

# North Bucks rRIPPLE

**ramblers**

Repairing & Improving Public Paths for Leisure & Exercise



# Donate a Gate scheme

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- Open to any group or individual
- £250 for pedestrian gate  
£375 for kissing gate  
Current BOGGOF promotion
- BCC approved, if lawful and CAMS form completed
- Must be agreed with landowner
- Includes engraved stainless steel plaque

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

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>The Ramblers' Association</b><br>Buckinghamshire, Milton Keynes<br>and West Middlesex Area                                         |  |
| <b>North Bucks rRIPPLE</b><br>ramblers Repairing & Improving Public Paths for Leisure & Exercise<br><b>'Donate a Gate'</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                     |
| Please enter your details in the boxes provided:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                     |
| TITLE (e.g.: Mr, Mrs etc)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                       | Name:                                                                               |
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| Email:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                     |
| Gift Aid:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | I confirm that I am a UK taxpayer and wish Ramblers to claim gift aid on my donation (please delete if not applicable).               |                                                                                     |
| Signed:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | (Your signature can be typed if submitting electronically):                                                                           |                                                                                     |
| Date:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                     |
| Optional free inscribed plaque to be attached to the gate. It is not mandatory to have a plaque. Please enter below in the space provided what you would like in the way of an inscription on the plaque on your donated gate. The shape and size of the plaque will be approximately as shown at 175 x 50 mm. If donating more than one gate, different inscriptions can be provided on different plaques for different gates. |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Donated by Mr & Mrs Somebody<br>In memory of Somebody Else                                                                            |                                                                                     |
| Donate a Gate<br>Scheme                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Installed by North Bucks rRIPPLE volunteers<br><a href="http://www.bucks-wmiddx-ramblers.org.uk">www.bucks-wmiddx-ramblers.org.uk</a> |                                                                                     |



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- **Parish Council**
- **Local residents**
- **Landowners**
- **Tenant farmers**
- **Walking groups**
- **Sponsors**



# North Bucks rRIPPLE

## Our aims and preferences:

- **Encourage localism, including setting up Path Action Groups**
- **Cooperation rather than confrontation**
- **Make access easier for walkers and dogs**
- **Encourage responsible access**
- **Village walks & circular routes**
  - Aylesbury rings, Wychert Way, Matthew's Way etc



