

North Bucks rRIPPLE  
(ramblers Repairing & Improving Public Paths for Leisure & Exercise)  
Activity Report 1 June 2020 – 23 August 2020

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). 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 BCC 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 Fencemate (£3.91 per bag) on top of each 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.

2/6/20 Kinsey. Keepers Cottage Oxfordshire at SP728068. Emailed Edward Clark following up on email dated 7/3/20.

2/6/20 Westcott. WES/28/1 Followed up to Rose Gibbard on 3/3/20 request for CAMS at SP717170.

3/6/20 Kinsey. Keepers Cottage Oxfordshire at SP728068. Email response received from Edward Clark: (Good) Afternoon

I am afraid we are not really interested at the moment, as you can imagine under the current situation we have been inundated with footpath walkers, (mostly people NOT on the footpath). We have had gates left open, excess litter and people walking where they want, not where they are meant to be, so just at the moment making access easier is not something very high on my agenda.

I am afraid the actions of a few have ruined it for the rest.

Thanks Ed

8/6/20 Weedon. Wendy Kett requested help to source a supplier of Weedon Village Walk round decals. I forwarded her email to Daniela at Impact Signs.

8/6/20 Wingrave. Jan Warmsley emailed regarding two S2Gs that are apparently in Wing Parish although very close to Wingrave. Emailed her to explain all the info that is needed before Buckinghamshire Council PRoW will issue Job Sheets. She emailed back to say she’ll contact the PC to contact the landowners as the farmer has frisky/scarey cows in the field.

8/6/20 Shabbington. Emailed Helen Spurgeon, clerk to PC, to ask if she is aware of anyone within the village who could become our local hero.

8/6/20 Milton Keynes/Calverton. Received email from Joe & Hilary Clinch to ask if we could fix three or four stiles. “One particular walk that I guess has about 5 stiles starts from Calverton Village from a corner in Lower Weald, it joins the MK Boundary Walk and returns along fields with a pretty stream that takes us back to the village. One or two stiles are in good condition [but still tricky for us] but several have missing parts.”

Responded requesting photos and location details.

9/6/20 Dinton with Ford & Upton. Received from Rose Gifford of Buckinghamshire Council three CAMSs 92181/2/3 as requested.

11/6/20 Calverton near Milton Keynes. Received letter and photos of awkward stiles from Mr & Mrs Clinch, Ramblers members – see 8/6/20 above.

11/6/20 Bishopstone. Chris Crabbe reported a damaged gate

12/6/20 Marsh Gibbon. Tim Howard emailed with some details of stiles and bridges in need of improvement. Jerry responded positively.

12/6/20 Shabbington. Linda Neil, parish councillor with an interest in footpaths emailed. She was responding to our email of 8/6/20 to the clerk and explained that BCC installed two kissing gates fairly recently. One beside the pub and one behind the church. Replied to say we'd be delighted to have her on board as the Shabbington Local Footpaths Hero. Copied on Jerry to make contact and see what further progress can be achieved in Shabbington by NB rRIPPLE.

13/6/20 Calverton/MK. Contacted Jerry: "By all means drop the map round, but as Calverton is part of MK Unitary Authority and Passenham is in Northants, I'm not sure what we can tell the Clinches."

14/6/20 Great Horwood. Robert Deuchar, Footpath Warden for the parish emailed: "At its meeting on 8 June the Parish Council approved a new metal gate to replace an existing wooden gate on FP 5 at SP761319. This is at a hedge boundary belonging to Felicity Shippobotham at Home Farm, Great Horwood". Emailed back to say Jerry Michell would be in touch.

14/6/20 Shabbington. Sue Savin emailed to enquire when we might fit her gate for her diverted path as their developer will be getting on site shortly. Emailed back to say not until lockdown is sorted. Suggested she consider fitting two reasonably sized posts either side of a gap with a sign saying gate to be fitted once lockdown is over.

15/6/20 Weedon Village Walk Signs. Took samples of round BCC and square Improved by the Ramblers to Daniela at Impact Signs. 1 man hour. 15 miles.

15/6/20 Whitchurch. Caroline Heron emailed re DaG paid for by WCCA. Forwarded email to Jerry who suggested to Caroline that payment goes through the PC.

16/6/20 Padbury Village Circular Walk. Pam Malloy, Clerk to PC, emailed to say she was in touch with the landowner for potential S2Gs at points 5&6. She asked if okay to give them Bill's contact details. Responded "Absolutely".

