

North Bucks rRIPPLE
(ramblers Repairing & Improving Public Paths for Leisure & Exercise)
Activity Report 24 February 2019 – 23 May 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, i.e. the timber from the old stile, is cut up by chain saw and removed from site unless stated otherwise.

23/2/19 Hulcott. Confirmed with farmer visit for 26th.

23/2/19 Hulcott. Jerry made contact with Hulcott PC clerk, Ruth Powell.

26/2/19 Hulcott HUL/5/2 CAMS 87651 at SP861166. Aylesbury Ramblers DaG. Dismantled 4-rail, 2 very rickety steps, 1-hand post stile. Installed Marlow PG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Ran a 2 m length of 25 mm OD Alkathane water pipe supplied by farmer to provide continuity for electric fencing. Fixed pipe to posts with four conduit clamps. 4 x 5 = 20 man hours. AllenBJK. 36 miles via Aston Clinton for Allen. Had visits during the day from Nick Green, parishioner; Ruth Powell, clerk to PC; Michael Ashby, farmer; Len Barrows & Tony Cox, Milton Keynes Ramblers checking their route for a 9/10 mile walk on Sunday 3/3/19.

27/2/19 Hulcott. Called Michael Ashby to request that he expedites the clearance of the large willow tree fallen across HUL/5/2 at SP865164 on west side of Rothschild Victorian footbridge for MK Ramblers walk on Sunday.

28/2/19 Oakley at SP638122. Email to Paul Kilpin asking if any reaction to our gate installation or progress wrt other gate installations.

28/2/19 Akeley AKE/12/2 CAMS 87846 at SP711382 and AKE/13/1 CAMS 87845 at SP711383. Recce of sites. 1 man hour. 20 miles.

28/2/19 Great Horwood. Clerk to PC, Mandy Cliffe, emailed Jerry with request for a quote for 2 x KGs on GH0/2/1 at SP762301 and GH0/5/1 at SP758319.

28/2/19 Hulcott. Jerry emailed Jon Clark following up Nick Green of Hulcott's request that something be done about the bridge across Thistle Brook at SP 854173.

1/3/19 Quainton at SP750201 on Matthew's Way. Left message with landowner Warren Evans again (previously on 21/2/19) as to whether he wants a PG or a KG.

1/3/19 Westcott WES/5/1 at SP722185. WhatsApp to Dan Prater at Lower Farm asking for his email. Potentially a new gate could be installed here when we do QUA/34/1 CAMS87935 at SP719184.

1/3/19 CRFC. To collect KG and stones. 1 man hour. 10 miles.

4/3/19 Rowsham WIG/2/2 at SP852178 – we think. Jon Clark mentioned in passing an enforcement issue here where new landowner has installed an electric gate effectively locking it, forcing walkers to deviate from the definitive line.

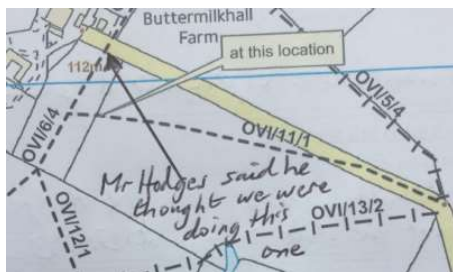


4/3/19 Ford at SP783090 – Point 3 on map – see 15/4/19 below. Received email from Jon Horn, V Chair DFU PC regarding a request from farmer John Tapping of The Wallet, Water Farm, Ford for a KG on a field boundary. He has a lot of dog walkers who “adjust” his fencing where he has sheep. Tel con 7/3/19, he suggested a site meeting be arranged. Jerry agreed to carry out recce.

