

North Bucks rRIPPLE
(ramblers Repairing & Improving Public Paths for Leisure & Exercise)
Activity Report 23 May 2018 – 23 August 2018

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 BCC for work requests. All work is requested and authorised by Alastair McVail, BCC North Bucks PRow Officer, or Jon Clark, BCC Strategic Access Officer. OPAG = Oving Paths Action Group. PG = Pedestrian Gate (e.g. Marlow); KG = Kissing Gate (e.g. Woodstock).

“Installed to NB rRIPPLE standard” means the following: “Marlow gate installed c/w 22 mm washer, hinges greased and latch oiled, and two 1.8 m x 100 x 100 UC4 15 year Redwood posts c/w Postsaver sleeves tamped in with copious quantities of stones. Posts attached to gate with two 10 x 100 mm coach screws. Improved by the Ramblers square decals and BCC way markers fitted as appropriate.” KG slightly different as only one post needed. Arisings - old stile timber - cut up and removed from site unless stated otherwise.

24/5/18 Postsaver sleeves. Ordered 30 sleeves and a blow torch.

25/5/18. CRFC to collect KG, PG, two 1.8 m x 100 x 100 posts for Oving and two 2.1 m x 150 x 150 posts for Buckland. 1.0 man hour. 10 miles.

25/5/18 Ludgershall LSH/13/5 & /6. To Impact Signs to collect three identical DaG plaques for Tetchwick Residents. 1.0 man hour. 15 miles.

29/5/18 Oving OVI/1/2. Oving PC DaG. CAMS 86861 at SP786227. Dismantled 4-rail, 2 low-steps, hand post stile and removed one post. Detached three rails on west side. Left in situ posts and rails on east side. Installed Marlow gate to NB rRIPPLE standard. Fitted DaG plaque. 4 x 4.5 = 18 man hours. Allen, Andrew, BP. (HR4P Black Boy). 30 miles; Allen 30 miles; Peter 22 miles.

29/5/18 Oving OVI/1/2. CAMS 86862 at SP786225. Discussed the installation of a KG here with land owner Mark Ponsford at length. He extracted several large hedging roots with his JCB and made up the ground level. Assembled KG and positioned it in the location that Mark had indicated and left it there for him to confirm its positioning. See photo. Email response from Alastair accepting this position.

1/6/18 Tetchwick recce by Jerry to meet with Elaine Lucas. Discussed access to and potential problems with the planned installation of three kissing gates. 2.0 man hours. 24 miles @ 28p/mile - given £6.72.

1/6/18. CRFC to collect wood gate for Buckland; to Thame for gate fittings – unsuccessful; to Briants of Buckland Risborough for gate fittings. 1.5 man hour. 20 miles.

1/6/18 Westcott/Whitchurch. To Impact Signs to collect two DaG plaques. 1.0 man hour. 15 miles.

5/6/18 Buckland BLD/13/1 (Junc with BLD/8/1&2 and BLD/11/1). CAMS 85458 at SP887125. Dismantled dilapidated 2-step (1 collapsed), 4-rail, 1 hand post stile. Trimmed hedge and cleared undergrowth. Detached 2 fence rails and sheep netting. Installed wooden Aston style gate on 2.1 m x 150 x 150 BCC-supplied gate post c/w Postsaver sleeve. Fitted canted lower hinge bracket to self-close gate to 1.8 m x 100 x 100 Redwood UC4 15 yr post c/w Postsaver sleeve. Fitted opening limiting feature to ensure gate can't be over-opened whereby it wouldn't then self-close. Reinstated fencing and fitted way markers and Ramblers decals. 5 x 3.5 = 17.5 man hours ABDJP (HR5P Hop Pole, Aylesbury) 28 miles. Peter 14 miles.

