

GRAFTY GREEN STILES FOR PRIORITY REPLACEMENT WITH GATES

14 stiles are identified as the priority for replacement with gates. The criteria used to select these stiles are:

- (i) They are difficult for a human of modest athleticism to climb
- (ii) There is no specifically designed provision for dog access e.g. Lift up pole or hatch
- (iii) They follow the sequence of circular walks around Grafty Green
- (iv) They are located within 1.5 miles radius of the village green

Methodology

Following suggestions from councillors, Cllr Eastwood produced a map of some stiles by adding photographs to a google earth map. The Clerk walked the paths where these stiles are to be found with his large dog and attempted to navigate the stiles. The stiles that met the criteria above were photographed and are identified on the KCC Public Rights of Way map of the area with red dots (see map below)

Many are in a poor state, and some are impossible to navigate by less agile walkers or dogs.

Looking at each stile in more detail:

Stile 1 – on KH 427 shortly after entering from Headcorn Road

Rickety stile with no passage for dogs Replace with a gate

Stile 2 – KH 427 – at fence line below Blenberry Farm

Rickety stile with no passage for dogs Replace with a gate

Stile 3 – KH 427 – towards the top of the hill at the edge of a wood

High stile with no passage for dogs Replace with a gate

Stile 4 – KH 418 – on the parish boundary along the rear of the wood

High stile with no passage for dogs Replace with a gate

Stile 5 – KH 325 – between two fields on the fence line alongside the wood

Rickety stile with no passage for dogs Replace with a gate

Stile 6 KH 482 – at entrance from Woodcock Lane near Ash Tree Farm

Very high stile with no passage for dogs. Replace with a gate

Stile 7 – KH 482 – between two fields approaching the bridge over the ditch

High stile with no passage for dogs. Replace with a gate

Stile 8 – KH 481 – on the fence line on entering sheep field 150 yards from Coldbridge Lane

High stile with no passage for larger dogs. Replace with a gate

Stile 9 – KH 481 – exit from sheep field onto Coldbridge Lane

Rickety stile with no passage for dogs. Replace with a gate.

Stile 10 – KH 480 – entry over stream into horse paddock next to the Rectory

Tricky stile to navigate with no route for dogs. Replace with a gate.

Stile 11 – KH 480 – exit from Rectory horse paddock onto drive

High stile with no route through for dogs . Replace with a gate.

Stile 12 – KH 478 – on fence line in sheep field parallel with Church Road

Stile non-existent. Remains of former rickety stile only. No route through for walkers or dogs. Replace with a gate.

Stile 13 – KH 425 – entrance to field from Liverton Hill below Ivy House Farm

High stile with no passage for dogs. Replace with a gate

Stile 14 KH 425 – Exit from field into woods above Elmstone Hole Lane

High stile with no passage for larger dogs. Replace with a gate

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