# Where we operate



***Base: Haddenham*** .....

Thame  
Dorton  
Aston Clinton  
Bierton

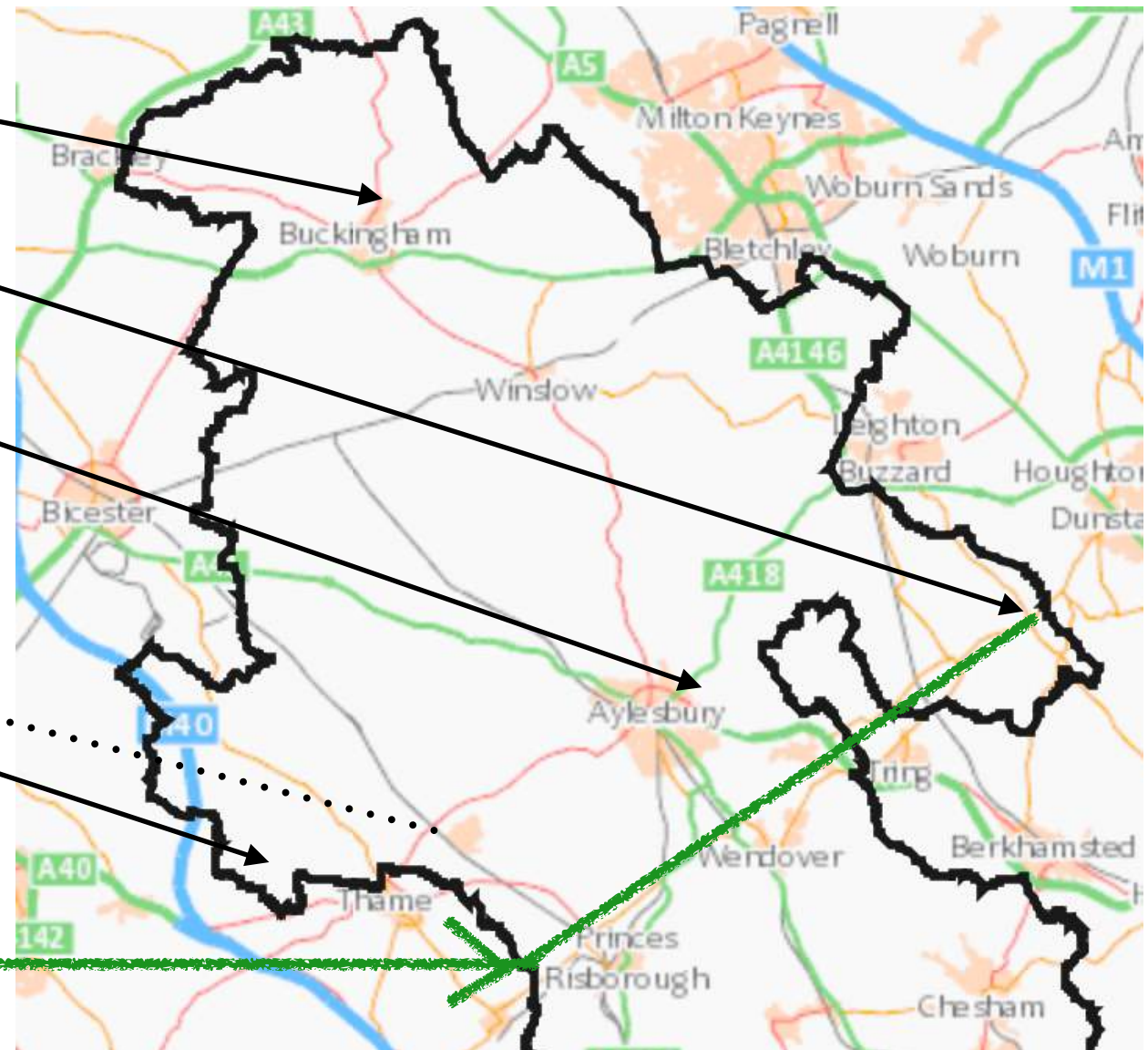
**Maids Moreton**

**Ivinghoe**

**Buckland**

**Ickford**

**Chiltern  
Society**



# How we get our jobs

- **Majority from BCC**
  - Alternative to their regular team
- **Parish councils**
  - Publicity (press, LAFs)
  - Great Horwood, Mentmore, **Westcott**
- **Local ‘champions’**
  - Wingrave, Ludgershall
- **Local path action groups**
  - Wing, **Oving**
  - Parish footpath precept
- **Donor requests**
- **Our own identification & surveys**



# 'Order of service'

- **CAMS work order from BCC**
  - Countryside Access Management System
  - Detailed map and utility searches
- **Contact land user**
  - Owner, tenant, grazier
- **Survey site**
  - Photograph, measure, access
- **Order gate & materials**
  - if not in stock
- **Notify land user and team members**

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|                                                                                                                                            |                                       | <b>Buckinghamshire County Council</b><br><b>Rights of Way</b>                                            | <b>Winslow Area Office</b><br>Tel. 01296 383400<br>Fax. 01296 383401<br>22/11/2018 |
| <b>rRIPPLE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                       | <b>Job Sheet</b>                                                                                         |                                                                                    |
| <u>CAMS Ref:</u> 88142                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <u>Parish:</u> Shabbington            | <u>Action Date:</u> 22/11/2018                                                                           |                                                                                    |
| <u>Grid Ref:</u> SP663072                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <u>Link/Infra/Land Code:</u> SHB/3653 | <u>Contact:</u> Rose Gibbard                                                                             |                                                                                    |
| <u>Location:</u> 466383-207231<br>FOOTPATH 9 SHABBINGTON<br><br>Point 5                                                                                                                                                       |                                       | <u>Landowner Information</u><br>JANET WESTON<br>ROOKERY FARM<br>MARSH ROAD<br>SHABBINGTON<br>07767687983 |                                                                                    |
| <u>Maintenance Type:</u> Gate/Damaged                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                       |                                                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| <u>Reported Problem:</u> <u>Symology Code:</u><br>GATE TO BE REPLACED                                                                                                                                                         |                                       | <u>Date Logged:</u> 22/11/2018<br><u>Target Date:</u> 21/04/2019                                         |                                                                                    |
| <u>Job description and Work Required:</u><br>PLEASE REPLACE GATE WITH A MARLOW 1.2 M GATE                                                                                                                                     |                                       | <u>Priority:</u> B (Medium P&C/Maint)                                                                    |                                                                                    |
| <u>Work Carried Out</u><br>Date Works Started: _____ Date Works Completed: _____<br>Time Works Started: _____ Time Works Completed: _____<br>Crew Hours: _____<br>Comments: _____<br>_____<br>Job Number: _____ Signed: _____ |                                       |                                                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| <u>Materials Used</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                       | <u>Plant</u>                                                                                             |                                                                                    |
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| Use other side if required                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                       |                                                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| <u>For Office Use Only</u> CAMS Updated                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                       |                                                                                                          |                                                                                    |