5/6/18 Buckland BLD/8/2. CAMS 85458 at SP888125. Dismantled 2-step, 3-rail, 1 hand post stile. Cleared ivy and other over and under growth. Detached barbed wire on both sides. Installed wooden Aston style gate on 2.1 m x 150 x 150 BCC-supplied gate post c/w Postsaver sleeve. Fitted canted lower hinge bracket to self-close gate to 1.8 m x 100 x 100 Redwood UC4 15 yr post c/w Postsaver sleeve. Hammered into the ground a short post to limit gate opening to ensure gate can't be over-opened whereby it wouldn't then self-close. Reinstated fencing and fitted way markers and Ramblers decals. 5 x 3.5 = 17.5 man hours ABDJP.

8/6/18 CRFC. To collect stones, KG and 4 posts. 1.0 man hour. 10 miles.

8/6/18 BCC received payment of £2,500 from DaG fund through Ramblers Area treasurer John Esselmont.

11/6/18 John Esselmont confirmed that the DaG account stood at £1075.87.

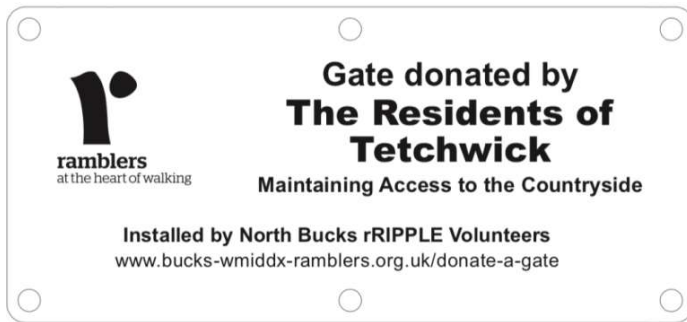
11/6/18 Great Horwood Recce by Jerry. 40 miles @ £0.28p/mile – given £11.20.



12/6/18 Ledburn. Call from Alastair Hall, Farms Manager, Ascott Estates. He's interested in getting six Marlows installed around a field.



13/6/18 Ludgershall DaG by The Local Residents of Tetchwick. LSH/13/5 CAMS 86723 at SP671182. This is Point C on Map depicted in 31/3/18 activity report. Met on site with Elaine Lucas who with her husband Graham are the main instigators of three DaG kissing gates land owned by Tetchwick Farm. Also met briefly with Mike Redman, Gamekeeper. Dismantled 2 cross-over step, 2-rail, 1-hand post, sheep netted, overgrown stile. Cleared hedge to both sides. Installed KG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Fitted DaG plaque, see below. $4 \times 6 = 24$ man hours. 26 miles. BDJK. (HR4 + 2 x 0.5 Akeman Inn). Also we improved the way marking across adjacent field south west towards Ludgershall that is over-cropped with wheat as it has been pretty much every year recently.



17/6/18 Haddenham RIPPLE BBQ at Bill & Janet's. Chief chef John Gale.



20/6/18 Hardwick HAR/1/2 CAMS 85970 at SP803196. Dismantled 4-rail, 2-step, 1-handpost, sheep-netted (dog unfriendly) stile. Installed Marlow gate to NB rRIPPLE standard. Disconnected two levels of electric fencing with assistance from landowner. Buried black tubing to act as duct for electric fencing cable fitted with plastic trunking clamps. Left landowner to do final re-connections. 4 x 3 = 12 man hours. BDKJ.

