man hour. Jerry. 24 miles.

22/12/22 Cuddington Gates 307 and 308. Fitted plaques. 2 man hours. B. 10 miles.

1/1/23 Cuddington Gate 308 CUD/2/1 CAMS 98505 at SP736113 Ros Long DaG. Finished off corral. Supported 3-rail corral off immediately adjacent 3-rail fencing using coach screws. Used 1 m length of Arris rail to great effect to align the 3-rails nailed to single 1.8 m x100x100 post. 2x3=6 man hours. BJoe. 10 miles; Joe 15.

4/1/23 Dinton/Westlington DFU/14/2 Gate 218 at SP760104. Replaced gate with one featuring the Centrewire broken "D" loop RIPPLE fix kit.



4/1/23 Dinton/Westlington DFU/9/2 at SP760103. Replaced failed Centrewire "D" loop gate with Gate 218 c/w plaques for Janet Piers & Emily Gale. Arrow points to Kun chan's gate – Gate 219.



4/1/23 Dinton/Westlington DFU/14/1 at SP760103. Serviced gate - lubricated hinges and fitted washer.

4/1/23 Dinton/Westlington DFU/13/1 at SP761104. Serviced gate - lubricated hinges and fitted plaque "In memory of Jim Robinson".



4/1/23 Ickford ICK/7/1 at SP645079. Adjusted stops on two Stratford gates at either end of newly replaced footbridge to ensure they self-close after being opened. Upon arrival both could remain open if fully opened. Reported this improvement to Peter Jordain of Ickford.



4/1/23 WOR/4/1 Worminghall WOR/4/1 Rotten timber kissing gate WOR/3425 at SP643081. Took photo of this dilapidated kissing gate. Local landowner appears to be Steve Oxby of Lower Brook Farm. Clerk to PC is Rebecca Martin, Wpc.clerk1@gmail.com.



4/1/23 CRFC. Unloaded some old arisings. Collected 11 buckets of stones and a Secure-a-Field kissing gate. $2 \times 6 = 12$ man hours. BJoe. 35 miles; Joe 15.



6/1/23 Toolstation Thame. Purchased hex power tool drive extensions.

6/1/23 Dinton/Westlington Retrieved Joe's gloves, lost on 4/1/23, from Terry Heath. Took photo of Jim Robinson's plaque. 1 man hour. B. 15 miles.

12/1/23 Buckinghamshire Council - Meeting in Haddenham with James Spratley wrt NB rRIPPLE and a way forward. BJerry. $2 \times 2 = 4$ man hours.

12/1/23 Brill. Tel con with Hannah Hulme Hunter. She promised to respond re potential S2Gs when some personal problems are resolved. She said Brill Common Volunteers are to work with Alastair to resolve flooding issues down Span Green.

13/1/23 Oakley Gate 309 OAK/34/1 CAMS 98394 at SP645123 Julie Bernard DaG "In memory of Margaret". Retained 5-rails and 1-handpost but removed 2-steps from what was a very high stile. Installed a Secure-a-Field kissing gate to NB rRIPPLE standard to the left hand side of the old stile. This was as requested by the farmer to allow for a wider field gate to be installed at some time in the future to enable larger wider equipment through the gateway. Fitted DaG plaque. $4 \times 6 = 24$ man hours. BPJoeJerry. 20 miles; Joe 15.



Oakley Gate 309:
A nice clear and easy
worksite today with no
hedge trimming needed.

Granny Robin came to
lend a hand.

16/1/23 Toolstation. To Thame to collect 10 mm SS penny washers. 1 man hour. 10 miles.

19/1/23 Chearsley. Met with Anthony Adams in The Bell for lunch. Discussed two potential S2Gs and the parish council's wish to raise the height of the existing bridge CHR/2803 at SP714097. Sent Rose Gibbard request for bridge specification. B. 1 man hour.

19/1/23 Long Crendon. LCR/11/1 SP697092 & 697094 Emailed Sandy Hooper to ask if there's any progress wrt getting permission to replace the dilapidated stile at College Farm. She responded she's been unable to make contact. Carried out recce. Met grazier Matt but not farmer George Morris. Met Alex Bond of PCMS, who have their office at College Farm. He said he'd approach Mr & Mrs Morris, whom he knows well, wrt two S2KGs. 1 man hour. 10 miles.

