

North Bucks rRIPPLE  
(ramblers Repairing & Improving Public Paths for Leisure & Exercise)  
Activity Report 24 November 2018 – 23 February 2019

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. Centrewire Marlow); KG = Kissing Gate (e.g. Centrewire 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 and as from 30/1/19 we are now putting a 20 kg bag of Fencemate (£3.91 each bag) on top of the two galvanised feet of the two hoops. Arisings - old stile timber - cut up and removed from site unless stated otherwise.

27/11/18 Oving. OPAG meeting attended by Jerry. 2 man hours. 22 miles @ 28p/mile = £5.60

29/11/18 Hulcott HUL/5/2 at SP861166. Recce by Jerry of 2 x CAMS 87650. 2 man hours. 20 miles @ 28p/mile = £11.76.

30/11/18 Bierton. John Chantler visited CRFC to get hold of spare timber components for repairing stiles.



30/11/18 Impact Signs. Picked up 12 plaques. 1 man hour. 15 miles.

1/12/18 Westcott WES/17/1 CAMS 87809 at SP718173. DaG by Brian Hasberry - In Memory of Ann Hasberry. Met with Brian Hasberry and fitted plaque.

1/12/18 Hulcott potential DaG. Email from Roger Powell for a KG DaG apropos Aylesbury Ramblers AGM. Posted Roger application form c/w SAE to John Esslemont for DaG cheque.

2/12/18 Shabbington. Hand delivered DaG form and map to Richard Hall, local resident and CRFC contact, who showed an interest in sponsoring a gate.

2/12/18 Marsworth. Email from a very satisfied resident, very pleased and happy with Gate 135 and associated flight of steps installed on 2/10/18. Responded with a suggested short circular walk per map below.



10/12/18 Wing. Ascott Estate. Called into Estate office whilst in the area and met with Robert Horan, Estate Manager. Discussed our ability to offer improvement service and queried in particular muddy kissing gates at SP888221. Gave him contact details of Alastair McVail and Jon Clark at BCC. Received nice email saying he would bear us in mind. Emailed Malcolm Oliver and asked who the main Wing FP person is at the moment. Tel con with Keith Stuart who said he wasn't.

11/12/18 Shabbington. Clerk has alerted parish councillors that we are working there on 12/12/18 if they want to come and say hello.

12/12/18 Shabbington SHB/9/5 at SP663072 CAMS 88142 – Point 5 on the map. Dismantled dilapidated and collapsed "Vee" for horse containment. Installed Marlow PG to North Bucks rRIPPLE standard. Left arisings for land owner. 3 x 4 = 12 man hours. BDJ. 20 miles.

12/12/18 Shabbington SHB/9/5 at SP663071 CAMS 88141 – Point 4 on the map. Dismantled dilapidated "Vee" for horse containment. Installed Marlow PG to North Bucks rRIPPLE standard. Left arisings for land owner. 3 x 4 = 12 man hours. AndrewKP.

12/12/18 Shabbington – met with Jon Clark, BCC Strategic Access Officer to discuss how we get work. All a bit random. Main suggestion is to chat up landowners for more work when we go out on site. BCC are not short of gates so we can easily offer BOGGOF deals to parish councils. Jerry took Jon to show him the two gates we'd installed this morning. Janet Weston gave us a DaG cheque for £250 for one of her gates dedicated to the memory of John Gill.

13/12/18 Hardwick. Jon Clark contacted Anne-Marie, clerk to PC, to say NB rRIPPLE could offer BOGGOF gate installations.

14/12/18 CRFC. Collected 2 gates and stones. 1 man hour. 10 miles.

19/12/18 Shabbington SHB/9/5 CAMS 88138 at SP664071– Point 3 on the map. Dismantled dilapidated "Vee" for horse containment. Installed Marlow PG to North Bucks rRIPPLE standard. Left arisings for land owner. 2 x 4 = 8 man hours. JK. 20 miles.

