

North Bucks rRIPPLE
(ramblers Repairing & Improving Public Paths for Leisure & Exercise)
Activity Report – 1 December 2024 – 31 May 2025

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 BC (Buckinghamshire Council) for work requests. All work is requested and authorized by Alastair McVail, BC North Bucks PRow Officer, or Jon Clark, BC Senior Strategic Access Officer. PG = Pedestrian Gate (e.g. Centrewire Marlow or Secure-a-Field Charnwood); KG = Kissing Gate (e.g. Centrewire Woodstock or Secure-a-Field Berkswell). DFU = Dinton with Ford & Upton.

“Installed to NB rRIPPLE standard” means the following: “Pedestrian gate installed c/w 22 mm washer, hinges greased, eye bolt thread copper greased and latch oiled. Latch 8 mm nut replaced with 8 mm security nut. 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 20 mm and then 40 mm shingle. Improved by the Ramblers square decals and BC 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 Post Fix or Remix on top of each of the two galvanized “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.

3/12/24 CRFC. Collected Secure-a-Field reversible kissing gate and nine buckets of stones. 2 man hours. BK. 10 miles.

10/12/24 Whitchurch. Tony Skeggs, Clerk, sent £500 to John Esslemont towards Gates 367 & 368 that were installed 28/5/25.

11/12/24 Hulcott. John Chantler emailed to say he’s still working on getting landowner permissions for several S2G DaGs.

13/12/24 Whitchurch. Email from Charlotte Lincoln, Chair, re future DaGs - Gates 367 & 368.

16/12/24 Haddenham Purchased four “old” railway sleepers from Wynnstay in Haddenham. 1 man hour. B. 2 miles.

19/12/24 Haddenham HAD/5/1 CAMS a01767 at SP751098. Follow up for attempt on 18/5/24. Laid two pairs of 2.4 m long railway sleepers. Connected sleepers together with BC supplied fiberglass anti-slip strips. 6x3=18 man hours. BKMJerryJoshPeter. 5 miles; Josh 25

19/12/24 Slapton CAMS a01682 SLA/399 at SP941202 Church Farm Solar Park S2KG Slapton PC DaG. Oliver Dawes of PRow emailed to say he’d contacted the land registry registered landowner.

3/1/25 Whitchurch: Emailed Charlotte Lincoln in response to her email dated 13/12/24.

8/1/25 Bierton BWB/5530 at SP841152 - request for CAMS for S2G DaG. Resent by Alastair CAMS a02635.

10/1/25 Shabbington. SHB/3594 on SHB/5/2 at SP667065. Richard Hall, local resident, called to ask if we’d fit a replacement KG for one damaged by a lorry at The Old Fisherman.

13/1/25 Dinton DFU/2117 at SP759103 - Requested CAMS to fit Centrewire “D” loop repair kit. Fitted 12/1/25 – CAMS a03281. 1 man hour. B. 2 miles.

13/1/25 Haddenham HAD/2572 at SP737100 on HAD/19/1 request for a CAMS job sheet to replace missing latch on PG. 17/1/25 received replacement latch from Centrewire; fitted 19/1/25 - CAMS a03280. 1 man hour. B. 2 miles.

16/1/25 Chearsley. Chased Anthony Adams by WhatsApp re YaYa's gate. He said he'd have another go shortly.

17/1/25 Haddenham HAD/2412 bridge at SP755109 - Cleared blocked pipe under bridge to resolve issue of flooding - CAMS a03310 received 20/1/25. 2x2=4 man hours. B & Dave Watkins. 2 miles.

28/1/25 Haddenham RIPPLE AGM held at The Black Horse in Thame. 20 attendees enjoyed an excellent lunch.



22/1/25 Bierton. Received £1,700 from PC for 2xS2Gs and 2xS2KGs at agreed locations. NB On 28/1/25 John Chantler agreed we'd actually done five gates, not four. Reconciled 22/5/25.

4/2/25 Shabbington SHB 3594 on SHB/5/2 at SP667065. Requested photo from Richard Hall of damaged KG at The Old Fisherman. Drafted a request for a CAMS.