20/1/23 Brill. Hannah Hulme Hunter, Brill Champion and parish councillor, emailed to provide some landowner information]: Chinkwell Wood, owned by Aubrey Fletcher Estates and Coldharbour Farm owned by the Honour family.

20/1/23 Grove rickety stile. James Spratley emailed to report: It was logged on CAMS 14/12/22, I'll update the case file for Alastair and attach the photos to help him (He has until May to visit the site apparently). SLA/16/1 has two stiles. SLA/410 is the furniture code for the northern stile, and SLA/413 is the furniture code for the southern stile (the problem stile I believe). It looks like SLA/413 was repaired in 2019 but clearly not to the national standard.

21/1/23 Bierton with Broughton BWB/4/1 at SP836155. Emailed John Chantler to ask for landowner details.

21/1/23 Upper Winchendon UWI/5/1 at SP745138 - Requested CAMS for stile to pedestrian gate, following a positive conversation at Chinnor RFC with John Henry Tapping, farmer at The Limes, Upper Winchendon. (Gate 311 Installed 7/2/23).

21/1/23 Dinton with Ford & Upton DFU/17/1 at SP768110 - Requested CAMS to replace dilapidated timber KG like for like - Dinton Beer Festival £500 DaG as agreed with Dick O'Driscoll at CRFC.

21/1/23 Notley Old Mill flood alleviation project. Brian Bowman emailed photo showing water level above the top of the chalk base of the embankment that's been installed so far.

21/1/23 Haddenham timber footpath signs. Brian Bowman emailed photo of timber finger post lying on the ground and asked if it could be replaced.

22/1/23 Worminghall. Responded to Graeme Wright, parish councillor, email received 18/1/23 for advice wrt landowners that realign their footpaths. Recommended he contact James Spratley.

24/1/23 Ford. Recce of S2G sites identified by Natalie White as in need of attention. Numerous photos taken. 1 man hour. B. 10 miles.

25/1/23 Buckinghamshire Council donation. John Esslemont agreed a £2,500 payment. Jon Clark acknowledged and said he'd invoice us in the usual way.

25/1/23 Dinton with Ford & Upton DFU/17/1 at SP767109, received CAMS 97207. Replace timber kissing gate near school and church. Dinton Beer Festival DaG.

25/1/23 Upper Winchendon UWI/5/1 at SP745138, received CAMS 90372. S2PG as discussed - see 21/1/23.

25/1/23 Weedon WEE/7/1. Wendy Kett emailed with landowner info. Responded to say we'd get to Weedon later in the Spring.

26/1/23 Dinton with Ford & Upton DFU/17/1 at SP768110 Dinton Beer Festival DaG. Trip to Briants of Risborough to purchase timber gate and posts, >£300, for rebuild of kissing gate. £500 received by John Esslemont, Area Treasurer, for DaG. 1 man hour. 20 miles including trip to CRFC to unload arisings from previous job.

27/1/23 Weedon WEE/7/1 at SP823174 and 819174 Emailed Rose Gibbard a request for two CAMS for two stile to kissing gate DaGs.

28/1/23 Connect Scaffolding. Collected 3No 1.8 m scaffold poles for £25. 1 man hour. 10 miles.

31/1/23 Dinton with Ford & Upton. Gate 310 DFU/17/1 CAMS 97208 at SP767109 Dinton Beer Festival DaG. Cleared considerable amount of brambles with hedge trimmer. Replaced 1.0 m rotten timber with a 0.9 m Briants of Risborough SDB timber gate; retained existing hanging post and two sides of the the existing corral; replaced one side of timber corral with four rails and post and added a new closing post to existing one. 5x6=30 man hours. BKPJohnJerry. 20 miles; John 12; Peter 13. Journey to site delayed approx 30 mins by bursting and shredding one of the trailer tyres. Thanks to Peter for releasing spare from underneath and John for having a tyre pump.



1/2/23 Ford. Met with John Henry Tapping at The Limes in Upper Winchendon to discuss S2Gs and S2KGs on his land. He agreed to everything that was requested. 1 man hour. 10 miles.

2/2/23 Notley. Bill, Jerry & Brian Bowman walked/ strolled to The Bell at Cheersley via Notley to take a look at the flood alleviation project. Looking good. Still awaiting the capping off with aggregate. Nick Reynolds away for the day so unfortunate couldn't meet with us.

