

I and my wife have been house sitters and dog walkers on a regular basis at Barcroft Hall since 2004. This amounts to approximately twelve weeks each year in total.

We walk the footpaths around Barcroft Hall on a regular basis with the dogs and find them excellent, well kept and easy to walk on.

But there are some nearby footpaths not in Mr. & Mrs. Herricks ownership which are impassable.

After the gate handles were added in 2006 the mechanism was broken on a few occasions.

The security cameras were installed because of this. When Mr. & Mrs. Herrick went away they always left written instructions asking us to inspect the gates on a daily basis to ensure that they opened freely.

In spring 2007 when we were house sitting I found a lady and gentleman one of whom I now know to be Rear Admiral Kidner taking photographs of Barcroft Hall whilst on Mr. & Mrs. Herricks private property.

I telephoned Mr. & Mrs. Herrick immediately to report this.

In my opinion Mr. & Mrs. Herrick take their responsibilities with regard to footpaths on their land very seriously.

I know that Mr. Herrick mows the footpaths regularly in the summer.

As a walker I do not find the gates and pillars at the entrance to the house intimidating.

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