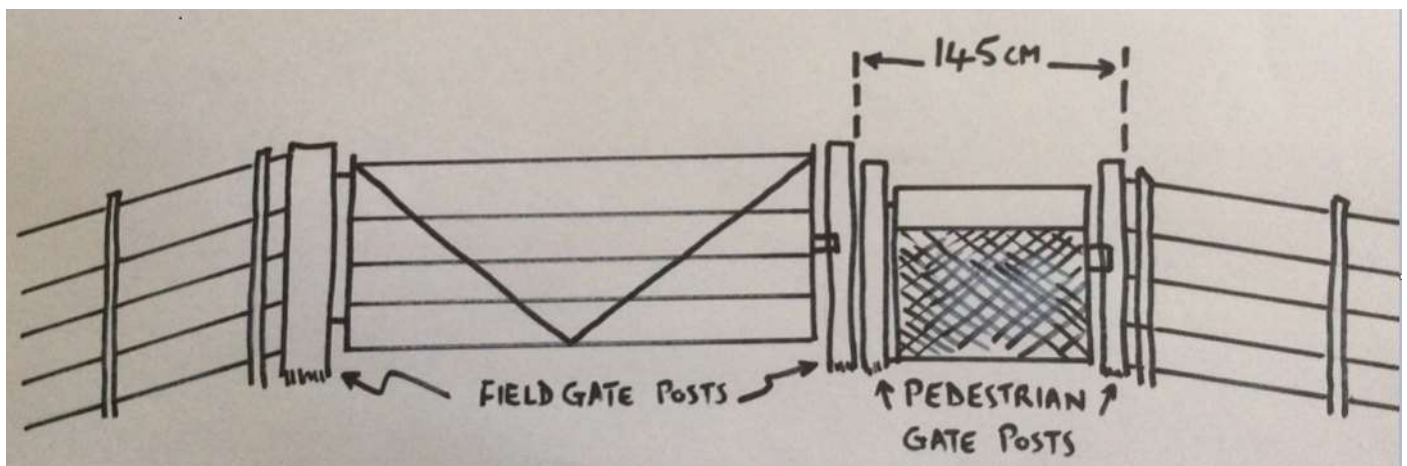
5/3/19 CRFC Annual payment of £200 for use of site for storing stones, posts and gates. Invoice submitted by CRFC to John Esslemont.

5/3/19 Oving OVI/6/4 CAMS 88574 at SP792229. Oving PC DaG. Dismantled dilapidated 3-rail, 2-steps (1 broken), no hand post stile. Installed Woodstock KG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Re-laid 2 sleepers over ditch. Made hedge good i.e. stock proof, to either side of gate. Fitted “Donated by Oving PC” plaque. 6 x 5 = 30 man hours, ABDJKP. Somewhat over-manned as we were hoping to do a second KG in the same field. 28 miles. Derek 10 miles, Jerry 22 miles. Allen £7.10 bus fares.

5/3/19 Oving OVI/11/1 CAMS 88573 at SP793229. We thought replacement of this dilapidated 1-rail, sheep netted, two step (1 broken), no hand post stile with a Woodstock KG had been agreed between Philip Hodges and OPAG. However, he thought we were down to do OVI/6/4 at SP793230 just across the track from his farm house also in the same field. Submitted “Abandoned” CAMS form with request that “Work required” be changed from stile to KG to repair stile.



6/3/19 Oving OVI/20/1 at SP779216. Rachel of OPAG surveyed whether the six-bar gate has been replaced yet by the Myatt's allowing space for a Marlow to be installed. Jerry produced a sketch for OPAG explaining width required for pedestrian gate.



6/3/19 Travel expenses. Settled, Allen, Derek and Peter's travel expenses,

7/3/19 BCC. Requested gates delivery for Friday 15/3/19.

7/3/19 Westcott WES/32/2 CAMS 88479 at SP717168. Confirmed with Peter Cripps that job due Wed 13/3/19.

7/3/19 Hoggeston. Made email contact with our local contacts. No response received.

11/3/19 Ford at SP783092. Recce by Jerry to meet with John Tapping who wants to install a kissing gate here. 1.5 man hours. 7 miles.



12/3/19 CRFC. John Esslemont, Ramblers Area Treasurer, transferred £200 to CRFC for annual storage of gates, timber, "Fencemate" and stones.

13/3/19 Westcott WES/32/2 CAMS 88479 at SP717168. Aylesbury Ramblers DaG. Dismantled awkward 3-rail, 1-step, no hand post stile that walkers were by-passing through a gap in the hedge and ducking down through a four strand barbed wire fence as an alternative and easier route to negotiate. Installed Marlow PG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Reinstated two strainers and barbed wire fencing to both sides. Fitted plaque and AOR decal. $3 \times 5.5 = 16.5$ man hours. BDP. 30 miles. Peter 12 miles.

13/3/19 Westcott WES/28/2 and WES/27/1 at SP718166– see photos below. Met grateful local resident and walker Nicky Pumphrey. Suggested she liaises with Sue Lacey to get the two stiles put on the Westcott PC wish list. Tel con with Sue Lacey who agreed with the need and said she would promote this.



15/3/19 CRFC. Received delivery of gates from BCC which included two Milton Keynes type that open both ways. 1.0 man hours. 10 miles.

15/3/19 Ford DFU/34/1. Discussed with Jerry as to exactly where a problem stile exists. Turned out to be Point 7 on map of 15/4/19 – see below.

15/3/19 Westcott WES/15/2 CAMS 88263 at SP720171. Agreed with Alastair by email that two Milton Keynes type gates could be used either side of the hedge here.

15/3/19 Oving OVI/20/1 at SP779216. Requested CAMS from BCC.

