## Note for owners and occupiers of land

## Reimbursement of 25% costs for the maintenance or repair of stiles and gates on public rights of way

Responsibility for the maintenance of existing stiles or gates on public rights of way lies with the landowner (tenants normally maintain them as part of tenancy) and Durham County Council will pay 25% of reasonable costs incurred on submission of the attached application form.

We will normally expect for the works to be carried out to the British Standard (BS5709) which you can obtain from us. Alternatively you can find some specifications on our website <a href="www.durham.gov.uk">www.durham.gov.uk</a>. Type 'guidance on stiles and gates' into the site search on the home page.

We will pay for reasonable costs incurred maintaining the structure and any adjoining fencing within 1 metre of either side. We will normally expect for the structure to have a stock control purpose and be on agricultural land.

Once you have completed the work you should fill in the attached form and return it to us (details below). We will usually come and take a look at the work before we arrange for payment.

We prefer to pay you by direct bank transfer as it is more efficient and you will receive your reimbursement quicker. Please therefore include the bank details requested on the application form. Any information you provide will only be used for the purposes of this grant payment.

For further information and return of completed applications contact:

Access and Rights of Way Regeneration and Economic Development County Hall Durham DH1 5UQ

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## Application Form for the reimbursement of 25% of costs incurred maintaining stiles or gates on public rights of way

## Please read the attached notes carefully before completing this form

Return completed form and itemised bill / account to:
Access and Rights of Way, Regeneration and Economic Development,
Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UQ.

1) Full name(s) and address(es) of applicant(s)		
Name(s)	Address(es)	
Tel No(s)		
Email	Post Code:	
2) Applicant's interest in the land e.g. landowner, tenant		
3) Original structure		
Please select		
4) Brief description of work carried out		
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5) Location

Parish	Footpath or Bridleway	y Path No
Description / map of loca	ation	
Total costs incurred	d including VAT	
Materials £	Labour £	Total £
Who carried out the	work?	
self	Please supply itemised bill /	account
contractor		
Your bank account	details	
Name of bank	Account name	
Sort code	Account no.	
I confirm that the in	formation supplied is true and co	rrect
Signed		
Date		