4/2/25 Dinton with Ford & Upton - collapsed Bridge DFU/2283 on DFU/34/1 at SP780093. Received yet another plea and request from Nicki Carberry for help in expediting the replacement of this collapsed bridge. Talked to Alfie Jones, of The Spinney. He said not on their land but would support any improvement. Talked to Paul Roads, landowner, who said no problem with replacing the bridge but currently the track leading to it is too wet for vehicles. Sent request to BC RoW to provide us with 4.2 m long timbers or to expedite it themselves. Copied Nicki. Subsequently on 5/2/25 David Jones, landowner of The Spinney called. He is happy to assist with access to the site across his fields and to help with installation.

6/2/25 Dinton with Ford & Upton - collapsed Bridge DFU/2283. Called Corienne Brownsell, BC RoW Bridge Inspector. She's happy to supply us with bridge kit. BC replaced bridge c/w handrail in early March 2025.

12/2/25 Bierton. Called at 189a Aylesbury Road to talk to Martin Day about the proposed S2KG. Also need to discuss overhanging and encroaching brambles. Sent Martin WhatsApp message - no response. 17/2/25 left Martin voicemail message.

13/2/25 Slapton CAMS a01682 SLA/399 at SP941202 Church Farm Solar Park S2KG Slapton PC DaG. Emailed Oliver Dawes to ask about progress wrt his land registry enquiry.

20/2/25 Cuddington. Following an update wrt landowner negotiations by the PC requested two CAMSs for two S2KGs either side of paddock leading from The Green to the allotments: CUD/31934 at SP736109 S2KG DaG; CUD/2513 at SP736110 S2KG DaG.

21/2/25 Weston Turville. Recce of S2Gs requested by PC for access by Land Rover. Access into field not possible except across landowner's lawn in mid-summer when very dry. Access will need to be by hand trolley along narrow paths. (Eventually agreed access via Manor Farm).

Also noted a failed rotten timber kissing gate's knocking post and another completely broken timber gate at a kissing gate.

22/2/25 Marsh Gibbon MGI/46988 on MGI/11/1 at SP646228 CAMS a03423. Fitted Centrewire D loop repair kit. Met on site with farmer/landowner Paul Freshwater. 1 man hour. B. 30 miles.

26/2/25 Weston Turville. Visited Kerbsafe wheel repair in Stoke Mandeville and tracked down landowner of eastern field in centre of village. Called landowner and requested and received permission for S2G down towards The Chequers pub as a PC DaG.

Briefly discussed and agreed to repair failed timber KG knocking post and replace broken timber gate. Jerry sent details to Sarah Copley, Clerk to PC and outlined needs for funding for DaGs.

26/2/25 Bierton. Fitted 4 DaG plaques to Gates. 2 man hours. B. 10 miles.

27/2/25 Weston Turville. Bill & Jerry met at Bill's to produce four requests for CAMSs.

27/2/25 Cuddington. Jerry took photos of two S2KGs. CUD/31934 at SP736109 S2KG DaG; CUD/2513 at SP736110 S2KG DaG.

28/2/25 Bierton BWB/5518 on BWB/7/4 at SP841156 S2KG DaG beside old Bell Inn - Request for a CAMS - Sent a reminder to Ann Caten, BC PRoW and CAMS issued immediately with apology for delay.

28/2/25 Dinton DFU/2120 at SP761103 Dilapidated timber KG - Request for CAMS to convert to steel PG - Landowner DaG. This was subsequently refused by Alastair as not on definitive line.

3/3/25 Dinton with Ford & Upton - collapsed Bridge DFU/2283 on DFU/34/1 at SP780093. News via email from Nikki Carberry that replacement bridge has been installed. Photos sent 7/3/25.

3/3/25 Bierton Gate 353 at Grendon Hill Farm SP826167 S2G. Fitted Mike & Claire Griffin Trust DaG plaque. 1 man hour. B. 15 miles.

6/3/25 Land Rover. Josh heat sleeve soldered wires eliminating connectors that appear to have been the source of poor connections causing the throttle problems. Fed him and Armin crispy chicken.