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rRIPPLE		
CAMS Ref: OVI/20/1 Grid Ref: SP779216 Location: OVI/20/1	Date: Oving Author: [blank] Contact: [blank]	Job Sheet Landowner Information Name: [blank] Address: [blank] Oving: [blank] Date: [blank]
Materials: [blank] Materials Problem: [blank] Materials Cost: [blank] Date: [blank] Target Date: [blank]		
Job description and Work Required: Install Marlow gate in gap between new round steel gate post and old stile.		



18/3/19 Westcott. To CRFC for 2 Milton Keynes gates, 7 posts and loads of stones for big job on 20/3/19. Jet washed both gates, see photo below, that are "old stock" from BCC's Gawcott yard. Heat shrunk 5 Postsaver sleeves onto 5 posts. 6 man hours. 10 miles.



20/3/19 Westcott WES/15/2 CAMS 88263 at SP720171. Dismantled 2 dangerously dilapidated stiles either side of a thick hedge between landowners: 1) 4-rail, 1-step – the other completely broken, no hand rail stile c/w 2 strands of continuous stretched barbed wire through stile; 2) 3-rail, 2 completely broken steps, 1-hand rail stile c/w 2 broken strands of barbed wire. Installed 2 Milton Keynes 1.45 m wide 2-way gates c/w posts to NB rRIPPLE standard. Re-attached barbed wire and fitted two strainers to gate 1). Left arisings in situ in hedge. 5 x 6.5 = 33 man hours. AndrewBJP and Joe Fontura of Aylesbury Ramblers who has generously sponsored a number of DaGs on their behalf. 22 miles. Peter 10 miles. XT Brewery.

20/3/19 Westcott WES/15/1 CAMS 88481 at SP719172. Aylesbury Ramblers DaG paid for by Joe Fontura. Cut into 4-rail fence and removed central fence post. Installed Marlow gate to NB rRIPPLE standard. Made good 4 fence rails, screwed to newly installed posts to either side of gate. 2 x 6.5 = 13 man hours. DK.

25/3/19 Oving. Tel con with Alastair to say we still hadn't got a CAMS for the job tomorrow. He agreed to let us go ahead as Rose has been off sick. He then produced a CAMS for us – 88807.

26/3/19 Oving OVI/20/1 CAMS 88807 at SP779216. DaG sponsored by Brenda Ball. Removed hurdle tied up with baler twine across RoW. Removed two half-round rails of non-existent stile attached to "telegraph pole" gate post. Reused this post for nailing on four replacement of rails. Installed Marlow gate to NB rRIPPLE standard. Used jack hammer for hard ground. Infilled gap with length of recycled 100 x 100 post attached with 150 x 10 coach bolts. 5 x 5 = 25 man hours. ABJKP. 33 miles. Allen 30 miles. Peter 22 miles. Black Boy, Oving.

26/3/19 Oving OVI/7/1 at SP789223. Recce for a Woodstock KG on Tony Tutt's land.



28/3/19 Quainton FP3 at SP750201. Requested CAMS from BCC. Email Clerk, Brian Fludgate, to say unable to make contact directly with Warren Evans, land owner. He said he'd get a parish councillor to

definitely confirm authorisation and that a KG would be preferred. Alastair emailed on 2/4/19 to say he'd provide a CAMS.

28/3/19 Oving OVI/20/1.



29/3/19 CRFC. Collected 2 Marlows, 2 posts and buckets of stones. Received delivery of a standard big bag of 10 mm stones from Lords of Aylesbury. 1.0 man hour. 10 miles.

29/3/19 Akeley jobs confirmed with landowner by Jerry.

31/3/19 CRFC. Collected 3 strainers for Akeley gates. 1.0 man hour. 10 miles.

2/4/19 Akeley AKE/12/2 CAMS 87846 at SP711382. In corner of field, dismantled dilapidated 1-rail, 1-step, 1-hand post, sheep-netted stile. Installed Marlow PG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Fitted one strainer post. 3 x 6 = 18 man hours. ABJ. Bill 60 miles. Allen 30 miles.

2/4/19 Akeley AKE/13/1 CAMS 87845 at SP711383. Dismantled dilapidated 3-rail, 2 completely rotten and broken steps, 1-hand post, sheep-netted stile. Installed Marlow PG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Fitted one strainer post. 3 x 6 = 18 man hours. DKP. Peter 30 miles. Passing Akeley resident walker was "disparaging" regarding the installation of "effing shiney metal gates". K tried, but was unable to reason with him.

2/4/19 Akeley AKE/12/2 at SP712383. Used chain saw to remove fallen tree from across path and trimmed some potentially dangerous low hanging branches. Left wood-burner-sized logs in situ as trailer full and weather inclement to collect them. Retired to The Wheatsheaf Inn in Maids Moreton. Met briefly with Roger & Polly of Akeley in the car park who might be interested in promoting our activities within Akeley.

