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MONACHORUM MATTERS

The newsletter for Zeal Monachorum and St Peter's Parish



VE Day in Churchill Gardens, pictured by Alan Summers

EDITORIAL

Life in lockdown goes on and we are all finding ways to cope with our disrupted lives. Many of us have been helped by our Community Support Group whose members have been collecting prescriptions, shopping and generally making sure we are alright. All of us who have been receiving regular help would like to thank our helpers; in particular Geoff and Janet Rowland of Western Road have asked that their appreciation is printed in the newsletter.

At the time of writing in mid-May some relaxation of the lockdown rules has just been announced and so readers will notice that the advertising is back this month. Our Editorial Group took the decision to support our local traders as we gradually come out of lockdown and hopefully, by including their advertisements, we can help those businesses which operate in and around Zeal.

With the May issue we completed our first year of the new style of newsletter and on Page 22 you can read a summary of our first year. The Editorial Group is very grateful for the very many compliments we have received, and also to everyone who has contributed pictures and articles to the newsletter – please keep them coming in.

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VE DAY

Friday May 8 – VE Day – commemorated 75 years since the end of the war in Europe and the day dawned dry and bright, but not particularly sunny. This all changed round about 3pm when the clouds cleared and we had glorious sunshine, just in time for people to set up their street parties. These pictures, taken by Erica Eden, show some of the decorations and celebrations around the village.

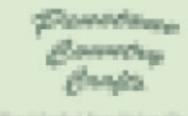








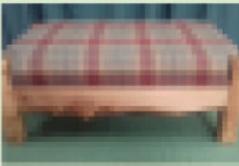




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WORLD WAR II - NURSING

Around 1985 my son Alex, while at Queen Elizabeth's Community College, did a project on World War II. He composed a questionnaire and asked several people to complete it. Laura Dickinson, also known as Dickie or Paddy was one of those; and I recently came across her answers and thought they would be interesting to others. She lived near Waie Cross from the mid sixties until she died on 28 May 2012 a few months short of her 100th birthday.

"I was a civilian nurse based at Hanton*. If you were qualified as a nurse, then you could not join the forces because they needed every nurse they could get. The hospital where I worked had been an old mental hospital and I was among the first nurses to start it as a normal hospital. We arrived on the Saturday and each sister had to get six beds ready for their ward for the Sunday because all the wards were totally empty. This was difficult but, luckily, I knew some old staff of the mental hospital who knew where to find everything. I was the only sister in the whole hospital to have six beds ready for the Sunday.

We did not have to worry about rationing because we were fed in the hospital, but there was this terrible meal we got called Woolton Pie, it was made of vegetables and beans and it was disgusting. We got that at least twice a week because there was not much meat. I remember walking along the streets the morning after an air raid and seeing buses in holes in the road and whole streets you had seen the night before just a pile of rubble. I never doubted the allies would win. I suppose if you had, it would have destroyed your whole morale. The Home Guard were very much like "Dad's Army". They would be in an odd assortment of uniform and have sticks pretending they were guns.

My most outstanding memory of the war was when the 'buzz bombs' were coming over every three minutes. I was going about my normal business in the ward when I happened to glance out of the window and there in the sky silently gliding towards me was a V-bomb. I remember saying to the nurses 'Put pillows over the men's heads, this one is going to be close.' It was either going to hit our floor or one of the ones lower down. I have never felt so hopeless in my whole life but, at the last moment, the engine came on for a second and it swerved and crashed into the grounds harmlessly.

The most terrible thing the Germans did was during a day raid when the children were in school. Just as the children were coming down the fire escape they shot at them with their guns. We had a lot of casualties from that. On VE day, when everybody heard about it, I was in bed after a very hard shift and I did not even bother to get up!"

*Not sure that this is the right hospital, if anyone knows, please do get in touch.