10/3/25 Cuddington. Requests emailed for two CAMSs for CUD/31934 at SP736109 S2KG DaG and CUD/2513 at SP736110 S2KG DaG. Received 21/3/25.

24/3/25 Land Rover. Josh replaced brake pressure regulator and bled all the brakes. Fed him Irish Stew. Test drive Landy and finally it seems fixed and cured of unreliable throttle actuation. This cure proved premature as fault returned soon afterwards.

25/3/25 Briants of Risborough. Two trips to Briants to get replacement air filters for the strimmer and hedge clipper. 2 man hours. B. 22 miles. Parts given to Eric Mitchell, Thame, for servicing.

26/3/25 Entertained Jon Clark for coffee and a chat. Expressed our continuing frustration wrt gaining landowner permissions and access information. Although sympathetic, no easy fix offered. Said we'd probably do twenty gates during 2025.

7/4/25 CRFC Picked up gate and loaded trailer. 1 man hour. B. 10 miles.

7/4/25 Pitstone. PIS/50 at SP938162 received CAMS a03582 for Centrewire gate latch repair kit fitting.

8/4/25 Cuddington Gate 360 Aylesbury Ramblers DaG CUD/2513 CAMS a03541 at SP737110 S2KG. Dismantled 2-step, 4-rail, 1-hand post, 1-dog latch stile in good condition but somewhat high and awkward. Landscaped sloping ground. Installed left-handed Secure-a-Field KG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Attached gate to existing fence post and fitted underground blue hose to provide for electric fence continuity. Carried out further landscaping and laid down stones and rubble in hooped area. Re-tensioned adjacent wire net fencing for immediate neighbour and grazier. Visited by Lorraine Stevens, chair of PC. Ben Clayton, immediate neighbour and grazier, carried out final inspection and was well satisfied. He said he'd fit a noise dampener on closure latch. 5x6=30 man hours. BKPPJerry. 10 miles. Peter 14.

10/4/25 Pitstone. PIS/50 at SP938162 CAMS a03582 fitted Centrewire "D" latch repair kit. 1x2=2 man hours. B. 40 miles including visit to Cheddington.

10/4/25 Cheddington. Parish Clerk has requested that kissing gate CHD/23 be reinstated on CHD/8/2 at SP920182. Carried out recce. BC RoW are against a "new" structure however BC will look at the history of the structure. PC clerk is also checking on local history and memories regarding the structure. Original timber KG mentioned in Cheddington's P3 walks leaflet.

Footpath 8

This footpath commences in Station Road on the left 30 yards past Breachwell Place in the direction of the station. The path, bordered by neatly cut grass verges, soon leads to a kissing gate and then after crossing BW7 turns half right to eventually join a hard track across

Cheddington

12/4/25. South East Walker - submitted article about crusade to gate the last five stiles in Cuddington on the Haddenham to Cuddington walk – see 31/5/25.

13/4/25 Westlington way-marker post HAD/46975 rotted & fallen at SP758101 - emailed Dick O'Driscoll to ascertain who the farmer and padlock owner is. Pretty sure it's Robbie Mole of Bridge Farm, Chearsley.

13/4/25 HAD/2412 on HAD/5/1 at SP755100 – once again cleared by hand the approx. 200 mm diameter gully drain pipe under footpath. Gets blocked with a twig or two then leaves.

16/4/25 Cuddington Gate 361 Cuddington Parish Council DaG CUD/31934 CAMS a03542 at SP736108 S2KG. Dismantled 2-step, 5-rail, 2-hand post, 1-dog latch stile in good condition but somewhat high and awkward. Landscaped sloping ground. Installed right-handed Secure-a-Field PG with Centrewire corral hoops to NB rRIPPLE standard. Retained two existing rotten fence posts that will be replaced by grazier in near future. Fitted underground blue hose to provide for electric fence continuity. Carried out further landscaping and laid down stones and rubble in hooped area. Visited by grazier Ben Clayton, to discuss positioning of gate and corral. 5x5=25 man hours. BKPhilJerryMikeT. 10 miles.