19/12/18 Shabbington SHB/9/5 CAMS 88139 at SP664071– Point 2 on the map. Dismantled timber kissing gate and installed Marlow PG to North Bucks rRIPPLE standard. Left arisings for land owner. 3 x 4 = 12 man hours. Used existing 200x 200 gate post. Made good four rails cut to length and chamfered to fit neatly against single new 100 x 100 post. Made and fitted galvanised steel spacer over bolt attaching lower part of gate frame to existing slightly off-vertical gate post. 3 x 4 = 12 man hours. BDJohn Chantler.

21/12/18 CRFC. Collected stones and kissing gate for Hulcott in the New Year. 1 man hour. 10 miles.

1/1/19 Ludgershall: Bernwode News Article by Alan Turner-Smith.

#### Creating a rRIPPLE

Ludgershall is fortunate to have 27 fine footpaths on which to ramble. Most are in reasonable condition, but many have awkward stiles. Unlike my much-mourned powerful lurcher dog Barnabas, my current lurcher Silas does not do fence jumping, so I have to lift him. It's my daily weight training.

So, imagine my delight the other day when I discovered four friendly men busy replacing a particularly difficult stile with a kissing gate, allowing me to follow a route that had become a real trial of strength. This noble band of volunteers belonged to North Bucks rRIPPLE - Ramblers Repairing and Improving Public Paths for Leisure & Exercise. They have improved several Ludgershall footpaths recently and, with the landowner's permission, are keen to do more in the area.

Sometimes their work is commissioned by the County Council, but this funding is severely limited. Simple gates cost £250 while a kissing gate costs £375 – small prices to pay for the health benefits to those walking the countryside, many of whom find stiles a barrier to their enjoyment.

If you sponsor a gate you can give it a plaque, for example in memory of a loved one, but any amount is most welcome. More information is available from their websites <http://www.avlesbury-ramblers.org.uk/donate-a-gate> and <http://www.bucks-wmiddx-ramblers.org.uk/donate-a-gate.html>.

Alan Turner-Smith



Alan and Silas with Bill Piers at a gate dedicated to Barnabas' memory.

2/1/19 North Marston. Sent clerk to PC, Rachel Callander, details of where to send their DaG contribution cheque for £50.

5/1/19 Oving. Recce by Jerry of plannings deposited on FP 20 by Roger Simms and state of stiles on PF6. 2 man hours. 22 miles.

3/1/19 Quainton QUA/34/1 CAMS 87935 at SP719184 received from Rose Gibbard for 1 x Marlow PG. Danny Prater at Lower Farm, Westcott, landowner. Junction with WES/6/1.

6/1/19 Ludgershall "Alf's Gate". Report received that gate not closing properly. Alan Turner-Smith investigated. It would appear that the gate's "H" frame has sprung subsequent to installation. Will need to revisit to insert some washers to realign "H". – see photo of Gate 149 dated 7/2/19.

6/1/19 North Marston. Trevor Jenkins, Ramblers FP checker and local resident, sent through his amended bid for funding from the parish council from next year's precept. This had a favourable response from the Chair of the parish council.

7/1/19 North Marston. Receipt and acknowledgment sent to Trevor and Kathy Lane for £250 DaG contribution.

7/1/19 Whitchurch. Dee emailed requesting Caroline Heron's contact details for the installation of a couple of KGs on her land.

7/1/19 Oving. Update from Vanessa c/w photos on FP12 on Mr Tutt's land and FP6 on the Hodges land at Buttermilkhall Farm.

8/1/19 Hulcott DaG from Roger Powell, Aylesbury Rambler. HUL/5/2 at SP860166 CAMS 87650. "Dismantled" no-steps" (two concrete blocks either side of fence line), one-rail, sheep-netted, electric-fenced, "stile". Installed Woodstock KG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Buried length of blue plastic water pipe supplied by Michael & Ian Ashby, landowners/farmers, for electric fencing continuation wire. 4 x 6= 24 man hours. ABDK. 44 miles.

9/1/19 Oakley OAK/27/1 at SP638122. Talked to Paul Kilpin, parish councillor trying to get stile replaced by a gate. Tentative arrangement to meet next Thursday lunchtime.

10/1/19 Impact Signs. To Aylesbury to collect two signs for Jenny's Gate in Dinton and In Memory of John Gill in Shabbington. 15 miles. 1 man hour.