Erica Eden

PICTURES FROM THE ARCHIVE

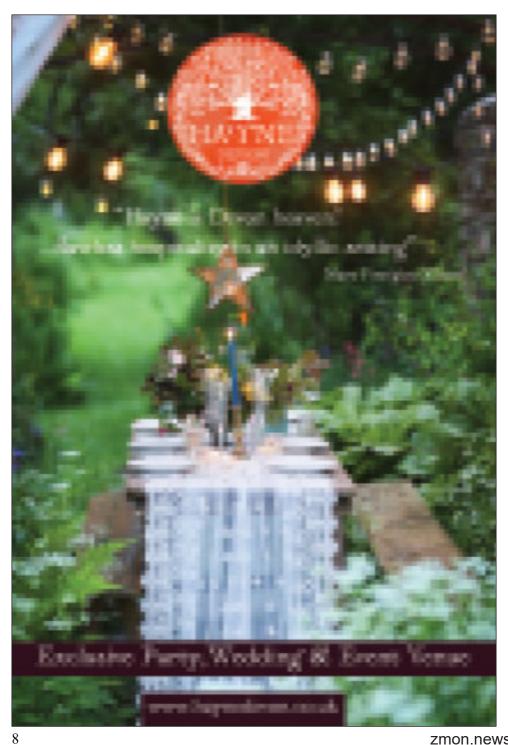
Thanks to Erica for these pictures from the archive, both of which feature Dickie whose memories are printed on previous page.



ABOVE: Zeal History Exhibition, Waie Inn, Nov 1994. Left to right: Dickie, Stan, Ann Adams, Robin Scott

BELOW: Zeal WI 50th anniversary and Red Earth Group Meeting, 3 Mar 2004. Front row left to right: Barbara Walker, Rene Bickle, Queenie Cockwill, Dickie







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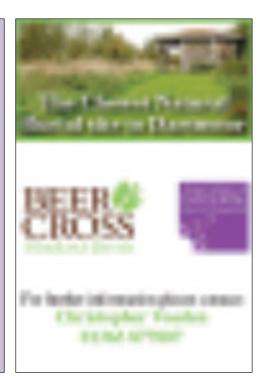
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NORMAN VICARY-MEMORIES OF LIFE IN ZEAL

This is the last of Norman's memories of his life in Zeal and, apart from writing those, he researched former residents, including these details from Kelly's Directory, 1923. They are reproduced almost exactly as Norman wrote them . . .

POST; T & TED Office: John Hooper, sub-postmaster. Letters through Bow where the nearest money order office was located, 2 miles distant.

Public Elementary School: mixed and infants for 108 children; Miss Gertrude Hortop, Mistress; Miss Lucy Sampson, infants' mistress.

In the following list of residents and business proprietors those marked * received letters direct from Bow (Editor's Note: I assume this to mean the letters were delivered); those marked # are farms of 150 acres or over:

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and Earnest #
Burrow, William

Butt, Percy John and Ernest George #

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Farmer, Lower Burston

Newton

J.P., Reeve Castle

Carpenter Farmer, Thorn Burston Manor

Farmer, Great Foldhay

Farmer, Sutton Silver Park

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Farmer, Waie

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Farmer, Beer

Farmer, Little Foldhay Farmer, West Serston Farmer, Woodentop Farmer, Nymphayes

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Farmer, Lower Week

Farmer, Hayne

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HAND SANITISER

In the beginning and during this crisis I, like most people, have had enormous problems obtaining hand sanitiser. And the prices quoted were unbelievable. In fact I ordered three small bottles on ebay six weeks ago for £19.75 and to this day they have not arrived. I got so frustrated, I started doing some research and eventually managed to obtain a large bottle, from which I have been filling small bottles for the family.

I went back to the manufacturers, who are in the UK, and I have purchased a larger quantity of their Moisturising Hand Sanitiser Gel with 70% Alcohol. You only need a little and it is nice to use, it is proven to kill 99.99% of bacteria and viruses, and meets the BS standards. From another supplier I managed to get hold of a quantity of 50ml and 100ml clear plastic bottles with flip caps.

If this helps anyone in the area, I am happy to supply 100ml bottles of this sanitiser for £4 each, or 2 x 100ml bottles plus 1 x 50ml bottle for £10. This smaller bottle is probably a better size for a handbag, whereas the larger ones are ideal for the home, office and car. To save bottles, I can of course recycle them by refilling clean used ones of any size at the cost of £3 per 100ml. However please leave the labels on so I know how much I am putting in! If you are supplying me with a big bottle, I'll charge a bit less.

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FISHING CLUB CHAT

Hi All

These are strange times. I miss wandering around the lake and fishing and I suppose you are all missing it, too. Hopefully it won't be for much longer. I have completed most tasks in the garden. It's a bit like the Navy: 'if it doesn't move paint it'.