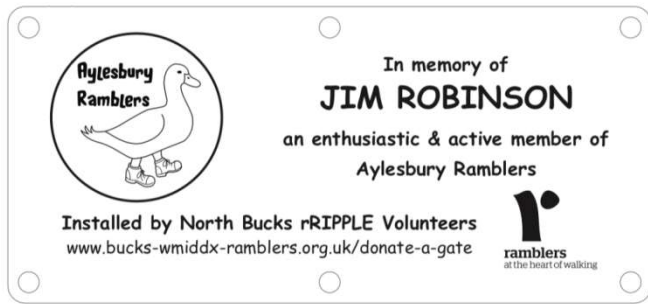
Akeley work much appreciated by Joanne Taylor, Team Leader - RoW Operations and Jonathan Clark, Strategic Access Officer, BCC.



2/4/19 Oakley at SP638122. Oakley PC DaG. Email from Paul Kilpin to say landowner permission received for go ahead. Asked whether a Marlow or a Woodstock required and whether we might be able to install the next one along at SP634123 at the same time.

4/4/19 Dinton with Ford & Upton. Emailed Rosemary Bird wrt her preparations for the Annual Parish Meeting on 9/4/19 and the raising of issues relating to footpath matters.

4/4/19 Received mock up of Jim's plaque for two gates sponsored by Aylesbury Ramblers. Circulated to members of Aylesbury Ramblers and well received and accepted



6/4/19 Ford DFU/34/1 at SP78270922. Tel call from John Tapping to say he's built a fence across the path. Recce on 8/4/19. 1.0 man hour. 8 miles.



9/4/19 Ford. Tel con with John Tapping to ask whether he wants a PG or a KG. He explained the 3 fields he has tenancy of, are owned by Chris Woods of The Spinney in Ford. Mr Woods is apparently keen on gates that are easy for dog walkers. We will therefore contact him directly.

9/4/19 Oving OVI/7/1 at SP789223. Oving PC DaG agreed on Tony Tutt's land. Requested CAMS from BCC for a Woodstock KG.

9/4/19 Westcott WES/27/1 & WES/36/1 junction and WES/28/2 at SP718166. Requested CAMS from BCC for 2 Marlows or Milton Keynes PGs where there are two awkward/dilapidated stiles on either side of the former track entrance to the old airfield. Peter Cripps, landowner is happy to have these stiles replaced with gates. Wrote letter to Peter (& Vivian) to ask whether he wants to make a contribution to the costs through our BOGGOF DaG scheme.

9/4/19 Oakley. Paul Kilpin emailed to say he now knows the landowner for stile mentioned on 2/4/19 above is Roger Hawes. He'll get the clerk to contact him for permission to install a gate.

10/4/19 Marsh Gibbon MGI/4A/1 CAMS 87666 at SP633234. Dismantled stile comprising a collapsed and rotten ancient timber five-bar gate with 2 steps and 1 hand post semi-buried in overgrown hedge. Cleared overgrowth and installed Woodstock KG to NB rRIPPLE standard. "Buried" mostly rotten arisings in hedge to NW side of new installation. Re-directed finger post – see before & after photos. Also redirected finger post for adjacent MGI/4B/1 to point down hedge line rather than across the field. 4 x 5.5 = 22 man hours. BDJP. 40 miles. Peter 18 miles. The Plough, Marsh Gibbon.

10/4/19 Marsh Gibbon MGI/4/3 CAMS 87665 at SP635233. Assessed work required here to install a Woodstock KG. A lot of hedging is in the way. Decided to ask landowner Adrian Lambourne of Townsend Farm whether he really wants/needs a KG or would if a Marlow PG would be acceptable. Also noted poor condition and awkwardness of stile on footbridge across the road on MGI/5A/1 also at SP635233. See photo below.



10/4/19 Ludgershall. Recce to check the adjustment and setting of Gates 138, 140, 143. $2 \times 0.5 = 1.0$ man hour. DJ.

10/4/19 Ludgershall. Met with Archie and Rosemary Harris. Discussed removal by BCC of surplus-to-requirements kissing gate and installation of a new stile at SP662173. They would have preferred a gate as there's a KG the other side of the field and it makes no sense to have a stile here. Rosemary said that the local resident landowner had said that BCC prefers stiles over gates. $2 \times 0.5 = 1.0$ man hour. BP.



11/4/19 Dinton. Tel con with Rosemary Bird who said she is hopeful that Lorraine Gooch can chat to Mel Kidner about progressing gates opposite Upton School. She is raising funds for a KG DaG with her Simply Walk group.

12/4/19 CRFC and Briants of Risborough. Purchased 20 posts & 4 bags of Fencemate from Briants at Longwick. Took home 2 KGs, 5 posts and stones from CRFC. 2.0 man hours. 22 miles.