12/1/19 Aylesbury Ramblers New Year/Post Christmas dinner. Attended dinner at The Bell Hotel, Winslow. Card made by Stephen O'Shea sign by many for Jim Robinson of Haddenham who is seriously ill with lung cancer. Card delivered 13<sup>th</sup>; Jim very sadly passed away 17<sup>th</sup>. Jim was a leading light within Aylesbury Ramblers and worked unstintingly to help create The Wychert Way.

12/1/19 Aylesbury Ramblers dinner attendees raised £250 for a DaG thanks to cajolling by Roger Powell.

13/1/19 BCC RoW Liaison Meeting. Sent report for meeting at County Hall on 25/1/19.

14/1/19 Shabbington CAMS 88137 at SP664070. Confirmed date for fifth stile installation as 22/1/19.

16/1/19 Dinton DFU/19/1 CAMS 86766 at SP769103. Tel con with Paul Roads confirming date for DaG installation at 30/1/19.

16/1/19 Ivinghoe/Slapton. Emailed Kevin Holden for whom we installed a gate at SP926191 on 24/4/18. Asked if still interested in installing a DaG nearby at SP927192. No response.

18/1/19 Ludgershall. Email from Rosemary Harris re setting up LPAG. Responded positively.

21/1/19 Briants of Risborough in Longwick. Purchased 4 x 20 kg bags of Fencemate Postmix for £15.65 that we think we might use for the hoops on KGs when installed on the inside of fields with cattle. 1 man hour. 16 miles.

22/1/19 Shabbington SHB/9/5 CAMS 88137 at SP664070 – Point 1 on the map. Dismantled 1-step, 3-rail, no hand post stile and installed on centreline of footbridge a reclaimed/recycled 0.9 m wide Marlow PG to North Bucks rRIPPLE standard. Left arisings for land owner. Reinstated three rails to both sides. Reinforced and strengthened hand-rail running along footbridge which comprises 3 No 3.5 m x 250 x 150 planks, one of which is rotting on top side at one end. Suggested to landowner Janet Weston that she replaces rotting one and adds a new one to make bridge 750 wide. 3 x 5 = 15 man hours. BJK 15 miles.

22/1/19 Chilton CHL/3/1 CAMS 87691 at SP668123 for stile to Marlow received and acknowledged.

22/1/19 Marsh Gibbon MGI/9/2 CAMS 88469 at SP654233 stile to Woodstock KG rec'd & ack'd.

23/1/19 Upton & Dinton. Requested info re Walking Group from Monica and clerk to PC.

23/1/19 Addington. Emailed Alastair to say we had put the four CAMS on hold until he has decided how to progress. He said okay.

25/1/19. BCC RoW Liaison Meeting. Gave a presentation on how we install a kissing gate. Well received with a couple of questions.

26/1/19 Upton & Dinton. email from Rosemary Bird of Simply Walk to say she/they need help to get paths improved having reported 8 stile problems over the last couple of years several times.

26/1/19. Matthew's Way.

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|  | <p>email to Trevor Lane to suggest that his DaG be at SP780216 beside Myatt's new field gate. He responded to prefer on Carter's Lane opposite Hill View or up on top of hill. Responded to say both these may be Eric Sarjeant. Trevor responded to say he believes it's on Lloyds land.</p> <p>Follow-up tel con with Keith Sutton, Quainton Bucks Herald correspondent. He's to ask Arthur Evans, PC Chair, re stile beside pumping station. See arrow.</p> |
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29/1/19 Westcott WES/15/1 & /2. Received CAMS 88481 at SP719172 and 88263 at SP720171 (2 gates); WES/32/2 CAMS 88479 at SP717168; WES/27/1 CAMS 88480 at SP720165 – a total of five Marlow PGs on land owned by Peter Cripps.

29/1/19 Oakley OAK/32/1. Received CAMS 88076 at SP642122 for a Woodstock KG on John Pickford's land.