2/2/23 Towersey, Oxon. Email query from Jeremy Clark, Towersey Footpath Warden asking if we could complete any S2Gs in Oxfordshire for the parish council. Responded and tel con to meet up in the Rising Sun on Monday 6/2/23.

2&3/2/23 Ford. Submitted six requests for CAMS following meeting with John Henry Tapping.

6/2/23 Towersey, Oxfordshire. Bill & Jerryb met with Jeremy Clark, Towersey Footpath Warden, to discuss us helping them by with initially three S2Gs. He will approach landowners and work through parish council.

7/2/23 Upper Winchendon Gate 311 UWI/5/1 CAMS 9032 at SP745138. Dismantled awkward, high and narrow 3-rail, 1-step, 1-hand post stile. Installed recycled Centrewire Marlow gate complete with Centrewire's broken D hasp fix kit to NB rRIPPLE standard. Made good adjacent barbed wire fencing. 4x6=24 man hours. AllenBKJoe. 20 miles; Joe 40 including picking up Allen from Aston Clinton.

7/2/23 Farols Tyres, Milton Common. Took trailer wheel with shredded tyre to be replaced with 155 x13. 1 man hour. B. 12 miles.

10/2/23 RIPPLE AGM at The Black Horse Thame. Unfortunately Jerry was indisposed however a quorum of 15 was in attendance including Derek & Daphne as "life members". The accounts were voted on and agreed, toasting Jerry and thanking him in his absence for his hard work as treasurer. We toasted absent friends and RIPPLE and there being no further questions the AGM was closed. A good meal with good conversation was had.

11/2/23 Jack Hammer. Following an enquiry from Joanne Taylor, Team Leader, Buckinghamshire Council RoW, details if our Nielsen jack hammer were provided to her. The current stockist is Oak Garden Machinery in Milton Common.

13/2/23 CRFC. Filled and collected 17 buckets of stones and loaded a Secure-a-Field gate and set of Centrewire hoops. 3man hours. BKMicheal. 10 miles.

14/2/23 Dinton with Ford & Upton Gate 312 DFU/50/1 CAMS 98260 at SP776098. Dismantled 5-rail, 2-high-steps, no hand post, fully sheep-netted stile. Installed hybrid Secure-a-Field PG c/w Centrewire hoops to make a KG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Made use of existing telegraph pole on either side to act as posts. Made good sheep netting fixed to posts. 3x8=24 man hours. AndrewJoeK. Joe 15 miles.

14/2/23 Dinton with Ford & Upton DFU/39/1 CAMS 98921 at SP776099. Adapted bridleway latch from stock using angle grinder and drilled somewhat damaged seven bar steel field gate. Fixed bridleway latch to gate with 8 mm nuts and bolts and repositioned gate latch on modified gate post. Fitted extended looped handle to make gate horse-rider friendly. This was an extremely time-consuming and fiddly job that eventually came good after several on the spot re-designs and a lot of ingenuity. 2x8=16 man hours. BP. 15 miles; Peter 15.

15/2/23 Impact Signs. Collected two plaques and fitted Dinton Beer Festival 2023 DaG one to Gate 311 at Dinton Church.

17/2/23 Waddesdon Estates. Met with Chris Leach. He wanted to discuss a proposed footpath diversion that The Ramblers are objecting to. Discussed further work on the tenanted farms on the southern slope down to the River Thame. B. 1 man hour. 10 miles.

20/2/23 Waddesdon Estates. Chris Leach responded to say he'd discussed S2Gs and S2KGs with both John Henry Tapping of The Limes and Steve Jones of Mainhill Farm. He said both were willing to discuss such improvements.

25/2/23 Upper Winchendon UWI/2/1 at SP747135. Requested CAMS for a S2G for UWI/2660 on Waddesdon Estates land.

25/2/23 Oakley. Emailed Phil Kilpin re any progress with Hannah Gutteridge's S2G DaG.

27/2/23 CRFC. Unloaded arisings and collected KG and two buckets of stones. Loaded trailer, sorted tool boxes etc and loaded Landy. 4 man hours; B 3; K 1. 10 miles.