16/6/20 Great Horwood. Jerry emailed Sue Brazier, Clerk to PC, to say we would try and install the two gates being discussed once were back out of lockdown. Jerry to pursue Buckinghamshire Council for the paperwork.

18/6/20 Whitchurch. Talked to Ashley Bond, PC Chair about DaGs & Caroline Heron's attempts to get funding from WCCA. Ashley suggested Jeremy Sampson, parish councillor and Whitchurch Village Association rep, would be a useful contact for us. Ashley mentioned two gates needed behind the school. Forwarded info to Jerry on 20/6/20.

18/6/20 Janet Piers, Bill's wife of 42 years, died at Florence Nightingale Hospice, of pancreatic cancer. xxx

20/6/20 Whitchurch. Talked to parish councillor Jeremy Sampson. He's interested in DaGs and getting funding out of the PC for some. He mentioned that Mel Perry is to be co-opted onto the PC and may well be interested in footpaths and getting improvements completed.

21/6/20 Whitchurch. Emailed DaG application form and map of three DaG locations. Copied in Caroline Heron and Mel Perry. Mel replied thanking us for info.

23/6/20 DFU/2/1 & DFU/3/1 Starveall Farm Email from Rosemary Bird today with maps indicating potential DaGs.

24/6/20 Westcott. WES/10/1 at SP717172. Westcott PC DaG - New clerk emailed PC will DaG Gate 211.

24/6/20 Dinton with Ford & Upton. Bill & Tom Piers walked DFU/2/1 & DFU/3/1 from Dinton Castle past

Starveall Farm to Eythrope. Oiled and adjusted a couple of gates.

25/6/20 Capital Walkers. Email from Nigel Howard, Chair.  
Dear Bill,

I saw an article in 'South East Walker' about the replacing and repairing stiles work you that are involved in.

I've enjoyed some walks in the Chilterns recently and noticed a number of Ramblers badged new stiles, plus some also by a U3A walking group. I'm chair of large London Ramblers group – Capital Walkers – and just wondered if you could advise how you obtained funding for your work please?

Emailed him back with brief explanation and pointed him in direction of web page.

25/6/20 IPROW. Email from Buckinghamshire Council RoWO for an article on path maintenance carried out by volunteers. Passed to Jerry who asked Charles to read through his draft.

25/6/20 Bierton. John Chantler queried with Jerry DaG costings and Jerry responded explaining last year's DOGGOF offer.

30/6/20 Chilterns. Jon Clark emailed you say he's found another contractor to work on the Chilterns DaGs that we were given but weren't terribly keen to do.

1/7/20 Whitchurch. email from Shirley Francis, clerk to PC, saying PC has agreed £500 annual precept towards a DaGs. Asked Jerry to handle. Suggested we collect the £500 now.

1/7/20 Centrewire. Followed up re two more broken gate hasps on Haddenham HAD/19/1 making three in total. See photo of a failed gate at end of this report.

2/7/20 Dinton. DFU/9/2 CAMS 92183 at SP760103 DaG for Kun chan, Ruri Riers' mother, paid for by Adam Piers.

2/7/20 Shabbington. Sue Savin asked if we'd be able to liaise with her builder, Tom Chamlet, around 27/7/20. Responded almost certainly yes. Sue provided name and tel no for builder.

2/7/20 Chearsley. Local Hero. Anthony Adams called for an update. Poor signal in Wendover Woods.

2/7/20 Plastic posts. Emailed Forestry Commission at Wendover Woods to ask where they get their way marker posts from.

10/7/20 Centrewire. Jed Wragg emailed to say he's talking to the production department wrt the fractured gate hasps.

11/7/20 Chearsley. Bill, Peter & Jerry met with Anthony Adams at The Bell. Discussed work load and potential start-up date for gate installations.

14/7/20 Plastic posts. Joanne Taylor sent info about a company that could supply posts. She has no objection to their use.

14/7/20 Shabbington. Talked to Tom Chamlet, builder, who confirmed he hopes to be on site week beginning 27/7/20. Joe said he'd be okay for Wed 29/7/20 and emailed Peter to ask if he's available to make up a three-some. Peter said yes dependent upon strict social distancing.

15/7/20 Shabbington. Requested CAMS. Alastair asked if gate had been paid for by landowner as it's a FP diversion. Responded yes - as a DaG.