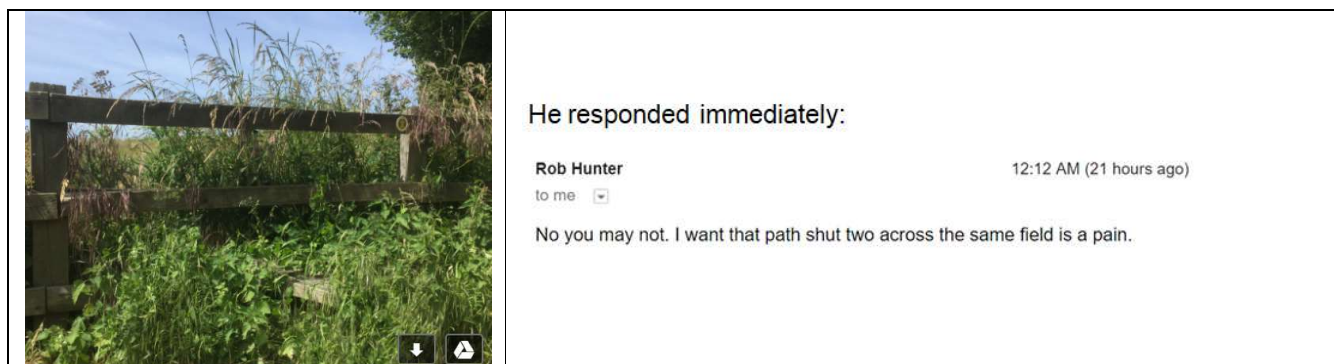
20/6/18 Hardwick HAR/1/2. DaG "In Memory of Ed Kendrick" paid for by Ed Kendrick of Aylesbury Ramblers and the Chiltern Society. CAMS 85971 at SP804196. Dismantled 3-rail, No-steps, 2 short hand posts, stile. Installed Marlow gate to NB rRIPPLE standard. Disconnected two levels of electric fencing with assistance from landowner. Buried black tubing to act as duct for electric fencing cable fitted with plastic trunking clamps. Left landowner to do final re-connections. 4 x 3 = 12 man hours. BDKJ. (HR4P Black Boy, Oving). 27 miles.

20/6/18 Oving OVI/20/1 at SP780216. Recce of potential Bristol gate at area of severe mud. 3 x 0.5 = 1.5 man hours. DJK.

22/6/18 To CRFC to collect KG & stones. 1.0 man hour. 10 miles..

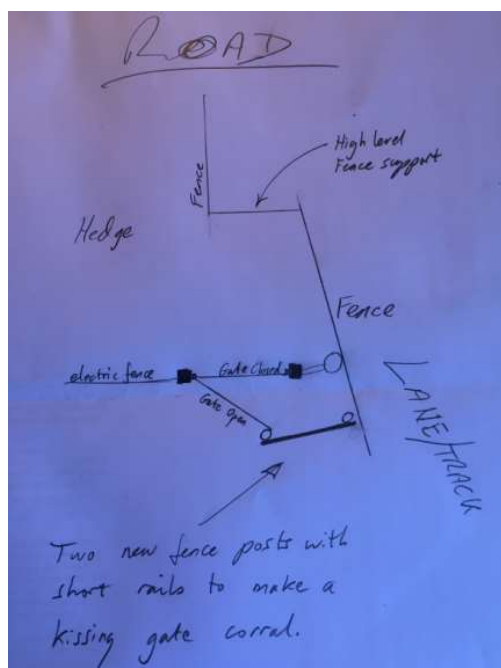
23/6/18 Westcott WES/30/1 at SP720169. Emailed landowner Ralph Cox, and asked him if he would agree to a second KG to complement CAMS 85676 also at SP720169. (He responded positively on 3/7/18).

24/6/18 Pitchcott PIT/2/2 at SP775205. Took photo of overgrown stile and emailed landowner Robert Hunter offering to replace it with a similar timber gate to the one we installed for him at the top of the drive up to Pitchcott Hill Farm.



25/6/18 Gates. Emailed BCC to request a delivery of gates – at least 6 KGs needed for immediate jobs.

25/6/18 Hardwick HAR/1/2 at SP804196. Tel con and email exchange with landowner Nickie Jackman. She had concerns regarding the security of her horses in her paddock following the installation of a Marlow gate onto the roadside. Following a sketch of a suggested compromise, she emailed back to say she would install a simple timber corral at the newly installed Marlow gate to make it into a kissing gate.



27/6/18 Ludgershall DaG (See 13/6/18) LSH/13/5 CAMS 86722 at SP674184. Point B on Map. Dismantled 4-rail, 2-step, 1-hand post, sheep-netted, wobbly stile. Installed Woodstock KG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Re-attached sheep netting to both sides of gate. Fitted DaG plaque. 4 x 6 = 24 man hours. AndrewBJP (HR 4+2x0.5P Akeman Inn) 26 miles. Peter 10 miles.

