

I am the local area organiser for the National Gardens Scheme.

I have known Mr. and Mrs. Herrick since they first approached us to open their gardens for us and for our charities and to promote access for the disabled.

This year Mr. and Mrs. Herrick worked very hard to run an Awareness Day when they opened their gardens to the public and had many additional stands including stands on Climate Change, Somerset Wildlife and for those with mobility problems to have more access to the countryside.

They raised more than £700 for our charities despite the poor weather.

There are footpaths running through their land which were widely used throughout the day which gave great pleasure to all the visitors, local people and those with mobility problems.

These paths are kept in excellent condition, have been properly prepared, are constantly maintained and give great pleasure to all users.

Neither I nor any of their visitors and those operating the stands had any problems passing through the entrance to Barcroft Hall and the pillars do not intimidate or restrict me, nor did they appear to restrict any other of the visitors.

*Rosemary Lee 2008*