I do want to give my heartfelt thanks to Rupert Dodge and his boys for carrying on the maintenance around the lake; they are keeping it in tip top condition. With my lung problem I have had to self-isolate so Jane and I were not able to attend to our usual tasks at the lake. We are happy to announce our resident pair of geese are in situ and awaiting the arrival of this year's goslings.



I would like to thank all who have checked up on our wellbeing.

Tight lines

Ken and Jane

ACTIVITIES AT THE WAIE INN

We are open for takeaways (will deliver within Zeal) and we do still have bread, milk, eggs, and some other essential items if people need it – even flour if necessary!

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GARDENING THOUGHTS FOR JUNE

Another month has gone by in our strange world and it has been a comfort to watch Spring develop as it would normally do, without any heed to the crisis going on elsewhere. Nature has this lovely way of continuing regardless and I think many of us have enjoyed the blossom, birdsong and fern fiddle heads unfurling more than usual this year. It feels like even more of a privilege to be able to wander to see the bluebells, a wonderful haze as far as the eye can see, to hear the cuckoo and to realise how clever nature is. The natural colourways in the hedgerows of pink campion, white stitchwort, purple orchids, cow parsley and bluebells all seems more beautiful than man could ever create.

In the garden, the prolonged hot spell of April has brought plants on and we had three roses flowering even then. Of course, the red and green fly have also returned but my spray of mild soap and bicarbonate of soda in water or a garlic wash from boiled garlic cloves and water seem to be doing the trick although I would be grateful for a natural way of containing black spot on the roses if there is one and for keeping the slugs and snails off the dahlias.

Regular watering of all vegetables and fruit bushes will now be essential and especially for plants in pots which dry out so much quicker than the soil. Watering in the morning or evening definitely helps with absorption and less evaporation. Keep weeding as soon as the weeds are easy to handle and continue to hoe regularly through the vegetable patch.

Continue sowing french beans, peas, radishes, spring onions and salad leaves so that you have a steady supply well in to September. This year, I have planted some basil out in the vegetable patch to act as sacrificial plants to attract whitefly away from the brassicas and some nasturtiums to entice caterpillars from the beans. I also hear that spring onions in with carrots help deter carrot fly. These might be 'old wives' tales but they are certainly worth a try!

The 'daily deadhead' also comes into its own now for roses, cornflowers, pinks etc. and for hardy annuals, to ensure their only season is as long as is possible. For some perennials like lupins, it might also encourage a second flowering, even if smaller. Once the large oriental poppies have finished you might want to cut them down right to the ground, water and feed well, and see if they will regrow for a second flush later in the season. And, of course, regularly feed, water and deadhead all sweet peas which have to be the thirstiest of all plants in our garden.

Climbing and rambling roses need tying in as near to the horizontal as possible although they don't need pruning as such. Spring flowering shrubs such as Philadelphus, Weigela and Deutzia will now be finished and it is a good time to trim them into a neater shape and to cut out congested older stems.

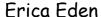
Even if you don't consider yourself a gardener, I am sure there will be something you can enjoy as you walk around our lovely village and peer into other people's beautiful gardens and walk beside the lush hedgerows. As Monty Don says: 'you do not need to know anything about a plant to know that it is beautiful'.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY - SAVING THE PLANET GARDENING TIPS

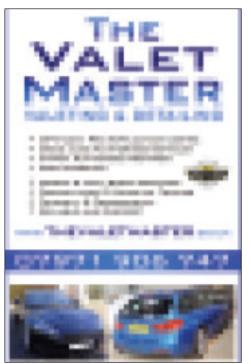
This month I've been thinking about gardening. Lockdown has meant I've got more done and have been soothed by all the flowers and the changing greenery. I've also discovered there is a Nordic word *friluftsliv* - the healing power of nature, so I guess that's what's been going on.

- Let bugs live the first step to encouraging insects and birds into your garden is to ditch all pesticides, weed-killers, fertilisers and slug pellets. If you're finding it hard there are eco-friendly alternatives.
- Grow insect-friendly plants this year I have succeeded with the poached egg plant *Limnanthes douglasii* [pictured below], hoverflies in particular love this. I have probably got enough to give some away. Just ask!
- Use water butts not tap water better for the plants and saves tap water which has been through a costly process to produce water for drinking.
- Don't be hasty in mowing the lawn, the flowers are welcomed by insects and a lawn with, for example, clover and daisies, is attractive in its own right try cutting half as often, saving both your own energy and that used by the mower.
- Save corks to re-use to assist drainage in pots [don't use polystyrene it falls into the plastic category and will remain *forever* breaking into ever tinier pieces].
- Re-use large plastic bottles as mini-greenhouses I put mine in place over runner and other bean seeds planted directly into the ground, it mostly protects them from slugs and snails and gives them a cosy environment to get going.
- And, as I explained in the April issue, only use *peat-free* composts.