22/4/25 Bierton Gate 362 Michael & Claire Griffin Trust DaG BWB/5518 CAMS a03475 at SP842156 S2KG. Dismantled remains of dilapidated 4-rail, 1-step, 1-hand post stile. Installed Secure-a-Field KG to NB rRIPPLE standard except for no Post-fix used. Used hand trolley as site 90 m down alley. Used hedge trimmer and brush cutter to clear encroaching brambles. Fitted DaG plaque. 6x5=30 man hours. BKPPJohnSimon. 20 miles. Peter 16.

23/4/25 CRFC. Loaded trailer with a KG. BSimon. 2 man hours. 10 miles.

24/4/25 Slapton S2KG. Sent another chasing email wrt getting landowner's permission from Church Farm.

29/4/25 Bierton Gate 363 Michael & Claire Griffin Trust DaG BWB/5521 CAMS a02631 at SP841155 S2KG. Dismantled 2-rail, 1-step, 1-hand post stile. Installed Secure-a-Field KG to NB rRIPPLE standard except for no Post-fix used. 5x7=35 man hours. BKJerryPhilMichael. 20 miles.

29/4/25 BC PRow Department. Emailed PRow to chase them wrt coming up with some jobs for us.

29/4/25 Whitchurch. Emailed PC chair Charlotte Lincoln to chase them wrt some jobs they had intimated they needed doing.

29/4/25 Cuddington. Lorraine Stevens, PC Chair emailed to say they are meeting with farmer James Gibson on Sat 3/5/25 to discuss potential S2Gs and the perennial problem wrt reinstating/weed killing paths crossing cropped fields. Lorraine said she'd report on progress or otherwise.

30/4/25 Bierton with Hulcott HUL/4929 requested a CAMS for a S2G DaG at SP843161.

30/4/25 CRFC. Collected KG. 1 man hour. B. 10 miles.

30/4/25 Thame. Collected Hedge trimmer following servicing by Eric Mitchell.

30/4/25 Stewkley. Tel con with Neil Shefferd of Stewkley Walkers to ask if any RIPPLE work required in the area. He said he'd have a think.

30/4/25 Weston Turville. Update from clerk to say RIPPLE work will be on the agenda for the next PC meeting.

1/5/25 Weston Turville. Email from Alastair to say he'd agreed 8 gate installations with the PC. He will forward CAMSs.

4/5/25 Whitchurch. Response received from Charlotte Lincoln to suggest two new S2Gs and enquire about progress on CAMS 84294 getting the bridge and two gates fixed per Alastair's email 29/8/24. Charlotte has asked Caroline Heron to request permission for the two new S2Gs from the landowner. (Both gates installed on 28/5/25).

6/5/25 Bierton Gate 364 Michael & Claire Griffin Trust DaG BWB/5530 CAMS a02635 at SP841152 S2G. Dismantled 6-rail, 1-step, no-hand post stile. Installed Secure-a-Field PG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Made good sheep netting one side and fitted five short rails to other side. 4x6=24 man hours. BPPMikeT. 20 miles; Peter 16.

7/5/25 Hulcott HUL/4929 S2KG DaG request for CAMS received same day – a03694 at SP843161.

7/5/25 Haddenham HAD/46975 at SP758100. Received CAMS a03698 to replace way-marker post.

7/5/25 Whitchurch Received two CAMSs for two S2KGs – both installed 28/5/25.

7/5/25 Bierton Gate 363 Michael & Claire Griffin Trust DaG BWB/5521 CAMS a02631 at SP841155 S2KG. Fitted DaG plaque. 1 man hour. B. 10 miles.

7/5/25 Cheddington. Email to Joanne Taylor, initially incorrectly headed Whitchurch, wrt PC's Request to replace rotted away kissing gate CHD/23 on CHD/8/2 off Station Road. Asked Joanne to

reconsider refusal to allow "new KG" by examining Cheddington's P3 Leaflet that actually relates to the existence of the original KG.

9/5/25 Cuddington. Emailed Lorraine Stevens to ask how meeting with James Gibson went. Andrew Hughes responded to say James Gibson is happy to accept S2Gs but that they still hadn't discussed the subject with Steve Timberlake as yet. Steve will be contacted.