15/7/20 Plastic posts. Email received from Sarah Wright, Ridgeway Trail Officer giving details of two suppliers.

16/7/20 Stone, Hartwell & Bishopstone. Bucks Herald reported Mark Turner has resigned from PC. Emailed Mark to ask who will be our FPs contact within SBH.

16/7/20 Shabbington. Diverted SHB/9/5 CAMS 92614 at SP664070. Sue Savin DaG. Received CAMS from Rose Gibbard.

17/7/20 Plaswood. Tel call from Joanne on 01773 841877 to ask us to call her wrt plastic posts.

17/7/20 CRFC. Sorted gates & stones storage area to receive two new bulk bags of stones.

18/7/20 Stones. Called Lords of Aylesbury and ordered two bulk bags of 20 mm & 40 mm shingle - Simon 01296 421333 - to be delivered Friday morning 24/7/20.

18/7/20 Centrewire. Sent photos of fractures in kissing gate at SP that Eric noticed on walk to Cheersley.

21/7/20 Centrewire. Came across yet another broken and failed gate hasp up at Whiteleaf Cross during U3A walk.

24/7/20 CRFC. Received two bulk bags of shingle (stones) from Lords. 1 man hour. 10 miles.

24/7/20 Centrewire. Called and talked to Jed Wragg explaining that we think they have a serious problem with their welded hasps on their gates that crack and then fail. Yet again Jed said he'd pass our concerns onto the production team.

26/7/20 Covid-19 restarting of volunteer activities. WhatsApped NB rRIPPLE team members with latest update from The Ramblers re recommencing activities.

26/7/20 Shabbington. Emailed Peter with CAMS map to explain where Bill & Joe will be at 09:30 on Wednesday 29/7/20. Loaded trailer. 1 man hour. Tom Chamlet texted to say that he's not starting on site until Wednesday but fine for us to start then as already planned.

28/7/20 Shabbington. Printed off risk assessment forms and completed a Working Party sign off form.

29/7/20 Shabbington. SHB/9/5 CAMS 92614 at SP664070. Sue Savin, Landowner, DaG "In Memory of Thomas Brown". Met with builder/developer Tom Chamlet, who signed off Working Party Sign-off form. Completed Ramblers Covid-19 risk assessment. Installed Marlow gate to NB rRIPPLE standard in gap in hedge line for diverted footpath 9 where it meets existing footpath 7. 3 x 5 = 15 man hours. BJoeP. Joe 15 miles. Peter 14 miles. Landy 15 miles. On return, fitted 6 x Postsaver sleeves to posts. 1 man hour.

29/7/20 Met with Jerry to discuss the way forward for NB rRIPPLE under the new Ramblers COVID-19 working protocols.

29/7/20 Dinton with Ford & Upton. DFU/12/1 CAMS 92181 at SP770101. Asked Jerry to make contact with landowner Edwyn Good to arrange access for Wednesday 19/8/20. Emailed Rosemary Bird to let her know that this will be a Dinton Paths Action Group DaG.

31/7/20 Julia Drummond, Aylesbury Rambler, died Feb 2020 aged 66. Roy Johnson copied us in on an email to Jon Clark & Joanne Taylor asking where a refurbished stile could commemorate her life and support for rambling and the Chilterns.

31/7/20 Stone, Bishopstone & Hartwell. Mark Turner, emailed to confirm he'd stepped down from the chairmanship of the PC. He said: "The Parish Council Footpath warden is Keith Brindle, but you can't contact him electronically, so best go through the Clerk who is Angela Coulthard and you can contact her on clerk@sbhpc.org or 07557 519060.

No luck I'm afraid with Roger Goodchild and I'm afraid that I haven't seen Neil Taylor as his family has been and still is shielding I understand, as soon as I see him I'll mention you and the stiles."

3/8/20 Ramblers Walk Magazine. "Telephone interview" regarding us going back to gate installing operations with particular emphasis on us taking social distancing precautions.

3/8/20 North Bucks rRIPPLE - Upton stile in disrepair reported in the Bucks Herald. Sent email:

Hello Monica & Honor

Can you let us know which stile and landowner you refer to here? It's conceivable that we already have it in our sights to attend to.

Regards  
Bill Piers

The stile has now been repaired but is somewhat flimsy and a gate there would be considerably better. It is the 2nd stile down from Dinton and Cuddington combined school entrance. The first stile is opposite the school entrance in school lane.