29/6/18 To CRFC to dispose of arisings and to chainsaw them. 1.0 man hour. 10 miles.

3/7/18 Ludgershall DaG (See 13/6/18) LSH/13/6 CAMS 86721 at SP678191. Point A on Map. Dismantled 4-rail, 2-step, 1-hand post, sheep-netted, stile. Installed Woodstock KG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Re-attached sheep netting to one side of gate. Fitted DaG plaque. 5 x 6 = 30 man hours. ABDJP (HR 5+3x0.5P Akeman Inn). 26 miles. Peter 10 miles.

See note received following installation of third gate in Tetchwick (Ludgershall).

Hi Jerry and Team,

The final gate went in last week.

A big thank you to all that got involved and supported us in re-establishing this path.

The gates look fabulous. You guys have done a wonderful job.

You've enabled us to have a path that can be accessed easily and will help us enjoy the countryside.

Thank you from us all.

Elaine Lucas

3/7/18 Fitted two way marker discs to metal field gate at SP676186 where LSH/13/5 splits to become LSH/13/6/ and LSH/18/1. Also fitted yellow Hi-Viz post cap at gap where stile is derelict close to A41 at SP680194.

4/7/18 Westcott Requested a CAMS for a second KG on Ralph Cox's land at SP720169. On 10/7/18 Alastair said he'd get it to us. On 7/8/18 re-requested it.

12/7/18 Thornborough THB/13/1 CAMS 87008 at SP745337. Received by email to replace rotted stile with a Marlow PG. Forwarded on detail to Mac (Robert Mackensie), who lives in Thornborough, for him to explore the potential for a DaG here.

15/7/18 Thornborough THB/13/1 CAMS 87008 at SP745337. Recce of site and also found two other stiles in immediate vicinity on THB/1/1 and THB/16/1.

16/7/18 THB/13/1 CAMS 87008 at SP745337. Called landowner Martin Capel and had good discussion. He will temporarily repair stile. He agreed to have a DaG application form mailed to him for information purposes and potentially to DaG a gate. Sent form, map of points A, B & C and letter 19/7/18.

18/7/18 Westcott WES/6/4 CAMS 86669 at SP727179. Dismantled dilapidated four-rail, two-step, 1-hand post stile and detached rails to both sides. Installed KG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Managed to avoid damaging what appeared to be a 25 mm plastic water supply pipe buried about 200 mm where one of the hoop holes was dug. A 1 in main was indicated on the Thames Water search but we weren't convinced this was it as it was so close to the surface. BDKP + Molly. 4 x 6 = 24 man hours. (4 x 1.5 + 1 for Kevin Nash at Hundred of Ashendon). 21 miles. Peter 14 miles.

20/7/18 BCC. Took delivery of 6 Woodstock KGs and 2 Marlow PGs at CRFC. 1.0 man hour. 10 miles.

22/7/18 Oakley FP28. Recce of condition of this long-term troublesome section of path. 0.5 man hour.



23/7/18 Oakley 28. Sent Alastair email regarding condition of path.

22/7/18. Great Horwood. Southern end of unadopted green lane junction with GH0/4/2 and GH0/5/1&2 at SP764314. Jerry sent a long and detailed email to Robert Deuchar, Footpath Warden and Mandy Cliffe, PC clerk. Jerry explained why he thought the best solution to the problem with the stile with a large drop on one side at the end of the green lane was to install a Bristol gate. The green lane is not a PRow and is therefore of no interest to BCC.

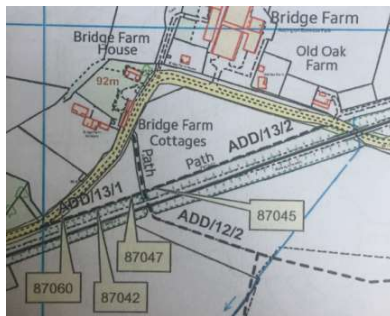
23/7/18 Ramblers agri bill campaign. Talked to Oliver Hicks-Pattison. He wants to visit our team and film us next Wednesday. Arranged to pick him up from Haddenham station.

