

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

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The Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum is the statutory advisory body on all matters relating to access to the countryside

Dear Sirs,

Open Access land on Cobstone Hill, Turville (Ibstone Parish)

I understand that, until recently, it was possible to walk to or from Turville Windmill along the top of the access land on Cobstone Hill, off the road but parallel to it, with some minor inconvenience in negotiating a low fence. It was reported to a recent meeting of the Bucks Local Access Forum that this is no longer possible since the fence has been replaced with a stronger structure incorporating barbed wire.

Cobstone Hill is popular area for public access, and naturally people want to walk from the windmill along the top of the hill, on open country rather than on the road, and take their choice of ways down. At present they are restricted to crossing the fence at the gate on the footpath halfway up, or the stile further down. Some people, particularly those with limited mobility, would find it difficult to negotiate the steep slopes that this involves. It is extremely pleasant to be able to walk along the top of the hill, off the road, enjoying the extensive views and the sense of freedom.

The works needed are relatively minor: the insertion of another gate into the new fence at the top of the hill, and we hope that the estate would be prepared to do this as a gesture of goodwill to the public.

Yours Sincerely,

John Elfes,
Chairman, Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum
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cc. Ibstone and Turville Parish Council C/O The Clerk, Mrs. Deirdre Hansen, Riva, Naphill Common, Naphill, High Wycombe, HP14 4SZ