# Why we don't get jobs

- Occasionally have to chase BCC for work
- Parish councils don't know about us
- Parish council is not devolved
- Landowner won't cooperate
- Job beyond our capabilities
- Encroaching on another area



# How does it start?

## What can Ramblers do?

- Identify and report problems
- Description and 6 fig grid ref
- Take a photo/measurements
- Carry secateurs to cut back
- Talk to local (dog) walkers, residents & landowners
- Contact local parish council



# Stiles to gates

- **Self-closing pedestrian gates**
  - including kissing gates, RADAR gates
- **Way marking**
- **Making good**
  - Leaving it better than we found it



# Before and after

- **Stile demolished**
  - brush cleared
  - old materials & litter removed from site
- **Self-closing gate installed**
- **Fencing made good**
  - (incl. electric bypass)
  - Walk-through graded



# Jobs we'd rather avoid

***OR...You can please some of the people some of the time...***

- Landowner already spent money... and got poor value
- Landowner on other side of boundary not made aware



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***A bridge  
too far?***



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**rRIPPLE can**



- **Modify/replace stiles**
- **Install dog latches**
- **Agree gate type with landowner**
- **Install metal / wooden / kissing gates**
- **Widen sleeper bridges**

**rRIPPLE will**



- **Clear site of over- and undergrowth & litter**
- **Grade with existing soil**
- **Rebuild or repair existing steps**
- **Change stile to gap**
- **Complete CAMS request**

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**rRIPPLE cannot** 

- **Replace footbridges**  
(without further training)
- **Build handrails**  
(except minor repairs)
- **Repair fingerposts & lettering**
- **Repair fencing or farm gates**

**rRIPPLE will not** 

- **Do hedging**
- **Regrade paths**
- **Bring hardcore to site**
- **Build steps from scratch**
- **Remove existing rubbish**