24/7/18 Great Horwood. More toing and froing about the pros and cons of a Bristol gate between Jerry and Robert Deuchar.

24/7/18 Oving OVI/1/2. Oving PC DaG. CAMS 86862 at SP786225. Carried on from where we left off on 29/5/18. Installed Woodstock KG to NB rRIPPLE standard and re attached fencing rails to south east side. Landscaped uneven surface around new installation. Left arisings on Marc Ponsford's wood pile. 3 x 6 = 18 man hours. ADK.

24/7/18 Oving OVI/14/2. Oving PC DaG. CAMS 86969 at SP787228. Dismantled dilapidated 2-rail, 2-step, 1-handpost stile. Installed Woodstock KG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Fitted two new 1.7 m rails to finish off reinstatement of fencing properly. Used jack hammer extensively to shatter a large buried flint immediately beneath required position of one of the feet of the KG's corral. Left arisings on Marc Ponsford's wood pile. $3 \times 7 + 2 \times 1 = 23$ man hours. BJP + AK. 22 miles. Peter 22 miles. Allen 30 miles - £8.40. (Black Boy, Oving).

24/7/18 Addington in vicinity of SP750277. Received from Rose Gibbard of BCC 4 x CAMS for three KGs and a stile to gap.



Acknowledged receipt on 26/7/18.

26/7/18. Great Horwood. Sent yet another explanatory email to Robert Deuchar regarding Bristol gates.

25/7/18. Oving. Ordered 4 Oving DaG plaques from Impact Signs.

31/7/18. Briants of Risborough. To Briants to purchase twenty 1.8m x 100 x 100 Redwood UC4 15 year posts and take them to CRFC for storage. 1.5 man hour. 20 miles. Return trip to CRFC to pick up two gates. 1.0 man hour 10 miles.

31/7/18 Centrewire. Emailed to request replacement eye-bolt and six square plastic end caps.

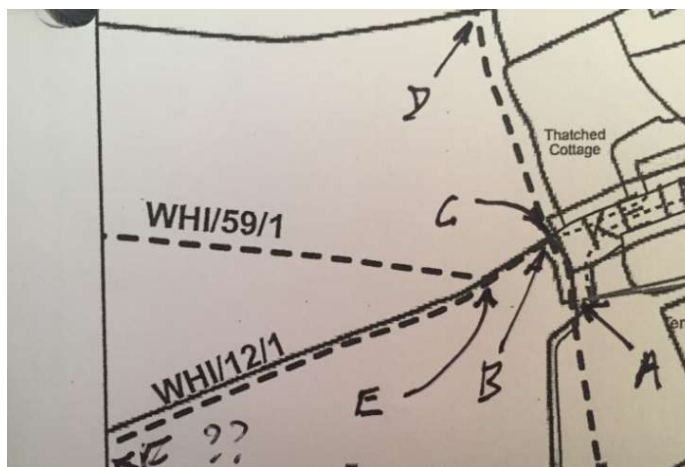
31/7/18 Quainton. Email from Sherry Holster asking about our work. Responded positively.

1/8/18 Pitchcott PIT/2/2 CAMS 86616 at SP774204. Dismantled dilapidated and very tight wooden kissing gate. Installed 1.2 m Marlow PG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Picked up Ramblers media and communications chap, Oliver Hicks-Pattison, from Haddenham and Thame Parkway station. He filmed the process of installing a gate and asked Bill Piers a series of questions that was filmed. $4 \times 5.5 = 22$ man hours. BDJK. Peter broke down in his 1930 MG. 26 miles. Black Boy, Oving. emailed landowners Hannah and Alastair Hunter with before and after photos. (N.B. This dilapidated timber Kg to metal Marlow PG listed in summary table as a S2G.)

1/8/18 Pitchcott PIT/2/1 at SP773203. Recce with Oliver of dilapidated one-step, hand post, stile that landowner Eric Sarjeant doesn't want converting to a gate. Stile is passable with care. Several leaning trees need cutting back.