Some people question whether these seemingly insignificant actions are worthwhile but small changes are better than none at all and, as they spread, they become significant. If you're already doing all this, well done. Now persuade others to do the same.













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QUIZ

- 1. To which orchestral family does the saxophone belong?
- 2. Which four letter word written in capitals, can be read forwards, backwards and upside down?
- 3. Which football club is associated with Sir Elton John?
- 4. What do the letters H and B mean when describing pencil leads?
- 5. Which year did Heinz first market the Baked Bean in the UK? 1901, 1921 or 1941?
- 6. What does VDU stand for?
- 7. Which element has the atomic number 1 in the periodic table?
- 8. What is the name of Monty Don's garden?
- 9. What is a nine-sided figure called?
- 10. Buddy Holly died 61 years ago. What was the name of his band?
- 11. Which tree family includes the sycamore and maple?
- 12. To which continent does Mauritius belong?
- 13. What is the connection between Galway in Ireland and Rijeka in Croatia this year?
- 14. Postage stamps have recently gone up again. What is the current price of a first class stamp?
- 15. Which country owns the Caribbean island of Aruba?

Minute Quiz

Can you name the seven dwarfs in alphabetical order?

Answers for May

1.	The National Trust	8.	8
2.	The Old Testament	9.	Tanzania
3.	Private Frazer (John Laurie)	10.	16
	Dad's Army	11.	They are both part of the
4.	On the Brexit 50p		Duchy of Cornwall
5.	Castles	12.	Liver
6.	Plymouth	13.	Skein
7.	250 years since the birth	14.	Beethoven
	of Wordsworth	15.	Michael Parkinson

Minute Quiz Answers

1. Austria 2. Belgium 3. Cuba 4. Germany 5. Spain

LIFE ON THE FARM

As I write this at the beginning of May, what an usual position we find ourselves in! Life on the farm carries on much the same during the Covid situation: crops have been tilled following the wet winter, stock is out in the fields and we will soon be ready to make our first cut of silage.

With young stock now out in the fields, we would kindly ask that everyone keeps to the footpaths, that dogs are kept on leads and that you please pick up after your dog. Please also check with your vet if your dogs are wormed correctly, as it is possible for them to transmit neospora to cows which can cause them to abort their calves. It can also cause illness in the dog. The young calves are easily spooked and may take flight if frightened by dogs off leads, leading to injuries if they try to jump hedges. We really appreciate everyone's cooperation with this.

Back at our main holding at Down St Mary, the cows are out grazing by day and night and are due to start calving from the end of August, so we will start to dry them off for their 2 months holiday from the end of June. Josh our Herdsman moved onto a new job so Chris and Lauren are the staff you will see working on the farm.



Jo is busy nursing, working from both home and doing clinics at Barnstaple hospital. Her role is to support staff and to ensure they are vaccinated against other viruses they may be exposed to in their line of work besides Covid 19. When a vaccine is available, she will be giving that to staff at both Exeter and Barnstaple hospitals.

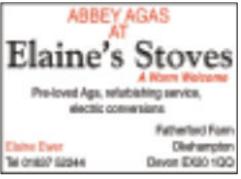
She continues working for the Farming charity, FCN (Farming Community Network), which is quiet at the moment as they can only offer telephone support and no farm visits. Lots of events had been planned to celebrate FCN's 25th year, but these are now on hold. Nick has finished his first year at Bicton College and is home working on the farm until he returns in September. Katie was due to get married this June, but this has now been postponed for 12 months.