Cllr Honor Vane

Hi Honor

We have discussed this poor stile with Mel Kidner, one of your parish councillors, as it's on her land. Unfortunately, after initially agreeing, she was talked out of changing that stile and her other one by the school to gates, by her tenant farmer Paul Roads.

If there's any way you can influence either or both of them please do so.

Regards  
Bill Piers

4/8/20 Cuddington. CUD/2A/1 at SP749119. Tried to find out who repaired the dog latch. Charles Sanderson responded to say it wasn't him.

3/8/20 Whitchurch. John Esslemont invoiced Shirley Francis, clerk, for gates.

4/8/20 Dinton. Asked Michael Trotman if he was getting anywhere with the S2Gs in the White's fields in Westlington. Forwarded on Roy Johnson's email, see 31/7/20, wrt refurbishing a stile in memory of Julia Drummond, an Aylesbury Rambler.

5/8/20 Cuddington. Emailed Cuddington contacts you see if anyone knows who repaired the dog latch.

7/8/20 Expenses - non DaG. Emailed John Esslemont with estimate of £160 for welding repairs to four Centrewire gate hasps and for 20/21 £200 for CRFC storage facility and £200 for miscellaneous tools purchase or repairs.

13/8/20 Great & Little Kimble. GLK/27/1. Sent email to Jon Clark & Sophie David re continuing problem with this blocked path. Commented that their comments re planning application didn't address this path at all, only GLK/31/1.



17/8/20 Oakley. Email from Phil Kilpin requesting we get on with their most dilapidated S2KG job ASAP. Said we'd try in September. Subsequently booked for 2/9/20.

17/8/20 Centrewire failed gates. Collected four welded repaired gates. Nick Witney to initially invoice Haddenham parish council. One gate fitted with an extended hasp with right-angle bends.

17/8/20 Bishopstone. Long chat in The Rising Sun, Haddenham, with Kevin Mooney, Bishopstone inhabitant, re locals in and around Bishopstone.

19/8/20 Dinton with Ford & Upton. DFU/12/1 CAMS 92181 at SP770101. DaG Dinton Paths Action Group. Dismantled 4-rail, 2-step and 1-handpost stile in good order and installed Marlow gate to NB rRIPPLE

standard c/w buried electric fencing continuity pipe/cable – see photos. Unfortunately the two retained in-situ fence posts either side of our gate assembly comprising the two attached redwood posts were at slightly inclined angles. This resulted in our posts splaying the gate's "H" frame stopping it from latching. To overcome this, the gate was swapped for one that was recently repaired, see above, that had an extended hasp. However, this resulted in the need to remove the DaG plaque that had just been fitted and put it on the other gate, which was time consuming, having to angle grind off the 6 security nuts. 3 x 6 = 18 man hours. BJoeP. 15 miles due to return trip, Peter 14, Joe 15.

Visited on site by farmer Edwyn Good. Sent him email explaining the fact that we'd installed an electric fencing continuity cable beneath the gate to negate the need to place a strand of electric fence across the route of the path.

21/8/20 Centrewire failed gates. Tel con with Tom Bindoff, founder of Centrewire, re problem with the gates. He was sympathetic and suggested contacting Richard Harper, Sales Director of IAE – The company that owns Centrewire. See photo at end of report.

September 2020 Edition of Walk Magazine:



### **Back to work in North Bucks**

At the earliest chance following lockdown, three volunteers from North Bucks rRIPPLE (ramblers Repairing & Improving Public Paths for Leisure & Exercise), led by Bill Piers, installed a gate in Shabbington, needed due to a path diversion. The work was carried out at the request of Buckinghamshire Council, with the group dividing tasks to maintain distance and adhere to the current regulations. 'We took chairs which we spaced out, to sit in for a cup of tea. And we stayed local - only five miles from our homes,' said Bill.

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And below from the September 2020 Edition of South East Walker:



# The good, the bad and the ugly

## (in honour of Ennio Morricone)

**I**n these days of coronavirus restrictions, our team is unable to get out and about replacing stiles with galvanised steel gates.

However, it has given us the opportunity to reflect on the challenges that surround the task even before the first hole is dug. It never fails to surprise us how helpful and kind some people are and how incredibly disruptive others are. We thought we would share our experiences over the past year to give you some insight and hopefully a smile (however ruefully).