9/5/25 Cuddington. Andrew Hughes asked if we could install a gate on the side of the road opposite Spikett's Lane on the edge of the playing field/recreation ground for safety reasons. Said yes.

9/5/25 CRFC. Collected gate and stones. 1 man hour. B. 10 miles.

9/5/25 Thame - Eric Mitchell. Took hedge trimmer to have nuts torqued. Eric also got the jack hammer going as spark plug cap had rusted very badly.

10/5/25 Whitchurch. It was confirmed to the PC that they are in credit to £500 for their next DaG(s).

10/5/25 Weston Turville. Recce for access for S2KGs. Contacted owner of Manor Farm, Jerry Walker, by WhatsApp, as not at home. Requested access through his field gate. 1 man hour. B. 10 miles. Tel con - very helpful, friendly, positive and supportive - Access no problem.

13/5/25 Hulcott Gate 365 Michael & Claire Griffin Trust DaG HUL/4929 CAMS a03694 at SP843162 S2KG. Dismantled 3-rail, 2-step, 1-hand post stile. Installed Secure-a-Field PG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Extensive use of jack hammer due to hard ground and ash tree roots. Forced by ground conditions to site gate back slightly from road. 5x7=35 man hours. BJohnJerryJulianPhil. 20 miles.

13/5/25 Hulcott HUL/4923 - Request for CAMS a03719 for S2KG DaG at SP846166 - Received 15/5/25.

13/5/25 Centrewire- requested ten D Loop repair kits from Ted Wragg's replacement, Gary Cartner. He replied positively. Still not received 31/5/25.

13/5/25 Haddenham HAD/2567 on HAD/19/1 at SP737104 - Fitted Centrewire D Loop repair kit. Requested CAMS.

16/5/25 Brill. Michael Hughes responded to say he'd contact the PC about getting involved in their FP leaflet rewrite and improvements.

19/5/25 CRFC. Collected gate and last few stones. Ordered "big bag" of 20 mm shingle from MKM Building Supplies in Thame. Gave Eric Mitchell of Thame 6 bottles of beer for servicing 2-stroke machinery. Purchased 6 new bungy straps and 2.5 L petrol to make up 25:1 two stroke mixture. Collected re-shafted sledge hammer from neighbour Peter Mason - given 2 bottles of beer. 1 man hour. B. 10 miles.

20/5/25 Hulcott Gate 366 Michael & Claire Griffin Trust DaG HUL/4923 CAMS a03719 at SP846166 S2KG. Dismantled 5-rail, 2-step, 1-hand post stile. Cleared extensive hedge overgrowth. Installed hybrid KG -Secure-a-Field PG with Centrewire hoops - to NB rRIPPLE standard. Broke repaired sledge hammer. 4x6=24 man hours. BKJohnPhil. 20 miles.

21/5/25 Slapton CAMS a01682 SLA/399 at SP941202 Church Farm Solar Park S2KG Slapton PC DaG. Called in on Church Farm and talked to Phoebe Russell, current owner of Church Farm. Left card and message on WhatsApp. Further tel con on 23/5/25 Phoebe agreed to us going ahead with the S2KG installation at our convenience. Emailed Slapton PC contacts with the update.

22/5/25 Weston Turville. Ann Catten emailed to say BC's preference for the nine S2Gs was for PGs wherever possible rather than KGs.

22/5/25 Bierton. John Esslemont, Area Treasurer, invoiced PC clerk for £1,700 for 2xS2G and 2x-S2KG Mike & Claire Griffin Trust DaGs.

22/5/25 Hulcott. John Esslemont, Area Treasurer, invoiced PC clerk for £850 for 1xS2G and 1x-S2KG Mike & Claire Griffin Trust DaGs.

23/5/25 Horton SLA/20/1 bridleway. Emailed Slapton PC to ask if they could look into maintaining the blocked bridleway reported by Phoebe Russell in a usable condition.

28/5/25 Whitchurch Gate 367 Whitchurch PC DaG WHI/46908 CAMS a03696 at SP799207 S2G. Dismantled 5-rail, 2-step, 1-hand post stile. Installed PG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Rebuilt 5-rail fence to one side. $7 \times 3.5 = 25$ man hours. BKJerryJoshPhilMichaelMikeK.