30/1/19 Dinton DFU/19/1 CAMS 86766 at SP769103. DaG for Carol Mason "Jenny's Gate" – our 150<sup>th</sup> gate. Dismantled 4-rail, 2-step, no hand post non-conforming stile. Installed Woodstock KG to NB rRIPPLE standard c/w two bags Fencemate for the hoop feet. Peter went off to fetch hot water from Haddenham to ensure the two 20 kg bags of Fencemate went off okay in freezing conditions. Fixed gate to existing robust "telegraph pole" fence post with 200 & 135 mm coach screws and spacers. 5 x 5 = 25 man hours. 10 miles. Peter 21 miles.

30/1/19 Dinton. Met with Giles & Melanie Kidner of Pasture Farmhouse. Melanie on PC. Also with Rosemary Bird of Upton who has produced a detailed survey of the Dinton & Upton FPs. Long discussion in Seven Stars regarding future work and a way forward. Rosemary extremely disappointed with BCC's acceptance, and the parish council, of what she, other walkers and we deem to be unacceptably awkward and dangerous stiles on DFU/18/1 particularly at SP771105 and 770106.

30/1/19 Dinton DFU/18/1. Emailed Giles & Melanie Kidner, landowners, wrt gating two of their stiles at SP768109 opposite the school and SP768108. They responded immediately to say happy to have both stiles converted to gates. Explained that several Aylesbury Ramblers DaGs were going spare.

5/2/19 CRFC to collect gate and stones. 10 miles. 1 man hour.

5/2/19 Akeley AKE/12/2 CAMS 87846 at SP711382 and AKE/13/1 CAMS 87845 at SP711383. Received two CAMS from Rose Gibbard for two Marlows. Landowner Wayne Bartlett.

6/2/19 Dorton DOT/7/1 CAMS 85605 at SP679153. Met with tenant farmer Jamie at Lower Pointer Farm and it was agreed that his fields were too wet to drive on. Looked at site and agreed that to fit a Marlow into the corner of the field would take a lot of doing as neighbour's fence would need to be re-aligned towards their leylandii hedge. On 7/2/19 Jamie offered to find out contact details of neighbour.

It was also noted:

That the stile in the paddock fence, CAMS 84574 at SP679152, might well become surplus to requirements when new owner takes over the farm in a month or so.

That the stile at the other side of the field at SP679150 is seriously dilapidated but there is no CAMS for it.

That the stile on the road on WUN/4/1 also at SP679153 could ideally be converted to a gap.

6/2/19 Westcott WES/27/1 CAMS 88480 at SP720165. Dismantled 3-rail, 2-step, 1-hand post stile. Installed Marlow PG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Fitted OAR decal. Refitted rails to new posts on both sides. 5 x 6 = 30 man hours – included aborted trip to Dorton. 27 miles.

7/2/19 Returned to Gate 149 to insert washers between hoop and "H" frame to stop latch from binding. 7 miles. 1 man hour.

7/2/19 Dinton DFU/18/1. Further to 30/1/19 - Recce of two potential gates at SP768109 opposite school and SP769108. 10 miles 1 man hour. Subsequently emailed Giles & Melanie Kidner, landowners, to ask if they want PGs, KGs or one of each. They responded 12/2/19 to say they'd talked to their tenant farmer, Paul Roads, and that "at the moment" he doesn't want the stiles replaced with gates, so no go at the moment. We responded 18/2/19 to ask if this was to do with lambing and that we are still hopeful that the gates will be installed. Copied in Rosemary Bird, Simple Walk, and Martin Usherwood, Chair of PC. Stressed that DaGs are freely available "at the moment".

7/2/19 Northamptonshire Ramblers Chairman, David Craddock, emailed to ask how they might get a gate installed to commemorate a long serving member who died recently. Responded positively suggesting he takes a look at our web page and then makes further contact. 16/2/19 Roland Rawlings, Area Treasurer emailed to follow up. Responded and suggested he thoroughly research our web page.

8/2/19 Shabbington – Photo in Thame Gazette:



## Walk across the fields is now free of stiles

Thanks to the generosity of Janet Weston at Rookery Farm, BCC and the Ramblers, the awkward walk across the fields from Ickford Road to the play area at the far end of Marsh Road is now stile free.