### Neighbours

**Good:** Would you like a cup of tea/glass of beer? (Class leader: bone china and two brownies each).

**Bad:** Have you got permission for this? I'm concerned about my fence (two metres away).

### Parish councils

**Good:** We'll set up a local action group with you and allocate a precept of £500 a year.

**Bad:** We think it's the county council's responsibility.

### Model farmers

**Good:** Have you seen my arboretum? I've done a dozen gates myself but I'm getting too old to do the

remaining four. Call when you've finished and I'll give you all a dozen eggs each.

**Bad:** You drove too fast across that field. We've got rare breed goats two fields away. Don't bother to come again.

### Team members

**Good:** Where should I dig the hole? Ten minutes later: There you go, what next?

**Bad:** Did you know that BS5709 stipulates a force of no more than 50N should be needed to open the gate? Have you checked this?

### Millionaire owners

**Good:** I'd like to donate £1,200 so that you can replace most of the poor stiles in the village.

**Bad:** How much? I'll pay for half of one.

### Working farmers

**Good:** I'll make sure there's no stock in the field. Let me know if you want me to pull anything out with my tractor bucket.

**Bad:** You'll never get through my three feet of slurry and piles of rusty junk in that vehicle.

### Local charities

**Good:** We want to give you £1,000 towards replacing the stiles in our

hamlet.

**Bad:** We only give to local organisations. No, we're not happy to route it through the parish council.

### Garden owners

**Good:** If you let me know where to order the gate I'll replace the stile myself.

**Bad:** When you've done the gate, I've got a 70-yard section of fencing that needs replacing. I'll pay you.

### Farming families

**Good:** We only replaced that stile last year but we can see that a gate would be easier for walkers.

**Bad:** We don't want gates. My father preferred stiles and my grandfather before him. Some of his stiles are still there, just.

### Walking groups

**Good:** Will the last in line make sure the gate is closed and let's keep to the path please. I'd prefer it if you pick up litter rather than drop it.

**Bad:** Oh, we're allowed through here, it's easier, and don't worry about the gate as there are no animals in the field.

### Dog walkers

**Good:** I know it's not illegal to leave it but I always pick up my dog's poo, and as for those bags that people leave hanging in the bushes... urghh!

**Bad:** He's very good around animals so I don't bother with a lead, and he can go off and sniff and poo wherever he wants. Oh, it's not illegal.

### The downright ugly

I've put that stile straddling a bit of my neighbour's land in a really awkward corner where you can't put a gate, but I want a gate in that unauthorised fence over there. By the way, the one you've already done should have been a kissing gate as I don't want to be chasing my animals across the neighbour's field. Actually, I've changed my mind. I don't think I want you on my land. What do you need? Oh, you don't have to tell the council ...

*Jerry Michell*

*North Bucks rRIPPLE*



Some team members with a happy tenant (and possibly very happy horse).

Photo: rRIPPLE

# 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   | 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          |
| Totals                                                                                                                 | 3B/5G/1 Steps         | 13          | 17      | 92   | 56  | 18   | 49  | 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 galvanised steel Woodstock gate.)

Total number of gates installed = 215 of which 105 have been DaGs.

Signed:

*William (Bill) Piers*

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Many thanks to the team of nine, myself, Allen, Andrew, Charles, Derek, Jerry, Joe, 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. John Chantler is our man in Berton who also comes along occasionally. 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)





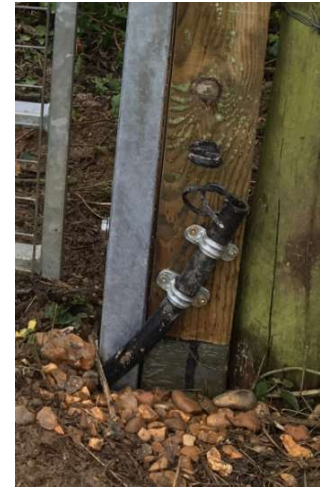
Typical photo of a failed Centrewire gate where the 18 mm solid steel hasp has broken at its two welds to the 1 mm thick channel section.



29/7/20 Shabbington SHB/9/5 at SP664070. Sue Savin DaG. (214)



19/8/20 Dinton with Ford & Upton. DFU/12/1 at SP770101. Dinton Footpath Action Group DaG. (215)



Electric fence continuity.



Suggested redesign of Centrewire latch using 90° bends rather than 45°. Welded front and back of channel.



Plaque on Gate 215.