28/2/23 Dinton with Ford & Upton Gate 313 DFU/50/1 CAMS 98920 at SP773100 Ed & Margaret Kendrick DaG. Dismantled 3-rail, 1-high wobbly step, 2-hand post, sheep-netted stile. Installed Secure-a-Field KG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Made good sheep netting to both sides. 4x6=24 man hours. BKJohnMichael. 20 miles; John 15.

Both Ed Kendrick and Rosemary Bird visited site – photo below:



BUCKS briefs

News from Bucks, Milton Keynes and West Middlesex

Cuddington calls

Last July Ken Bixby, Chair of Cuddington Parish Council, requested a meeting with us in the Crown pub. The village has a well developed footpath network

and has produced an excellent map detailing six circular walks around the village (£2 from the pub or shop). Interest in maintaining and improving the network is high and a number of

problems need fixing.

On a chilly day in December we replaced two dilapidated stiles with good-looking timber kissing gates. All the posts used featured Postsaver sleeves but both installations proved highly problematic. One turned out to be on top of a spring, so the hanging post hole completely filled with water as we dug down. The other one was beside a 'pollarded' horse chestnut tree with an extensive root system at ground level. With dexterous use of the chainsaw, the gate hanging post was eventually installed, with the closing post supported by rails bolted onto the tree trunk itself. As it was getting dark, a couple of us returned on New Year's Day to finish the job. Both gates were funded through our Donate-a-Gate scheme and feature donor plaques, one being the parish council. These gates now provide a new fully accessible, interesting loop down Tibbys Lane, through a field, past Holymans Farm and back into the village of just a couple of hundred metres really close to the village centre - a valuable asset for leisure and exercise for less able villagers.

For action in 2023, a number of really difficult stiles have been identified. Although local walkers (and the county council) would dearly love to have these converted to gates, at least one tenant farmer prefers stiles to gates as they perform such an excellent job restricting the number of walkers, and in particular dog owners, crossing his land. Once again it's a case of 'Slowly, slowly, catchy monkey'.

Bill Piers

North Bucks rRIPPLE Group

For more on the 'Donate-a-Gate' scheme go to <http://www.bucks-walks-ramblers.org.uk/donate-a-gate.html>



Before.



After.



The path team at Cuddington taking a break (though the temperature was just above freezing). Left to right are John Charlton, Mike Kershaw of LDWA, Keith Wheeler-Cherry, Michael Ayers and Jerry Michell. Photos: Bill Piers

Kimble calamity

Buckinghamshire Council is better than most at dealing with rights of way, but there are some long-standing problems which it has failed to tackle. One such is in the parish of Great and Little Kimble, about two miles south of Aylesbury.

The paths in question should provide an attractive circular walk of just over a kilometre from the hamlet of Marsh. This circuit is made up of bridleway 28, footpath 31A or 29, and footpath 27, with minimal road walking. Sadly, it is anything but pleasant.

When I went there on 20 November 2022, bridleway 28 had a deep pool of water on it. Footpaths 31A and 29 were illegally obstructed by undergrowth, fences, and a large amount of rubbish from a mobile-home development. The eastern end of footpath 27 is lost in dense vegetation and possibly a fence, and is completely impassable. Consequently one has to use a stretch of lane to complete the circuit, which is dangerous, with speeding traffic and no footway.

I was aware that these problems were not new. When I came to report them again, I found previous reports over many years which had apparently not been acted on. I have now written to Buckinghamshire Council's rights of way team leader and received an encouraging response. Perhaps we shall have progress at last.

Kate Ashbrook



Mobile homes adjacent to footpaths 29 and 31A, the definitive paths are not obvious.



The completely obstructed eastern end of footpath 27. Photos: Kate Ashbrook, Area Footpath Secretary

15 Short walks in the Surrey Hills:

Cicerone has launched a new series of guidebooks to short walks (under three hours and suitable for all abilities) with one of the first covering the Surrey Hills by Nike Werstroph and Jacint Mig. (ISBN 9781786311535, £9.95).

Royal Parks panel:

A new research platform has been set up to seek the views of park users in two ten-minute

online surveys each year. Users can be local or just occasional visitors from afar. To sign up go to www.trueology.com/parkpanel.