28/5/25 Whitchurch Gate 368 Whitchurch PC DaG WHI/46909 CAMS a03697 at SP800207 S2G. Dismantled 5-rail, 2-step, 1-hand post stile. Installed PG to NB rRIPPLE standard. Made good sheep netting to both sides. $7 \times 3.5 = 25$ man hours. BKJJPM. 25 miles; Josh 50.

28/5/25 Whitchurch WHI/15/1. Strimmed 100 m length of path and dumped five bucket loads of large, medium and small stones into deep dip in kissing gate hoops at southern end of path. 1 man hour. B.

29/5/25 Whitchurch WHI/46910 at SP800207 S2G Parish Council DaG – Emailed request for CAMS job sheet.

29/5/25 CRFC. Unloaded timber arisings and collected gate. $2 \times 0.5 = 1$ man hour. BJosh. 10 miles.

29/5/25 Cheddington - Clerk emailed us to check up on any progress wrt their request to replace rotted away kissing gate CHD/23 on CHD/8/2 off Station Road. Emailed Joanne Taylor, Team Leader BC Rights of Way Operations, to ask if they'd reviewed the situation and would allow a replacement KG to be installed. This a continuation of 7/5/25 correspondence with Joanne Taylor.

Focus on Cuddington

Our work around Cuddington, a village close to our base in Haddenham, is finally bearing fruit after years of attempting to install gates on several well-used walks blighted by awkward stiles. Their parish council produces an excellent A3 full-colour map, based on Ordnance Survey mapping, which features six circular walks of various lengths (available at the local shop and pub for £1).

Now, with a proactive parish councillor and Chair both promoting footpaths and associated improvements, we have a rolling programme of gate installations and Donate-a-Gate opportunities. Last year we gated the walk to neighbouring Lower Winchendon, and the previous year a short circular walk close to Cuddington village centre. This year we are attempting to gate the five remaining stiles on the

route to Haddenham. Negotiations have involved landowners varying from a willing allotments association, one farmer who will almost certainly give permission, to another very reluctant farmer. The latter has allegedly long been anti-gate, although we're not sure if anyone has actually talked to him, so we are hoping the Chair of the parish council will be able to cajole him into agreeing to replace the final two stiles on this well-used footpath.

As always, we rely on diplomacy and patience to achieve our goal of opening up routes to those less agile and to those walking with larger dogs. - 'Slowly, slowly, catchy monkey'.

Bill Piers

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For details of the group's Donate-a-Gate scheme for North Bucks go to www.bucks-wmiddx-ramblers.org.uk/donate-a0gate.html



Job done: RIPPLE volunteers (left to right) Jerry Michell, Phil Dudley, Keith Wheeler-Cherry and Peter Smith after a satisfying morning's work. Photo: Bill Piers

24/8/23: Currently outstanding, potential and planned work with DaG opportunities available:

Ashendon: PC taking an active interest in RIPPLE and DaGs.

Bishopstone: Roger Goodchild has given permission for further S2Gs. We need to discuss with him or find a local champion to decide on priorities.

Brill: Several S2Gs on BRI/11/7 through Chinkwell Wood; BRI/11/6 towards Dorton Grange; BRI/3/4&5 Rushbed Woods to Cuckoo Close Farm. Waiting on follow up with landowners by Hannah Hulme Hunter, Parish Councillor and Rights of Way Rep. Michael Hughes may assist.

Chearsley: Potential S2G CHR/2785 on CHR/12/1 at SP713115 in memory of horse YaYa that died 1/2/22. Waiting on follow up by Anthony Adams who has made contact with the new landowner.

Chearsley: Bridge CHR/2803 at SP714097 that links LCR/9/4 and CHR/9/1. Corinne Brownsell the RoW Bridge Inspector made a site visit with Richard Heybrook. She is suggesting a timber bridge over the top of the existing concrete bridge. We are considering a permissive bridge, higher and slightly downstream of the existing bridge.

Cuddington: CUD/8/1 - Andrew Hughes of Cuddington Footpath Team following up with farmers.