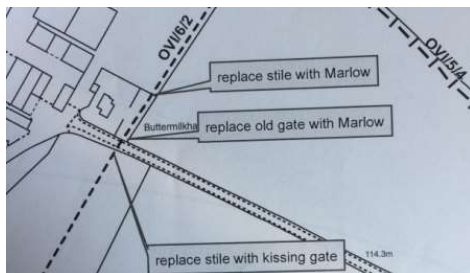
12/4/19 BCC. Received large number of CAMSs.

Dorton DOT/7/1 CAMS 88640 at SP680148 Replace stile with Marlow PG.

Oving OVI/6/3 CAMS 88805 at SP793230 replace stile with Woodstock KG.

Oving OVI/6/2 CAMS 88804 at SP793230 replace stile with Marlow PG.

Oving OVI/6/2 CAMS 88806 at SP793230 replace old wooden gate with Marlow PG.



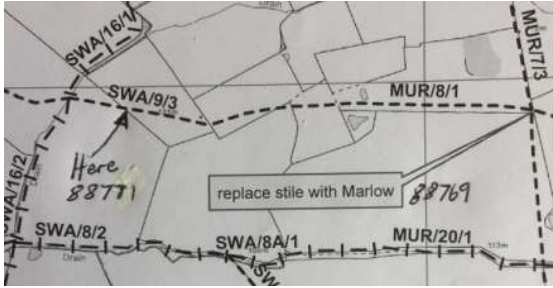
Oving OVI/7/1 CAMS 88945 at SP788223 Replace stile with Woodstock KG as requested 9/4/19.

Quainton QUA/3/1 CAMS 88878 at SP750202 Replace stile with Woodstock KG as requested 28/3/19.

Quainton QUA/20/1 CAMS 88913 at SP744195 Replace stile with Woodstock KG.

Mursley near Swanbourne MUR/8/1 tbc CAMS 88769 at SP821269 Replace stile with Marlow PG.

Swanbourne SWA/9/3 CAMS 88771 at SP814269 Replace stile with Marlow PG.

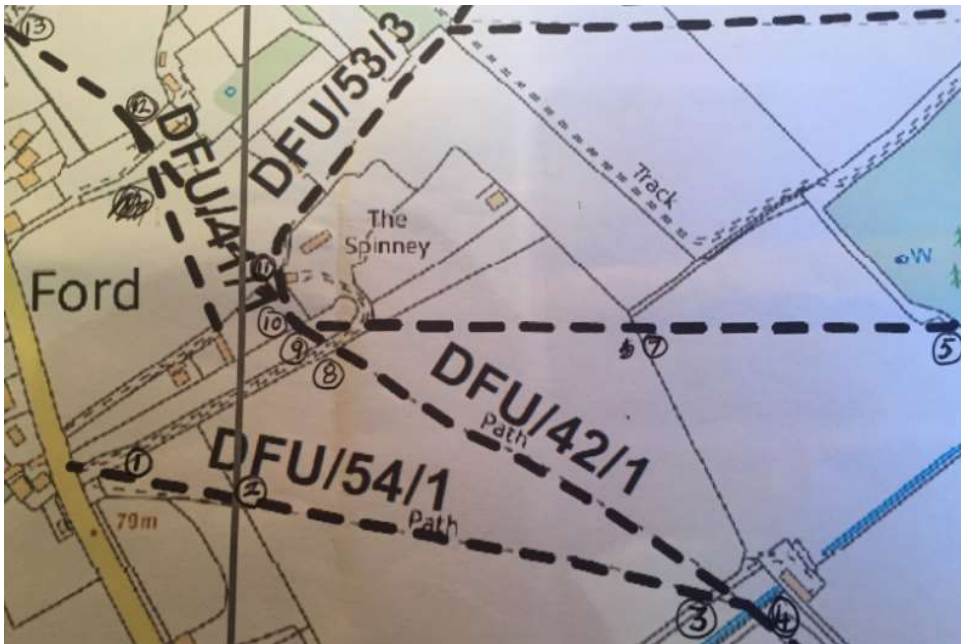


Westcott WES/27/1 CAMS 88942 at SP718166 Replace stile with PG possibly a Milton Keynes.

Westcott WES/27/1 CAMS 88943 at SP718166 Replace stile with PG possibly a Milton Keynes.

Weston Turville WTU/17/1 CAMS88637 at SP861106 Replace stile with Aston gate.

15/4/19 Ford. Wrote letter to Chris Woods of The Spinney, Ford, landowner whose tenant farmer, John Tapping, is keen to have a fence he's put up changed for a stile. Letter explained who we are, included a map, article from SE Walker, DaG Application Form. To be hand delivered.