28/2/23: Currently outstanding, potential and planned work with DaG opportunities available:

Bierton: 28/2/23 BEB/5473 request for S2KG CAMS at SP836155; Bierton BWB/5486 request for CAMS for a S2G at SP826166

Bishopstone: SBH/16/2 S2KG CAMS 91385 at SP809098. Roger Goodchild gave permission for couple of S2Gs.

Bishopstone: GLK/27/1 at SP820096 footpath illegally blocked by Travellers' camp since early 2020. Steve Miles, of Long Crendon, owns adjacent field but is reluctant to encourage any further land-grab by the travellers. Buckinghamshire Council aware but appear to be ineffective wrt resolving the issue.

Brill several S2Gs on BRI/11/7 through Chinkwell Wood; BRI/11/6 towards Dorton Grange; BRI/3/4&5 Rushbed Woods to Cuckoo Close Farm. Hannah Hulme Hunter following up.

Chearsley: Potential S2G CHR/12/1 CHR/2785 at SP713115 in memory of Sue Gray's horse YaYa that died 1/2/22. Anthony Adams following up to obtain landowner permission.

Chearsley: Bridge CHR/2803 at SP714097 that links LCR/9?4 and CHR/9/1. Joanne Taylor, Buckinghamshire Council RoW, has asked Corinne Brownsell the RoW Bridge Inspector to go and look at the slab bridge in Chearsley to see if raising a bridge up the banks is a safe option and what type of bridge would be suitable, and we will come back to you shortly regarding that job.

Ford: Awaiting on BC to produce CAMSs for several off-line S2Gs. Good working relationship with farmer John Henry Tapping.

Kimblewick: 5 x S2KGs tbc Ted Walker.

Long Crendon LCR/11/1 at SP698093. Dilapidated stile at College Farm. Farmer George Morris; parish councillor Sandy Hooper. Followed up with email on 19/1/23. Alex Bond, of PCMS, following up with George.

Oakley: Phil Kilpin organising S2G for Gutteridge family

Slapton & Grove near Wing: 1 x S2KG. Sept 22 Bridget Knight, clerk, has referred problem back to Buckinghamshire Council - no info re landowner. James Spratley & Alastair McVail working on this. Followed up with email re any developments on 21/2/23.

Tiddington, Oxon: Thame & Wheatley Ramblers re FPs 5&6 - Fallen trees clearance & 2S2Gs.

Towersey, Oxon: 6/2/23 met with Jeremy (Jez) Clark who is working with parish councillor Ashley Byrne to convert three stiles to a timber gate and two steel KGs. He's working on a grant application (due 1/4/23) with Oxfordshire Council and requested that we get involved possibly in training Towersey people on how to install gates.

Waddesdon Estate:

20/2/23: In positive discussions with Chris Leach wrt stiles on tenant farms between Upper Winchendon and Cuddington. Received details of farm boundaries.

Weston Turville: Three S2KGs proposed by parish councillor Martin Watson. Awaiting PC approval to go ahead.