Great & Little Kimble GLK/27/1 at SP820096 footpath illegally blocked by Travellers' site since early 2020. Steve Miles, of Long Crendon, owns adjacent field but is reluctant to encourage any further land-grab by the travellers. On 23/11/23 Buckinghamshire Council served notice on four residents of Springfield Farm Travellers Site. The council has been prompted by The Ramblers who have served a Form 1 on the council.

Great & Little Kimble GLK/4219 on GLK/27/1. Request from Harry Leach as to whether we could carry out a S2G here. Responded that as far as we know the path is obstructed by the travellers' camp and that there are problems associated with the path.

Hulcott: John Chantler getting landowner permissions for further Griffin Trust DaGs.

Kimblewick: 5xS2KGs. Waiting on request to go ahead from landowner Ted Walker.

Long Crendon: Two awkward and/or dilapidated stiles on LCR/11/1 at SP698093 at College Farm, George Morris is the farmer. Sandy Hooper is the interested parish councillor. Followed up with email on 19/1/23. Waiting on follow up by Alex Bond, PCMS, who knows the Morris family.

Lower Winchendon: LNW/2594 on LNW/2/2 CAMS a00309 at SP726112. Anthony Adams has obtained permission from Rob Mole, Bridge Farm. This is close to the Bristol Gate on Aylesbury Road, from Cuddington to Chearsley opposite road up to Nether and Upper Winchendons. Currently on hold due to ongoing dispute/negotiations between Rob and Alastair wrt a Chilton path.

Slapton with Horton & Ledbury. Frank Wakefield, PC Chair and Maggie Godsland, councillor with special interest in PRow are pursuing several S2Gs within the three villages that form the parish – see 1/5/24 report above. They say there is little future prospect of an S2KG at Grove near Wing – landowner unwilling to co-operate. Previously: 22/9/23 Bridget Knight, clerk, has referred problem back to Buckinghamshire Council. Followed up with email re any developments on 21/2/23.

Westcott. Sue Lacey has become local champion.

Whitchurch: WHI/7508 Two x S2Gs CAMS 84294 at SP800205 either side of dilapidated bridge. Potentially John Russell DaGs. Agreed with Alastair that BC's work party will now replace both the bridge and the two S2Gs as one job, therefore off our list.

Whitchurch WHI/46910 at SP800207 S2G Parish Council DaG. CAMS job sheet requested.

Waddesdon Estate: 20/2/23: In positive discussions with Chris Leach wrt stiles on tenant farms between Upper Winchendon and Cuddington. Awaiting further permissions on Mainshill Farm – Tel con and meeting at CRFC with Stephen Jones who is wary of KGs installed too high allowing lambs “to escape”. Installed one new S2KG on 24/5/24 – see above and below.

Weston Turville: 25/6/24 email from Sarah Copley, Clerk to PC, confirming PC had agreed to two further S2Gs on WTU/24/4 and WTU/29/2. Jerry liaising with Sarah for access, landowner permissions, and gate types.

Whitchurch: WHI/7478 on WHI/7/1 at SP799202. Recce of poor stiles and farmyard showed that the definitive map only shows a finger post and one stile whereas on the ground there is a finger post and three stiles, one of which is dilapidated. Landowner would be happy if we were to repair his stile but not replace any stiles with gates.

Whitchurch WHI/7508 on WHI/59/1 at SP800205 CAMS 84294. Replace two stiles either side of collapsed bridge with PGs. BC RoW team to replace bridge after we've replaced stiles. Potentially John Russell DaGs.