A total of five stiles and horse barriers have been replaced with easy to use self-closing pedestrian gates. One

has a Ramblers Donate a Gate plaque fitted to it dedicated to the memory of David John Gill of Rookery Farm.

The photo shows Janet Weston, with Keith Wheeler-Cherry and Bill Piers of North Bucks RIPPLE.

One of the other gates can just be made out in the distance on the right.

8/2/19 CRFC. To kissing collect gate, stones and chop up arisings. 10 miles. 1 man hours.

8/2/19 Quainton 3. Trevor & Cathy Lane DaG on Matthew's Way. Brian Fludgate, PC clerk came back to say Eric Sarjeant didn't want a gate beside the pumping station so he would ask landowner north side of church.

9/2/19 Haddenham RIPPLE AGM held at Black Horse, Thame. Minutes produced by Jerry 16/2/19.



10/2/19 Quainton Clerk Brian Fludgate emailed to say said permission given by landowner Warren Evans to install gate north side of church at SP750201. Queried wrt KG or PG. He said probably KG as by road.

10/2/19 Haddenham. Brian Bowman asked if we could repair the damaged gate near station on permissive way.

10/2/19 Notley. Brian asked for landowner details for KGs in Jim's memory. I said Nick Reynolds.

12/2/19 Jerry reconnoitred a number of sites covering 40 miles. Reimbursed £11.20.

12/2/19 Quainton. Sent pic of stile to Trevor Lane chasing plaque wording. Trevor responded with wording.

12/2/19 Impact Signs - sent requests for proofs for: Aylesbury Ramblers 2019; Gate 150; Matthew's Way; Ed Kendrick's.

14/2/19 Oving Received and acknowledged Oving OVI/6/4 CAMS 88574 at SP792229 and OVI/11/1 CAMS 88573 at SP793229.

14/2/19 Stewkley Received and acknowledged Stewkley STE/3/1 CAMS 88498 at SP841254 and CAMS 88575 at SP845254; both KGs. Landowner David Roff 07834164574 of Bury Farm, Fishweir, Stewkley.

17/2/19 Dorton DOT/7/1 CAMS 85605 at SP679153. Followed up by WhatsApp with Jamie of Pointer Farm re details of neighbour. He said he'd try again.

18/2/19 Dinton – See 7/2/19.

20/2/19 Oakley OAK/32/1 CAMS 88076 at SP642122. Dismantled 4-rail, 2-step, 2-hand post stile. Installed Woodstock KG to NB rRIPPLE standard/w two 20 kg bags of Fencemate on hoops feet. Considerable time spent sorting out orientation of KG due to large tree, large round steel gate post, finger post with dog poo bin attached. 5 x 5 = 25 man hours. BDJKP. Peter 11 miles. 25 miles. Visited XT on return.

21/2/19 Briants of Risborough, Longwick. Purchased 10 1.8 m x 100 x 100 UC4 15 yr Redwood posts and 10 x 20 kg bags of Postmate and delivered to CRFC. 2 man hours. 16 miles.

23/2/19 South East Walker March 2019 issue:

## rRipple moves from DaGs to PAGs and BOGGOFs!

**O**ur Donate a Gate (DaG) scheme has operated since 2016 with close to half of the 150 gates we've installed being DaGs.

In some parishes we've installed lots of gates (19 in Westcott, 13 in Oving), but none at all in many others. There appears to be no rhyme or reason for this. If the county council gives us a load of job sheets for a parish such as Westcott, we just get on with them. Either before or after the actual installation we'll try to negotiate some DaG funding from the landowner or the parish council. In Oving, concerned residents and members of the parish council, including the clerk, got together with us and formed Oving Paths Action Group. All their 52 problems will eventually be resolved thanks to the determined and persistent efforts of the group's members. One of the main attributes of the group has been making friends with local farmers, all of whom they knew, but now know intimately better! Some of the problems have been an issue for well over 10 years and sadly, from past experience, would have remained so however many times they were reported to the council.

With the demise of the Parish Paths Partnership scheme that

was so successful in the 1980s, many parish councils now rely on a member being the paths person who may well be unenthusiastic. Some parishes and their parish councils seem quite resigned to this situation. Year after year they watch over a number of poorly maintained, or blocked paths, and also often dangerously dilapidated stiles. They throw their hands up and say 'What can be done, what with all the cuts.'

