

I am a former Royal Navy helicopter engineer and now work in Yeovil.

I have lived in South Petherton for twelve years and have walked regularly around the village all that time including the land at Barcroft Hall.

I walk on the footpaths surrounding Barcroft Hall up to three times a week with my dog.

Over the period of the last seven years I have noticed a dramatic improvement in the footpaths around Barcroft Hall since Mr. & Mrs. Herrick took ownership.

Beforehand the footpaths were not clearly defined and stiles were broken and everything was overgrown, not maintained and generally in a poor state of repair.

I can remember walking along Barcroft Lane before the gates were there and it was in a poor state, it was muddy full of brambles, dark and dingy and there were dumped cars.

Now that the gates and pillars are in place the width of the lane appears to be wider than it was before, and the area is bright and tidy.

We also walk extensively in the area and it's common to come across gates and electric fences across farmland as that is a part of a working farm environment.

I do not find the gate pillars intimidating but find the entrance bright and light and in keeping with the house.

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