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## What you can do



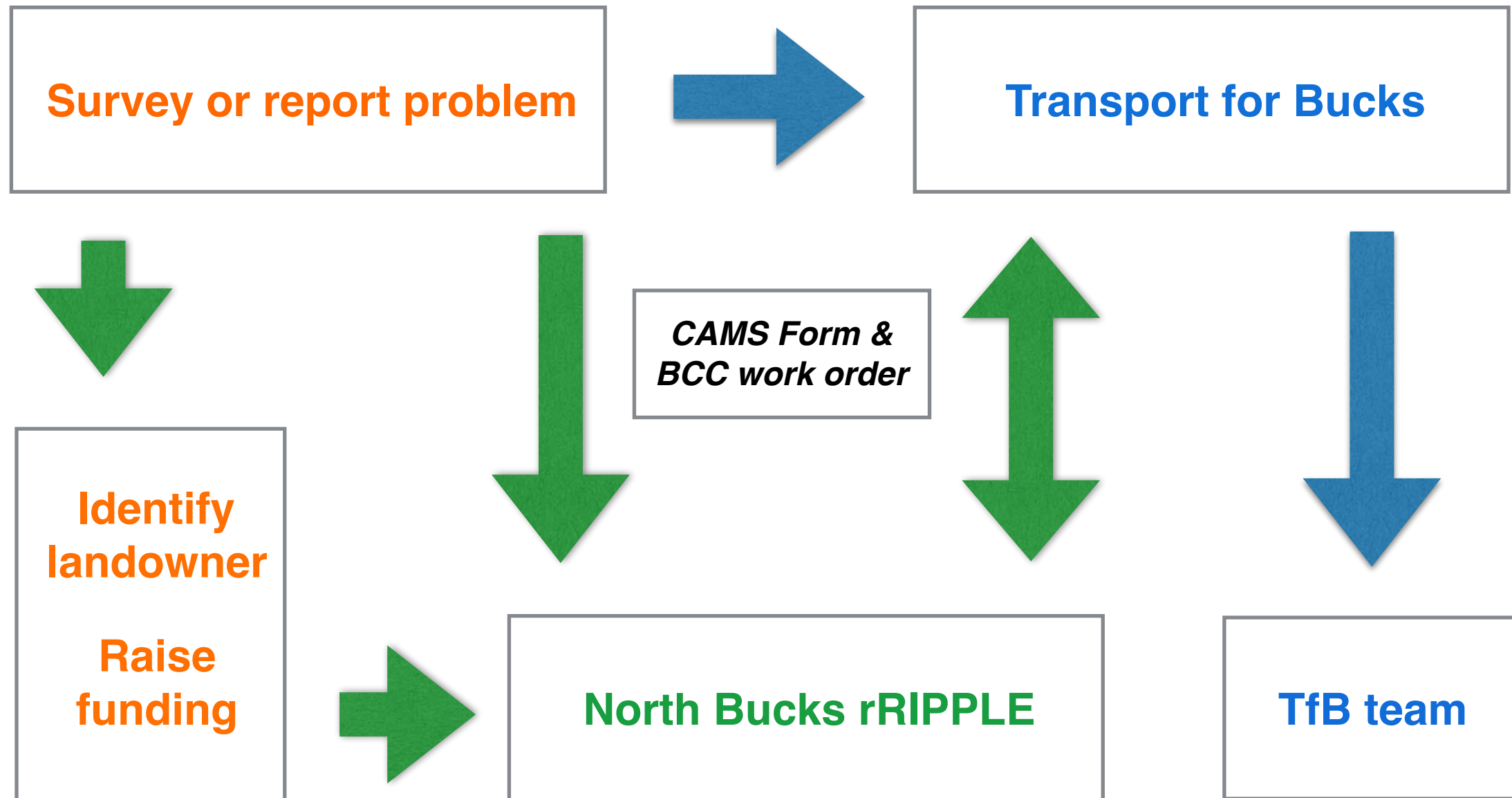
- **Get parish council & local residents involved**
- **Contact landowner**
- **Survey: description, map reference & photo**
- **Report problem to BCC**

## rRIPPLE can help



- **Advise local groups**
- **Complete CAMS form**
- **Liaise with BCC**
- **Liaise with land user**
- **Channel funding / Gift Aid**

# Summary of process



# Our toolkit

**Land Rover Discovery Mk 1 4WD & 6ft Trailer**

***2-stroke:*** Jack hammer,

**Chain saw & hedge trimmer**

***Cordless:*** Disc cutter & drills

**Mattock & pick**

**Shovels & rake**

**Post hole spades**

**Digging spoons**

**Crowbar & 'Spike'**

**Stones tamper**

**Ratchet spanners**

**Hand saws**

**Full hand tool kit**

**Oil & grease**

**End grain paint**

**Buckets, 2 grades of stones, water, elbow grease...**



# 150 gates...and counting

Aston Abbotts  
Brill & Ludgershall  
Buckland  
Dinton  
Granborough  
Great Horwood  
Haddenham & Kingsey  
Hardwick  
Hoggeston  
Hulcott  
Ickford  
Ivinghoe  
Maids Moreton  
Marsh Gibbon  
Marsworth  
Mentmore  
North Marston  
Pitchcott  
Oving  
Preston Bissett  
Quainton  
Shabbington  
Stewkley  
Thornborough  
Westcott  
Wing  
Wingrave & Rowsham

**North Bucks rRIPPLE can help in  
YOUR parish**



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