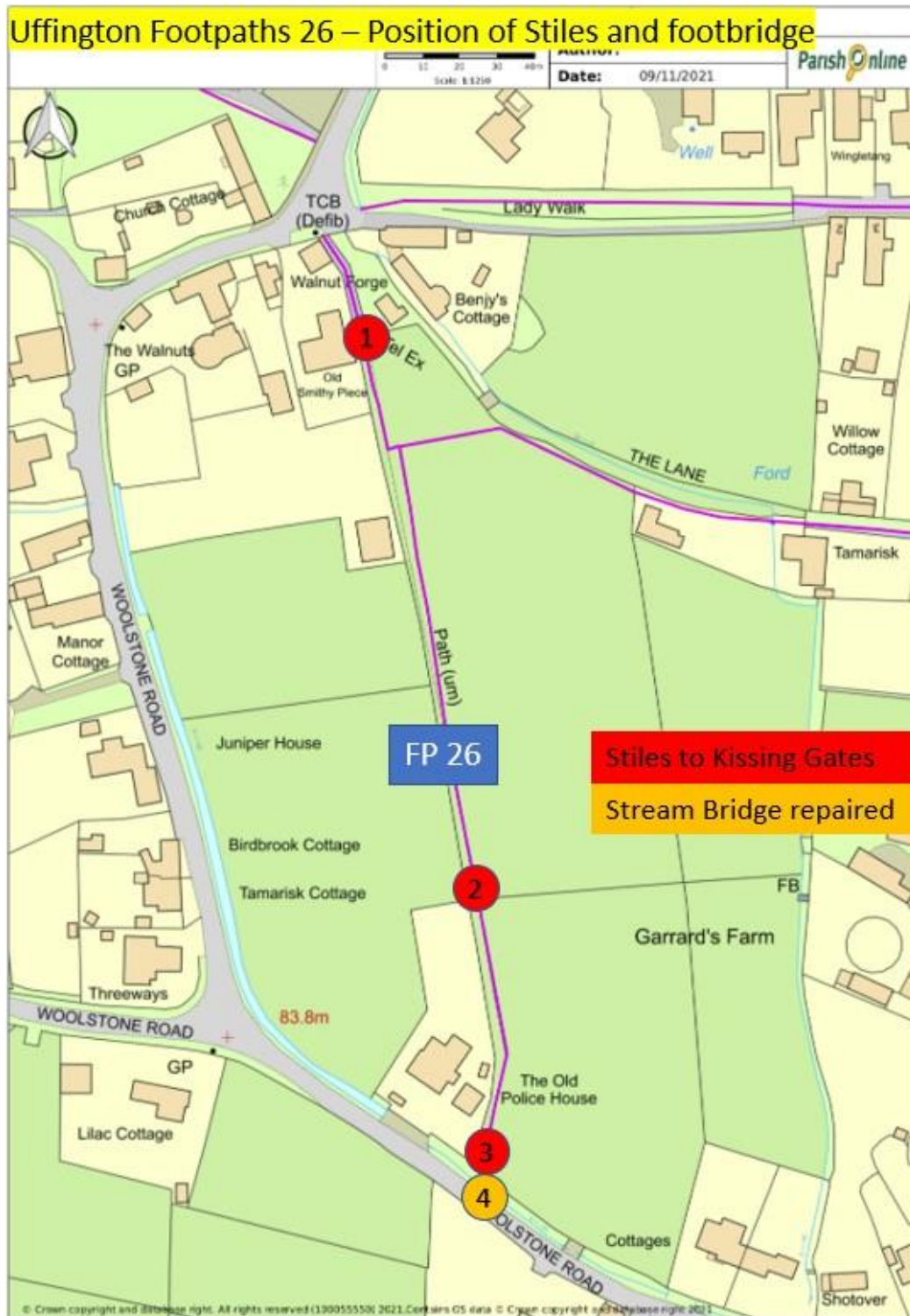


Revitalisation of Uffington Footpaths Phase 2 - stiles to kissing gates – a record of the project

Introduction.

Three kissing gates have recently been installed, replacing stiles, along Uffington Footpath (FP) 387 / 26. This is Phase 2 of an ambitious Uffington Parish Council project to improve access to all footpaths in the village. A map of the route is below:



FP 26 is used by many people to get from one side of the village to the other – from the Church, primary school and Tom Brown’s School Museum to the Woolstone Road – by walking across the iconic small fields in the heart of the Uffington Conservation Area. FP 26 runs from opposite St Mary’s Church, beside the former telephone box, south to the Woolstone Road beside the Old Police House. It crosses two paddocks, and the kissing gates have replaced three stiles. As part of the project, an ancient stone footbridge over the stream at the southern end has also been repaired.

The route is now easy to access and walkable by people of all ages; this is excellent for community involvement and therefore beneficial for the health and well-being of our residents.

The new kissing gates are all on land owned by Mr and Mrs David Coxhead, to whom Uffington Parish Council are very grateful. We are also grateful to Pepler Fine Fencing Ltd (of Goosey) who have done a very professional job for us in the installation of the three kissing gates.

The whole of the project was funded by Trust for Oxfordshire’s Environment (TOE) with funds from Grundon Waste Management Ltd, from their own funds and through the Landfill Communities Fund, with a grant of £3,657.80. Uffington Parish Council is extremely grateful to TOE and Grundon Waste Management Ltd.

The purpose of this record is to provide a full picture – ‘before and after’ - of the stiles which have been replaced by kissing gates, using the numbering on the map above.

Stile 1



Kissing gate 1



Stile 2



Kissing gate 2



Stile 3 (and the damaged footbridge over the stream)



Kissing gate 3 and the repaired footbridge over the stream, onto the Woolstone Road



Manoeuvring the slab onto the bridge