16/4/19 Web Page. Contacted Leslie Douglas wrt the attachments as there was a mix-up with the DaG Application Form and the plagiarise-able request to a parish council for funding for DaGs. All sorted.

16/4/19 Cuddington. Talked to Lynne Devey, Cuddington resident, regarding NB rRIPPLE and opportunities for DaGs in Cuddington. Demonstrated the web page and the sorted out attachments.

16/4/19 Dorton DOT/7/1. Called Jamie and WhatsApped him for details of new owners of Lower Pointer Farm. He said the new owners are aware of our outstanding CAMSs.

17/4/19 Quainton QUA/3/1 CAMS 88878 at SP750202 on Matthew's Way. Cathy & Trevor Lane DaG in memory of Matthew Lane. Dismantled 3-rail, 2-step (one rotten and lying on its side), 1-hand post stile. Installed Woodstock KG to NB rRIPPLE standard making use for support the existing old timber gate post forming part of adjacent 7 bar steel field gate. Angles hoops into field due to proximity of field gate, BCC steel finger post and timber Matthew's Way way-marker. Cleared overhanging ivy hedge to churchyard bonfire site under instructions from Brian Fludgate, Clerk to PC. Met with several interested villagers

including Arthur Evans, Chair of PC, and Keith Sutton, Bucks Herald village correspondent. 6x 5 = 30 man hours. BDJKP. XT Brewery. Bill 26 miles. Peter 18 miles.



Work in progress picture with Brian Fludgate, Clerk to the Parish Council who did all the liaison with the landowner.

L-R Derek Holland, Peter Smith, Keith Wheeler Cherry, Brian, Jerry Michell.

17/4/19 Quainton QUA/20/1 CAMS 88913 at SP744195. Recce of S2KG. Looks relatively straight forward.

22/4/19 Ford. Received long and detailed response from Chris Woods offering to DaG 5 Marlow PGs and 3 Woodstock KGs for £2,375. This is a terrific result and a much valued request to sort out a number of problems.

22/4/19 Pitchcott PI/1/1 at SP774205 and PIT/2/2 at SP775204. Rachel in Oving emailed to say a fence is going up right across Matthew's Way. I called Robert Hunter, landowner, and left a message. He texted back to say he's putting up a fence c/w stiles but no gates. Great shame.

23/4/19 Oving OVI/1 CAMS 88945 at SP788223. Oving PC DaG. Dismantled dilapidated 1-step, 3-rail stile and took out adjacent leaning steel finger post. Installed Woodstock KG to NB rRIPPLE standard using one bag of Postmate in one Hoop hole. Left arisings on site in woodland. Attached steel finger post to hoops using 8 mm threaded rod. 5 x 6 = 30 man hours. ABJKP. 25 miles; Peter 16; Allen 10. Black Boy Oving.

24/4/19 Bucks Herald picture and report of last week's Quainton kissing gate.



Some of the Quainton Ramblers' working group hard at it in the village last Wednesday, April 17, as they prepare the ground and install a kissing gate to replace a stile near the old school house by Quainton Parish Church.
Read the full story in the Quainton column

Kissing gate

Herald readers may remember that last month I wrote that Quainton walkers would be pleased to learn that thanks to the Ramblers organisation, which is concerned with repairing and improving public paths for leisure and exercise, a new gate has been donated which would replace the stile at the footpath opposite the old school house near the church.

I can now report that a group from the Ramblers - North Bucks rRIPPLE (Ramblers Repairing and Improving Public Paths for Leisure and Exercise) - have now installed the gate and Quainton walkers are much-pleased with the result.

Gates are much easier to negotiate than stiles, especially for those with walking difficulties or with small children, and the Ramblers' donation to Quainton is very much appreciated.

24/4/19 Pitchcott. Sent email re discussion with Robert Hunter to OPAG and the two Trevors (Lane & Jenkins) in North Marston.

25/4/19 CRFC. Took timber cleared from garage at home to make room for a small stock of gates at home to CRFC. 1.0 man hour. 10 miles.

26/4/19 CRFC. Took delivery 5 Marlows, 5 Woodstocks and 2 Milton Keynes gates from Greg of BCC. Collected 1 Marlow and 1 Woodstock to hold at home. 1.0 man hour. 10 miles.