We are due to TB test again in June, so fingers crossed for a clear test, or we could be over stocked and short of forage this winter. If you ever have any questions about what we do, please get in touch at: will.jo.jones1@gmail.com

We hope that you all stay safe during these strange times and like us, I am sure it is making you appreciate not being able to see friends and family

Best wishes

Will, Jo, Nick and the team at Higher Living Dairy

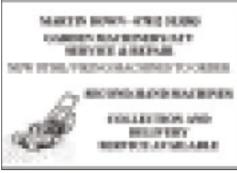














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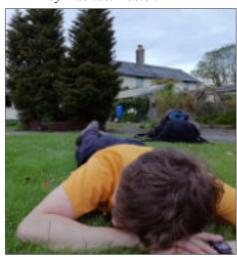
James and Michael Lambourne who live in Zeal, and their friend George, took part in this challenge over the weekend of May 2 and 3. As the pictures show, they had the full kit and they slept out overnight, as they would have done if it had taken place on Dartmoor. The boys found the going really tough but their efforts have raised over £1600 for Medecin sans Frontiere's coronavirus appeal. The website is still open and if anyone would like to donate, they would very much appreciate your support, see the address below.





All pictures kindly supplied by Rachael Foster.





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First report of the Zeal Monachorum Newsletter Group

History

For a number of years the primary source of news in the village was the monthly newsletter produced by St Peter's Church with additional material from the village hall. The production was a volunteer effort involving different editors over the years, including Isobel Harris, Margaret Down, Mike Bostock and Jackie Watson. It generally consisted of one or two folded A4 sheets and, for about the last 30 years, had been printed by David Bowyer.

A number of people in the village were keen to see a bigger village newsletter and, with David retiring, the Church was looking for assistance in taking on the magazine. A successful approach was made to the Parish Council for financial support to get a new newsletter off the ground. The aim was to establish a monthly village newsletter with a wider range of contributors which could be largely self-financed through local advertising.

Setting up the group

The first meeting of the group was held on 18th February 2019 with the following in attendance:

Jan Summers (Chair and Editor), Jackie Watson (Secretary and Treasurer),

Tony Brealy (St Peter's Church), Andrew Chandler (Parish Council),

Tina Bowyer (Distribution), Ken Hogg (Advertising).

Also in attendance at the first meeting was Mike Russell whose experience and advice proved to be vital in helping the group set up the format of the newsletter and select the appropriate software and equipment.

At the first meeting it was agreed that consultation would take place in the village regarding the need and a name for a "new" newsletter and Ken would start to sound out potential advertisers. The Parish Council had agreed to fund early editions in order to get the momentum going. By the time of the second meeting in March, a Constitution had been agreed, a bank account had been opened and the name of the Newsletter agreed.

An application was prepared for funding from the Denbrook Community Fund for software and hardware amounting to some £1350, which was successful.

The first edition

The group wanted the first edition to include as much useful information as well as interesting articles relevant to the village. Villagers responded magnificently and the first edition in June 2019 was an immediate success.

Ken Hogg had done well to attract a range of local advertisers, and Tina Bowyer and her team of volunteers distributed the Newsletter to every house in the Parish as well as key points in adjoining parishes. Subsequent monthly editions continue to receive positive feedback and this reflects the hard work each month put in by the Editor, Jan Summers.

Finance

We have received an income of £2465 from advertising and £783 from donations from the Parish Council and Tony Brealy's Walk and Talk. We also received a grant of £1154.76 from the Denbrook Community Fund to buy a laptop computer and necessary software. It has proved possible to cover the printing costs of the newletter with advertising revenue and additional support from the Parish Council and Village Hall.

The future

At the time of writing, coronovirus is still causing havoc and the publication may need to be suspended depending when it is practical and sensible to ask our loyal advertisers to renew. In the meantime, over the next month or two, the Parish Council will fund printing costs as the community benefits are considered to be very important.

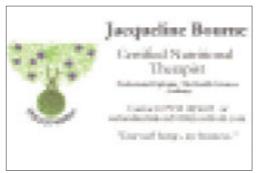
So, a year has passed since the first edition and the group is confident that once a semblance of normality is achieved, Monachorum Matters should be more than capable of continuing to be the focus of news and information for the parish.

I finish with a plea. The group is looking for "an assistant" Editor to give Jan a break or be able to help out if needed. Also, Jackie Watson has declared a wish to step down and we need to find someone to take on the role of Treasurer. If you are interested in either of these roles, please call Jan on 82571.

CLAPPING FOR THE NHS

Residents of Western Road showing their appreciation for NHS workers, pictured by David Bowyer





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During the last few months, I have been busy in the workshop designing and making all manner of things made of wood, from storage boxes, first aid boxes, Foldhay Apple boxes in two sizes, Squirrel feeding boxes, patio herb gardens made from pallets, gates, rustic benches, cold frames, Village notice board, potting tables and refuse/recycling cabinets, house signs in oak, as well as refurbishing the church bench and repairing furniture, see pictures below.

