

Press Release by Uffington Parish Council

Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment grant for Uffington's Footpath 12

Four kissing gates have just been installed, replacing stiles, along Uffington Footpath 12. This links the village with the nearby wood Uffington Gorse. Many more villagers and visitors can now easily walk to and around the wood, a delightful return stroll of about 1.5 miles. The installations were funded largely by the **Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE)** with funds from **Grundon Waste Management**.

The majority of the money (£1,527) was provided to Uffington Parish Council by TOE, with the Parish Council providing 12% of the cost, from the Section 106 contributions from the new Jacksmeadow housing estate. The footpath runs from close to Uffington Village Hall, via the back of Jacksmeadow to the southern tip of Uffington Gorse. The route is level, easy to access and walkable by people of all ages. Being close to the centre of the village, this is excellent for community involvement and therefore beneficial for the health and well-being of our residents.

Simon Jenkins, Chairman of Uffington Parish Council, said: 'The village is delighted to have secured this grant; it will make a big improvement to the way in which walkers of all ages can access the countryside around the village. We are very grateful to TOE, to Grundon Waste Management, to the Matthews family, who are the owners of the land crossed by footpath 12, to Robert Sharp of Shellingford who donated another gate, and to D & G Garden Services for installing the four new gates.'

One of the new gates, at the Uffington Gorse end of FP 12