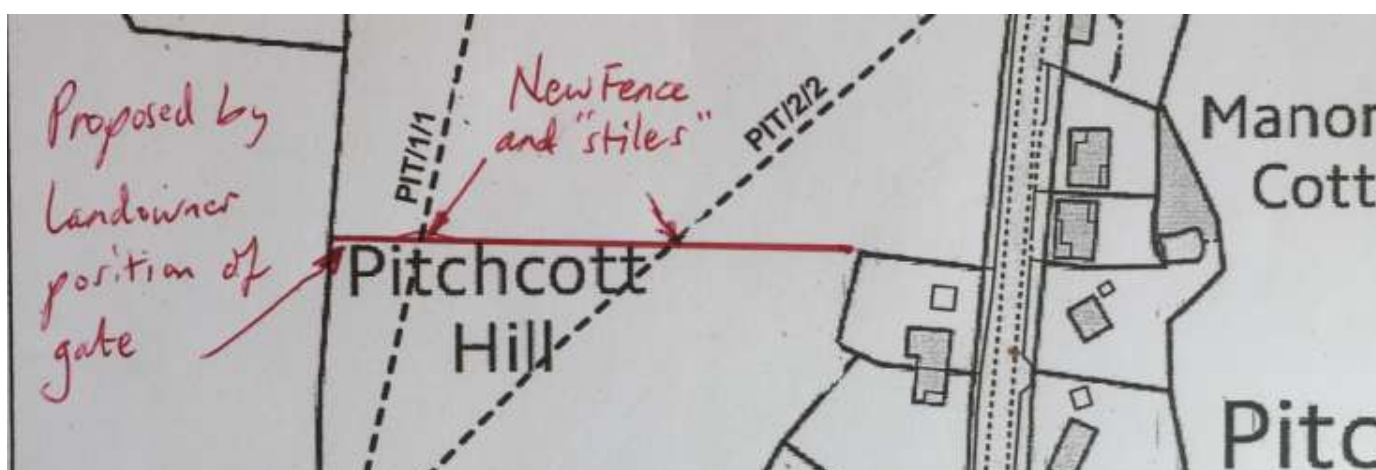
26/4/19 Chilton. Jerry sorted team of him, Peter and Andrew for Wednesday 1/5/19.

26/4/19 Great Horwood. Jerry followed up with parish council as a change of clerk is imminent.

1/5/19 Chilton CHL/3/1 CAMS 87691 at SP668123. Dismantled dilapidated 4-rail at 3-levels, no steps, 1-handpost poor excuse for a stile. Detached sheep netting and barbed wire to one side. Installed Marlow PG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Installed strainer to one side. Reinstated sheep netting and stepping stone. 3 x 6 = 18 man hours. AndrewJP. 25 miles. Peter 16 miles. This was first ever NB rRIPPLE gate installed without Bill Piers in attendance. Well done the team of three and to Jerry for leading so ably.

2/5/19 Bierton BWB/9/1 CAMS 89083 at SP841150. Strimming around both sides of two kissing gates for Jon Clark carried out by John Chantler, a registered NB rRIPPLE team member, and a resident of Bierton. 1.0 man hours. 0 miles.

4/5/19 Pitchcott PIT/1/1 (Matthew's Way) and PIT/2/2. Met with Rob Hunter whilst out doing a recce of report of two illegal structures placed across the paths. Mr Hunter said if BCC would allow him to run the path along the headland fence he would allow a gate to be installed. Sent email explaining Mr Hunter's request to Jon Clark, BCC Strategic Access Officer. Ideally Mr Hunter would like PIT/2/2 extinguished. 1.0 man hour. Happened to be passing.



5/5/19 Ford. Met with John Tapping Senior and John Henry Tapping, son and tenant farmer. Had extremely positive response and gained further information regarding land ownership especially adjacent to Water Lane. Agreed to go ahead with two gate installations even though awaiting CAMS from Alastair which are imminent. 1.0 man hour. 8 miles.

6/5/19 Wychert Way gates for Jim Robinson's plaques. Met with Brian Bowman, Aylesbury Rambler, to discuss progress in Notley, Dinton and Upton in particular. Brian is still attempting to get agreement with Mr Nick Reynolds at Notley but has had no response. Brian subsequently this very morning bumped into Mr Reynolds and got his agreement to install four gates on his land. See 10/5/19 below for photos.

8/5/19 Ford DFU/34/1 CAMS 88912 at SP782092. Chris Woods DaG. Dismantled 4-rail, 1-straddle step, 1-hand post "temporary" stile. Installed Marlow PG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Made good gaps with rails to both sides. 2 x 6 = 12 man hours. BP. 12 miles. Peter 20 miles.

8/5/19 Ford DFU/34/1 CAMS 89075 at SP784092. Chris Woods DaG. Dismantled wobbly 3-rail, 1-step, no-hand post stile. Detached 4 strands of barbed wire both sides. Installed Woodstock KG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Reattached barbed wire. 3 x 6 = 18 man hours. DJK.

8/5/19 Returned Alastair's call of yesterday and arranged to meet with him on Monday at Quainton.

9/5/19 Postsaver sleeves. Ordered 50 sleeves.