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		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	0	7	0	0	5	0
185 for period 1 Jun 2017 – 27 Aug 2017	1	0	1	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	0	5	2	2	2	3
300 for period 23 May 2018 – 23 Aug 2018	0	0	1	5	3	3	4	0
231 for period 24 Aug 2018 – 23 Nov 2018	1 Step	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	0	5	11	1	2	0
366 for period 24 Aug 2019 – 23 Nov 2019	0	0	1	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
346 for period 24 Aug – 25 Nov 2020	0	0	0	4	5	0	4	0
370 for period 26 Nov 2020 – 9 June 2021	1G	0	0	1	9	2	2	0
521 for period 10 June 2021 – 14 Nov 2021	2 steps	3KG	0	1	9	2	5	0
473 for period 15 Nov 2021 – 2 Mar 2022	1G	1KG	0	2	7	0	6	0
232 for period 3 Mar 2022 – 31 May 2022	0	0	0	1	3	3	2	0
323 for period 1 Jun 2022 – 31 Aug 2022	0	0	0	2	5	5	2	0
211 for period 1 Sep 2022 – 30 Nov 2022	0	0	0	3	4	1	1	0
241 for period 1 Dec 2022 – 28 Feb 2023	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	0
253 for period 1 Mar 2023 – 3 Jun 2023	0	0	0	1	2	2	4	0
203 for period 3 Jun 2023 – 31 Aug 2023	0	1	0	1	0	4	1	0
267 for period 1 Sep 2023 – 30 Nov 2023	1 step2G	0	1	0	3	4	3	1
77 for period 1 Dec 2023 – 29 Feb 2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
144 for period 1 Mar 2024-31 May 2024	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0
243 for period 1 Jun 2024-31 Aug 2024	1G	0	0	1*	2	0	6	0
122 for period 1 Sep 2024-30 Nov 2024	1G	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
298 for period 1 Dec 2024-31 May 2025	0	0	0	0	4	0	5	0
			0					
Totals	3B/10G/4	17	18	110	111	46	100	11

*Includes for three Bristol Combination Gates.

S2PG etc. = Stile converted to Pedestrian Gate. (Steel Marlow/Charnwood gate; occasionally timber gate.)

S2KG etc. = Stile converted to Kissing Gate. (Steel Woodstock/Berkswell gate; occasionally timber.)

Total number of gates installed = 367 of which 211 have been DaGs.

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19/12/24 Haddenham
Laid sleepers on HAD/
5/1 at SP751098.



Sleepers in position
and in use.



17/1/25 Haddenham
bridge at SP755109 -
Cleared blocked pipe



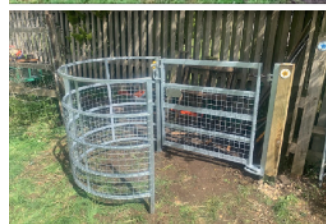
8/4/25 Cuddington
Aylesbury Ramblers
DaG at SP737110
S2KG. (360)



10/4/25 Pitstone at
SP938162 fitted
Centrewire "D" latch
repair kit.



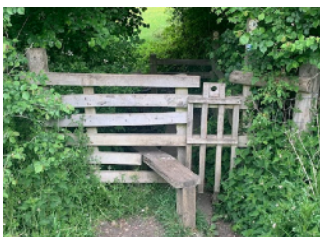
16/4/25 Cuddington
Parish Council DaG at
SP736108 S2KG. (361)



22/4/25 Bierton
Michael & Claire Griffin
Trust DaG at
SP842156 S2KG. (362)



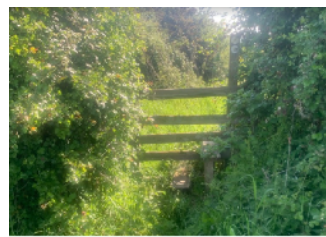
29/4/25 Bierton
Michael & Claire Griffin
Trust DaG at
SP841155 S2KG. (363)



6/5/25 Bierton Gate
Michael & Claire Griffin
Trust DaG at
SP841152 S2G. (364)



13/5/25 Hulcott
Michael & Claire Griffin
Trust DaG at
SP843162 S2KG. (365)



20/5/25 Hulcott
Michael & Claire Griffin
Trust DaG at
SP846166 S2KG. (366)



28/5/25 Whitchurch
PC DaG at SP799207
S2G. (367)



28/5/25 Whitchurch
PC DaG at SP800207
S2G.(368)



28/5/25 Whitchurch
Strimmed 100 m of
WHI/15/1.



28/5/25 Whitchurch.
Dumped stones &
rocks in perennially
flooded hollow at KG
hoops at south end of
WHI/15/1.