

I have lived there since 2002 and have walked with my dog on land around Barcroft Hall for that time.

There has been a progressive improvement in the footpaths around Barcroft Hall.

They are also beautifully maintained unlike other footpaths in the area.

There was a wooden gate at the entrance to Barcroft Hall when we arrived and this was replaced by the pillars and the gate which now exist. I do not find the pillars or gates in any way intimidating or obstructive.

In April 2007 after Mr. & Mrs. Herrick had been requested to put handles on their gates they asked me to check that the gates were able to be opened with the handles for a period of one month.

I understand that the reason for this was because the handles were being vandalised and they wanted an independent walker to check the gates on a daily basis.

I was happy to do this because I pass the gates every day when walking my dog.

The record of this check is attached.

Of more recent times the gates are permanently open.

When we have visitors staying and walking with us they always comment very favourably on the excellent condition of the footpaths around Barcroft hall.

*Judy Burchett 2008*