NB rRIPPLE on site man hours – includes a proportion of travel time but not administration time which is considerable!	S2Gap / Bridge/ Steps	S/KG repair	Dog way	S2PG		S2KG		WayMk Post
					DaG		DaG	
224 for period 30 Jan 2015 – 6 Aug 2015	2G	11	9	2	0	1	0	2
66.5 for period 13 Aug 2015 – 17 Nov 2015	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
72 for period 18 Nov 2015 – 16 Jan 2016	1B	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
74 for period 17 Jan 2016 – 15 Mar 2016	1G	0	0	2	0	0	2	1
120.25 for period 16 Mar 2016 – 11 Jun 2016	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	1
133 for period 12 Jun 2016 – 14 Aug 2016	1G	0	0	6	1	1	1	0
142 for period 15 Aug 2016 – 21 Sept 2016	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	0
104 for period 22 Sept 2016 – 13 Nov 2016	0	1KG	0	1	1	0	3	3
94 for period 14 Nov 2016 – 31 Dec 2016	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0
271 for period 1 Jan 2017 – 31 Mar 2017	0	0	0	5	3	1	5	0
216 for period 1 Apr 2017 – 31 May 2017	0	0	1	7	0	0	5	0
185 for period 1 Jun 2017 – 27 Aug 2017	1	0	0	2	5*	0	3	0
193.5 for period 28 Aug 2017 – 25 Nov 2017	1B + 1G	0	0	8	3	0	1	0
187 for period 26 Nov 2017 – 25 Feb 2018	1B + 1G	0	0	3	6	0	3	0
170.5 for period 26 Feb 2018 – 22 May 2018	0	0	1	5	2	2	2	3
300 for period 23 May 2018 – 23 Aug 2018	0	0	0	5	3	3	4	0
231 for period 24 Aug 2018 – 23 Nov 2018	1 Steps	0	0	2	3	2	4	0
207 for period 24 Nov 2018 - 23 Feb 2019	0	0	0	5	2	2	2	0
319 for period 24 Feb 2019 – 23 May 2019	0	0	0	5	4	2	4	0
432 for period 24 May 2019 - 23 Aug 2019	0	1	1	5	11	1	2	0
366 for period 24 Aug 2019 – 23 Nov 2019	0	0	0	7	5	2	1	0
276 for period 24 Nov 2019 – 23 Feb 2020	0	0	0	2	1	1	5	0
83 for period 24 Feb 2020 – 31 May 2020	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
37 for period 1 Jun 2020 – 23 Aug 2020	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
346 for period 24 Aug – 25 Nov 2020	0	0	0	4	5	0	4	0
370 for period 26 Nov 2020 – 9 June 2021	1G	0	0	1	9	2	2	0
521 for period 10 June 2021 – 14 Nov 2021	2 steps	3KG	0	1	9	2	5	0
473 for period 15 Nov 2021 – 2 Mar 2022	1G	1KG	0	2	7	0	6	0
232 for period 3 Mar 2022 – 31 May 2022	0	0	0	1	3	3	2	0
323 for period 1 Jun 2022 – 31 Aug 2022	0	0	0	2	5	5	2	0
211 for period 1 Sep 2022 – 30 Nov 2022	0	0	0	3	4	1	1	0
241 for period 1 Dec 2022 – 28 Feb 2023	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	0
Totals	3B/7G/3 Steps	16	17	107	98	32	76	10

*Includes for two Bristol Combination Gates.

S2PG etc. = Stile converted to Pedestrian Gate. (Normally a steel Marlow gate; occasionally an Aston timber gate.)

S2KG etc. = Stile converted to Kissing Gate. (Almost universally a galvanized steel Woodstock gate.)

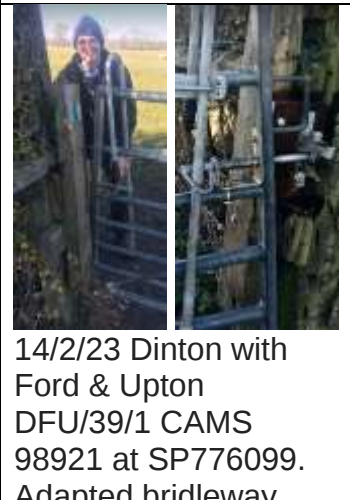
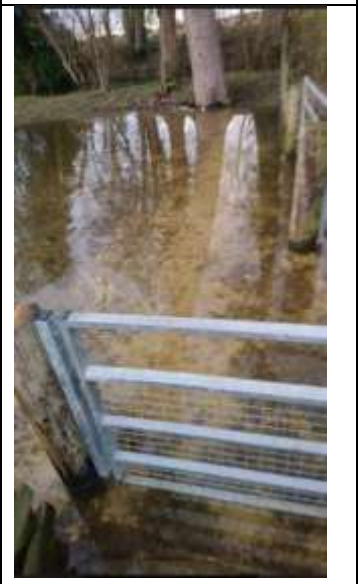
Total number of gates installed = 313 of which 174 have been DaGs.

Signed: *William (Bill) Piers*

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Many thanks to the team of eleven: myself, Allen, Andrew, Derek, Jerry, Joe, John, Keith, Michael, Mike and Peter but in particular to Jerry who does a lot of the donkey work involving recces, discussions with landowners about access and liaising with parish councils, etc etc. John (Chantler) is our man in Berton who is a trustee of the Griffin Trust and is the primary mover for improvements in Berton and Hulcott. We estimate that for every man hour of work carried on outdoors an hour is spent on admin, preparation, tools maintenance etc etc. See our web page www.bucks-wmiddx-ramblers.org.uk/donate-a-gate

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