9/5/19 CRFC. Took large load of arisings from Ford to CRFC for chain sawing. 1.0 man hour. 10 miles.

10/5/19 Bierton. Met with John Chantler at CRFC to give him timber with which he can repair "wobbly" stiles. Collected KG and stones. 1.0 man hour. 10 miles.

10/5/19 Long Crendon LCR/9/4 towards Chearsley and LCR/7/3. Aylesbury Ramblers DaGs in memory of Jim Robinson. Recce of four stiles on The Wychert Way that landowner Nick Reynolds has agreed with Brian Bowman that they can be changed for Marlow PGs. 1.0 man hour. 15 miles.



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12/5/19 Long Crendon. Drafted four CAMS for the four stile-to-gate DaGs above for Alastair.

13/5/19 Quainton QUA/20/1 CAMS 88913 at SP744195. Dismantled 4-rail, 2-step, 1-awkward hand post stile. Extracted with very great difficulty a deeply embedded post. Had to cut it off at ground level, drill into it and insert two 200 x 10 coach screws through chain and lever it out using 1.8 m x 100 x 100 post. Wasted at least 1 hour doing all this. Cleared extensive ground level brambles. Installed Woodstock KG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Nailed and screwed four rails to either side of gate to finish it off nicely. Fitted plaques to gate – Isobella's Gate on the front and Hug's gate on the back – Keith Wheeler Cherry's grand children. Plenty of local interest shown with tea, coffee and bottled beer on offer. 3 x 7 = 21 man hours. BDP. 22 miles. Peter 18 miles.

13/5/19 BCC. Met with Alastair at Quainton for a chat and review of current and future workload. He took on the provision of 4 CAMSs for Notley. He will also go and recce & review the numerous DaGs promised for Ford. He said we could decide our own priorities.

13/5/19 Dinton with Ford & Upton. Sent brief email to parish councillor Jon Horn to say we'd installed two gates at Points 5 & 7 on map.

14/5/19 BCC Rights of Way Improvement Plan meeting at County Hall. NB rRIPPLE represented by John Chantler.

17/5/19 CRFC. To collect gates, posts and stones. 1.0 man hour. 10 miles.

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 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	
Totals	3B/5G/1 Steps	12	16	77	35	14	41	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 = 167 of which 76 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



26/2/19 Hulcott HUL/5/2 at SP861166. Aylesbury Ramblers DaG. (153)



26/2/19 Met with Ruth Powell, Clerk to Hulcott PC with Merlin. Also Len Barrows & Tony Cox of Milton Keynes Ramblers checking a 9/10 mile circular walk route for coming Sunday who "Christened" the gate.



5/3/19 Oving OVI/6/4 at SP792229. Oving PC DaG. (154)



Hi Bill the path has-been cleared, making the walk much easier for all. Thank you regards Tony

3/3/19 Tony Cox of MK Ramblers sent in photo of clearance of the large willow tree fallen across HUL/5/2 at SP865164. Thank you Michael Ashby.



13/3/19 Westcott. Fitted plaque.



13/3/19 Westcott WES/32/2 at SP717168. Aylesbury Ramblers DaG. (155)



20/3/19 Westcott WES/15/2 at SP720171. (156 and 157)



20/3/19 Westcott "Work in progress" on both sites – three S2Gs.



20/3/19 Westcott WES/15/1 at SP719172. Aylesbury Ramblers DaG. (158)



2/4/19 Akeley AKE/13/1 at SP711383. (159)



2/4/19 Akeley AKE/12/2 at SP711382. (160)



2/4/19 Akeley AKE/12/2 at SP712383 clearance.



10/4/19 Marsh Gibbon MGI/4A/1 at SP633234. (161)



17/4/19 Quainton QUA/3/1 at SP750202 on Matthew's Way. Cathy & Trevor Lane DaG. (162)



23/4/19 Oving OVI//1 at SP788223. Oving PC DaG. (163)



1/5/19 Chilton CHL/3/1 at SP668123. (164)



1/5/19 Gate 164. Andrew & Peter, photo by Jerry.

First NB rRIPPLE gate installation carried out without Bill Piers in attendance – abroad in Vienna meeting second grandchild. Two remarkable achievements!



2/5/19 Bierton BWB/9/1 CAMS 89083 at SP841150. Strimming requested by Jon Clark, BCC Strategic Access Officer, so school children don't get stung by nettles. Carried out by Bierton resident and NB rRIPPLE team member John Chantler.



8/9/19 Ford DFU/34/1 at SP782092. Chris Woods DaG. (165)



8/9/19 Ford DFU/34/1 at SP784092. Chris Woods DaG. (166)



13/5/19 Quainton QUA/20/1 at SP744195. (167)



Reverse views of Gate 167 before & after. Note normally locked seven bar steel field gate.