If you would like pictures of any of the above items that I have made, as I don't have at present a Village Workshop Website, please drop me an email so I can send you pictures of what you might like me to make for you. Or if you have something in mind, please contact me with your ideas.









PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

People in our community are using public rights of way for their daily exercise and I thought it would be helpful for users and landowners to have a summary of the law relating to public rights of way. I have taken the information from www.gov.uk/ and www.gov.uk/ prow/

Erica Eden [retired Rights of Way Inspector, Planning Inspectorate]

A public right of way is a right by which the public can pass along linear routes over land at all times. Although the land may be owned by a private individual, the public have a legal right across that land along a specific route.

A public right of way in the form of a footpath, bridleway, restricted byway, byway open to all vehicular traffic or a public road is a right that can be used by all members of the public.

You can use:

- **footpaths** for walking, running, mobility scooters powered wheelchairs
- bridleways for walking, horse riding, bicycles, mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs
- **restricted byways** for any transport without a motor and mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs
- **byways open to all traffic** for any kind of transport, including cars (but they're mainly used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders)

On rights of way you can:

- take a pram, pushchair, wheelchair but expect to see stiles on footpaths
- take a dog, preferably on a lead or under close control
- take a short alternative route around an illegal obstruction
- remove an illegal obstacle sufficiently to get past

If a right of way is shown on the definitive map and statement, that is conclusive evidence in law that there is a public right of way as shown and that it has at least the status indicated, but without prejudice as to any question of additional public rights which may exist along it.

You can find the route of public rights of way on Ordnance Survey and other maps and through Devon County Councils website:

https://map.devon.gov.uk/dccviewer/MyLocalPaths/

You can report a problem with a Devon right of way to Devon County Council https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/map/map_src/prow/

Advice for Owners/Occupiers

As the owner or occupier of land with a public right of way across it, you must keep the route visible and not obstruct or endanger users. You must:

 avoid putting obstructions on or across the route, such as permanent or temporary fences, walls, hedgerows, padlocked gates or barbed wire

- make sure vegetation does not encroach onto the route from the sides or above, bearing in mind the different clearances needed for users of different types of route, for example by horse riders
- You must seek the local highway authority's permission before installing any new structure on a public right of way. Unauthorised structures are obstructions and may be removed by the highway authority at the landowner's expense.

Obstructing a public right of way is a criminal offence. The highway authority has the right to demand you remove any obstruction you cause. If you don't, the highway authority can remove the obstruction and recover the cost from you.

Field-edge and cross-field public rights of way

You must not cultivate (e.g. plough) footpaths or bridleways that follow a field edge. The minimum width you need to keep undisturbed is:

- 1.5 metres for a field edge footpath
- 3 metres for a field edge bridleway

You should avoid cultivating a cross-field footpath or bridleway. If you have to cultivate make sure the footpath or bridleway:

- remains apparent on the ground to at least the minimum width of 1 metre for a footpath or 2 metres for a bridleway, and is not obstructed by crops
- is restored to at least the minimum width so that it's reasonably convenient to use within:
- 14 days of first being cultivated for that crop
- o 24 hours of any subsequent cultivation, unless a longer period has been agreed in advance in writing by the highway authority

If official waymarking leaves it unclear where a public right of way goes, you may add informal waymarks to remedy this so long as these are not misleading. You must indicate the route of a reinstated cross-field footpath or bridleway.

Signs

If necessary, use signs to warn users of any dangers that are not obvious, such as slurry lagoons. Note that erecting misleading signs (such as signs about absent bulls) is an offence and local authorities have powers to remove them.

Livestock on land crossed by a public right of way: banned animals

Bulls of recognised dairy breeds (Ayrshire, British Friesian, British Holstein, Dairy Shorthorn, Guernsey, Jersey and Kerry) that are over the age of 10 months are banned by law from fields containing a public right of way.

Bulls over 10 months of any other breed must be accompanied by cows or heifers when in fields with public access. Make sure that any warning notices relating to a bull are displayed only when it is actually present in a field. Horses may be kept loose in fields crossed by public rights of way, as long as they are not known to be dangerous.

You can be prosecuted if you keep any potentially dangerous animal on land crossed by a public right of way.



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