

Bertie Facon is replacing at least one kissing gate with a cattle gate, and possible two more. These kissing gates belong to the BPC. He has offered to store them until we are ready to reuse them.

The first gate is to his field next to Courtington Lane. Mr Facon needs to replace it so that he can get his tractor in and also so he can move his sheep around without having to take them through the field with the cows. The gate will not be a full size heavy farm gate but a lighter weight cattle one. If he tried to keep the kissing gate next to the cattle gate, it would encroach majorly on the hedge so this is undesirable. In order to avoid issues with walkers trying to open the gate, which is on a slope currently, he plans to level the ground so the gate can be swung to and fro more easily.

Mr Facon also now owns the reservoir, which has a kissing gate at either end. He has not decided on his plans for the reservoir yet, but it may be in the future that he will want to do a similar replacement for these kissing gates. Again he would store them until the BPC decide where they want them (they are ours too).

Des has identified a number of styles that are in poor condition on the country walks around Bloxham. One may technically be in Milton, one may be in Bodicote and one could be in Milcombe. However these are all walks that Bloxham villagers use. If necessary, I feel our PC should be prepared to put them on our walks even if they are technically in another parish area.

Some possible locations for the gates to replace existing stiles are

- On the bridleway across the Rec that leads up towards Milcombe
- On the railway path to Milton
- The path leading from behind the Warriner through to Bodicote

The main impact will be the cost of re-installing the gates to replace the stiles. I don't know what the cost would be though.