

## AND A GATE AT ULEY BURY



**Before ....** The problem here was, firstly, a simple matter of a gate being hung the wrong way round. The gate was hinged so that it opened across the entry/exit space. To get through this a rider would need to back the horse away from the gate and then try to get through the corridor between the gate and the fencing whilst holding the gate open. The large gate was fitted with a rider handle, but was chained closed all summer, because the farmer had had problems with it being left open and the cattle escaping. The second problem here was that a REALLY strong spring had been put on it - I had difficulty opening it on foot to get the dogs through.



**After....** The smaller gate, while not the full 5 foot normally required by British Standards, is a good size, and is now hinged against the fence to make it much more accessible. There is still a spring, but is only lightly tensioned, and closes very gently. The gate also now closes from the side the cattle are on, so that, should they push against it, they would push the gate against the post and not just the latch. The large gate has been rehung, and is open when the cattle are not present. A system of coloured discs indicate if cattle are present on the Bury or not.

In this instance, MCTTG approached Uley Parish Council to find out who the landowner was. They contacted the Dursley, Cam and Uley Joint Woodland Committee (a Committee managing Stroud District Council owned land). Although this is not Council owned, they held a small fund provided by Cotswold AONB Board, which had been ring-fenced since the original Uley Bury project was set up, and reserved for Uley Bury improvements only. Many thanks to everyone involved in this, and especially to Janet Wood and David Sykes.