Well this is where we can help. All that's needed is one enthusiastic and committed person to gather a couple of fellow parishioners and to petition the parish council. This has happened in North Marston where Ramblers footpaths checker Trevor Jenkins has produced a two-sided-A4 'Request to North Marston Parish Council for Donation from Parish Council Annual Precept to North Bucks rRIPPLE Donate a Gate Scheme.' This is a well worded 'Word' document that is available to plagiarise on our web page. Attached to it is a DaG application form. Already several other parishes such as Ickford, Ludgershall, Oakley, Whitchurch have shown an interest in forming path action groups. We are working on, if ever so slowly, Dinton with Ford & Upton, Dorton, Quainton

- there are so many, with so many problems.

As Jon Clark, the county council's Strategic Access Officer said to us, "Go for the low-hanging fruit." If you find a willing parish that's interested and keen, work with them. Life is too short to bash your head on non-opening doors - there's more out there than we'll get done in our lifetime. To increase the take-up of the DaG scheme, with increased support from the county council we are now offering a Buy One Gate Get One Free (BOGGOF) scheme throughout 2019!

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At the Oving Paths Action Group's end of year lunch for North Bucks rRIPPLE volunteers and their partners: Anne and Allen Fairbrother with Daphne and Derek Holland. Photo: Bill Piers

## NB rRIPPLE Summary:

| 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 Latch | 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          |
| Totals                                                                                                                 | 3B/5G/1 Steps         | 12          | 16        | 72   | 31  | 12   | 37  | 10         |

\*Includes for two Bristol Combination Gates.

S2PG etc = Stile converted to Pedestrian Gate

S2KG etc = Stile converted to Kissing Gate

Total number of gates installed = 152 of which 68 have been DaGs.

Signed:

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Many thanks to the team of seven, myself, Allen, Andrew, Derek, Jerry, Keith 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 OPAG etc etc. We estimate that for every man hour of work carried on outdoors an hour is spent on admin, preparation, tools maintenance etc etc.

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

[www.Bucks-wmiddx-ramblers.org.uk/donate-a-gate](http://www.Bucks-wmiddx-ramblers.org.uk/donate-a-gate)



21/11/18 Westcott  
WES/17/1 at SP718173.  
DaG Brian Hasberry.  
(142)



4/12/18 Ludgershall  
LSH/10/2 at SP665173.  
(Gate 143 – aka Alf's  
Gate) (N.B. Photos  
taken from opposing  
sides).



12/12/18 Shabbington  
SHB/9/5 at SP663072.  
(144) Fitted NB rRIPPLE  
plaque.



12/12/18 Shabbington  
SHB/9/5 at SP663071.  
(145)



12/12/18 Shabbington  
SHB/9/5 at SP663073.  
Adjusted latch so gate  
would self-close  
properly.



19/12/18 Shabbington  
SHB/9/5 at SP664071.  
(146)



19/12/18 Shabbington  
DaG SHB/9/5 at  
SP664071. (147)



8/1/19 Hulcott DaG from  
Roger Powell. HUL/5/2  
at SP860166. (148)



22/1/19 Shabbington  
SHB/9/5 at SP664070.  
(149)



22/1/19 at Gate 147  
having just fitted DaG  
plaque In Memory of  
David John Gill for  
landowner Janet  
Weston. See 8/2/19 for  
this photo in Thame  
Gazette.



30/1/19 Dinton DFU/19/1  
at SP769103. DaG for  
Carol Mason "Jenny's  
Gate". (150)



30/1/19 Dinton. Made  
some new friends. Giles  
& Melanie Kidner of  
Pasture Farmhouse who  
own two stiles on  
DFU/18/1. Mel is on PC.



6/2/19 Westcott  
WES/27/1 at SP720165.  
(151)



7/2/19 Returned to Gate  
149 to insert a number of  
washers to stop "H" from  
splaying.



20/2/19 Oakley  
OAK/32/1 at SP642122.  
(152)



Gate 152 plaque.