1/8/18 Oakley 28. Tel call from John Mole, Chairman Oving PC. He said he was aware of the poor condition of the path although he'd not walked it recently. He said he'd take a look at our DaG scheme. Subsequently talked to Mervyn Stratford and emailed John and PC clerk offering our services. Mervyn said field where FP28 meets FP27 is tenanted by the Johnsons of Pasture Farm.

2/8/18 North Marston NMA/17/2. Responded to Trevor Lane's email offering to sponsor a further DaG on Matthew's Way in North Marston. Suggested any of the three below for which we have CAMS.



6/8/18 Whitchurch WHI/16/1 at SP802205. John Russell responded positively to our email on 3/8/18 asking if a second KG could be installed at Point C on the map above as we already have BCC go ahead for one at Point B and there's an existing one at Point A already.

7/8/18 North Marston CAMS 86740 at SP765224 on Matthew's Way. Met with landowner Archie Dancer and discussed the other two gate installations. He is thinking of realigning the fence line per the red line on the left hand map above. Also he is having second thoughts about the local implications of the kissing gate.

Dismantled 4-rail, 2-step, 1-hand post quite awkward stile and installed Marlow gate to NB rRIPPLE standard apart from reusing the Matthew's Way yellow painted cap way marker post as one of the gate posts. 4 x 5.5 man hours. AndrewBJP. Black Boy, Oving. 30 miles. Peter 24 miles.

9/8/18 Whitchurch WHI/16/1 CAMS 87432 at SP802205 received from Rose Gibbard of BCC.

9/8/18 Westcott WES/30/1 CAMS 87424 at SP720169 received from Rose Gibbard of BCC.

11/8/18 Aylesbury Ramblers DaG. Received cheque for £250 for a 2018 DaG. Ordered plaque. Suggested Thornborough but one on the OAR preferred. Possibly Marsworth.

14/8/18 Ramblers Area meeting in Wendover. Jerry Michell attended to represent NB rRIPPLE and Haddenham RIPPLE that is the affiliated group.

18/8/18 Westcott to Waddesdon greenway route. Received email from John Grimshaw of John Grimshaw Associates who has been developing traffic free paths since 1979 when work started on the 24 km Bristol and Bath Railway Path. He attached a map of a proposed extension to the recently installed Aylesbury to Waddesdon greenway carrying on to Westcott. He asked for our opinion. Responded 23/8/18 to say looks like a good idea but that Ralph Cox tends to have cattle in his fields.

19/8/18 Whitchurch WHI/57/1. Caroline Heron asked if we could fit into our work schedule tomorrow the reinstallation of a fallen way marker post. Unfortunately the day proved excessively hard and we didn't finish until 16.45 and so we were unable this time to reinstall it.

20/8/18 Whitchurch WHI/16/1 CAMS 86527 at SP802205. £100 received from Whitchurch PC towards cost of this gate installation. Plaque provided and fitted. Dismantled 4-rail, 2-step, 1-hand post, dog-unfriendly stile. Retained existing upright sleeper post as support for gate. Installed Woodstock KG to NB rRIPPLE standard using jack hammer to break through tough layer of chalk about 200-300 below surface. Trimmed hedge back with chain saw and ivy from around BCC 4-way finger post; tightened and replaced missing nuts and bolts on metal finger post. 2.5 x 8 = 20 man hours. AAndrew & B. 35 miles via North Marston and Granborough due to road closure in Oving.

20/8/18 Whitchurch WHI/1621 CAMS 87432 at SP802205. Dismantled 4-rail, no steps nor hand post, extremely dog & people unfriendly stile. Retained existing upright sleeper post as support for gate. Installed Woodstock KG to NB rRIPPLE standard using jack hammer to break through tough layer of chalk about 200-300 below surface. Trimmed hedge back with chain saw. 2.5 x 8 = 20 man hours. DK & B. Met with and discussed potential DaG opportunity for this gate with local resident. Gave him an application form etc. and await developments.

21/8/18 Marsworth MAR/7/2 at SP921150. Received CAMS 87421 from BCC. Suggested this as a DaG to Mr & Mrs Mason of Haddenham, although they are actually holding out for one in Westlington near Dinton.

22/8/18 Oakley FP 28. Email from Alastair saying hopeful that path will be clear by the time Aylesbury Ramblers check it again in Oct/Nov 2018.

23/8/18 CRFC to collect 2 x Woodstock KGs for Westcott on 28/8/18. 10 miles. 1.0 man hour.

23/8/18 Whitchurch – received thanks for the work completed.

Margaret <margaret@palin.cc>

10:35 AM

to me

Good morning Bill,
My thanks to you and the troops for the two new gates.
Your determination to get past the layer of chalk is very much appreciated.
Oscar and I will now be able to add Keinches Lane / footpath to our walks.
With my best wishes to you all.
Margaret and Oscar

23/8/18 Weedon. Tel con with Mr Chris Webster whom we met in the Black Boy Oving. Sent him DaG application form which he returned immediately c/w electronic payment and requesting that his gate be installed somewhere in the Weedon / Aston Abbots / Cubblington / Oving rectangle.

NB rRIPPLE Summary:

NB rRIPPLE on site man hours – includes a proportion of travel time but not administration time which is considerable!	S2Gap / Bridge	S/KG repair	Dog Latch	S2PG		S2KG		WayMk Post
					DaG		DaG	
224 for period 30 Jan 2015 – 6 Aug 2015	2G	11	9	3	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	1	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	4	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	2	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
Totals	3B + 5G	12	16	65	26	9	30	10

*Includes for two Bristol Combination Gates. S2PG etc = Stile converted to Pedestrian Gate

Total number of gates installed = 130 of which 58 have been DaGs.

Signed:

Bill Piers

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For current opportunities for sponsoring a DaG and our work in progress see our web page

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29/5/18 Oving at SP786227. Parish Council DaG. (116)



29/5/18 Oving at SP786225. KG installation incomplete.



5/6/18 Buckland at SP887125. (117)



5/6/18 Buckland at SP888125. (118)



13/6/18 Ludgershall DaG by The Residents of Tetchwick at SP671182. (119)



13/6/18 Ludgershall Way marking improvements at SP671182 and SP670181.



20/6/18 Hardwick at SP803196. (120)



20/6/18 Hardwick DaG "In Memory of Ed Kendrick" at SP804196. (121)



27/6/18 Ludgershall. The gamekeeper cleared and fenced a wide strip through his cover crop at SP674184.



27/6/18 Ludgershall. Improved reinstatement of cropped fields south & north of SP674184.



27/6/18 Ludgershall DaG by The Residents of Tetchwick at SP674184. (122)



3/7/18 Ludgershall DaG by The Residents of Tetchwick at SP678191. (123)



3/7/18 Ludgershall
Fly past by 9 Chinooks.



3/7/18 Ludgershall
Finding some shade L-R
Peter Jerry Derek Allen.



3/7/18 Ludgershall
LSH/13/5 at junction with
LSH/13/6 & LSH/18/1.
Way markers screwed to
gate at SP676186.



3/7/18 Ludgershall
LSH/13/6. Yellow Hi-Viz
post cap fitted at gap
where stile is derelict at
SP680194.



19/7/18 Westcott at
SP727179. (124)



24/7/18 Oving Parish
Council DaG at
SP786225. (125)



24/7/18 Oving Parish
Council DaG at
SP787228. (126)



1/8/18 Pitchcott at
SP774204 on Matthew's
Way. (127)



1/8/18 Pitchcott with
Oliver Hicks-Pattison
from Ramblers HQ



7/8/18 Pitchcott Hill
Farm at SP774206.
Clearing brambles
enroute to N Marston.



7/8/18 North Marston at
SP765224 on Matthew's
Way (128)



20/8/18 Whitchurch
WHI/16/1 at SP802205
(129)



20/8/18 Whitchurch
WHI/12/1 at SP802205
(130) Potential DaG.



Gates 129 and 130
before and after.