## Stone Gateposts inside Graves Park



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1849 map with approximate location of gateposts (numbered in red)


## Gatepost 1

- This pair of gateposts are located close to the eastern end of the three ponds, near the animal farm.
- The two gateposts line up with the existing farm track, and the boundary line on the 1849 map.
- They appear to have been functional, as they include hinges and a clasp for the gate, and carved square hole features on the outside surfaces for attaching fences.
- One post appears to have been re-cycled, as it has redundant features (carved hole and hinge point)

GATE POST NUMBER: GPOST 1
-OCATION: END OF TOP LAKE, BY ANIMAL FARM. $\quad$ GPS POINTS: $\begin{aligned} & \text { GPOST, HINGE } \\ & \text { GPOSTI CLASP }\end{aligned}$
COMPASS ORIENTATION BETWEEN POSTS (FRO HINGE TO CLASP): $240^{\circ} \mathrm{SW}$ DISTANCE BETWEEN POSTS: 2.68 m .


## Gatepost 1 - photos



## Gatepost 2

- This pair of gateposts are located on the track over the damn between the two larger ponds
- They appear to align with a boundary line on the 1849 map, and would have been used to separate land north and south of the ponds
- The gateposts appear to have been functional, as they include hinges, clasp and features on the outside faces for attaching a fence
- The hinge post has several small inserts on two adjacent sides, with the inserts alternating as they go up the post (see photo)
- The lower hinge is a pair of vertical 'stays', which would have limited the gate opening angle
- The clasp was designed to allow the gate to open in either direction.

GATE POST NUMBER: GPOST 2 $\qquad$
LOCATION:
GPS POINTS: GPOST 2 MAGE
COMPASS ORIENTATION BETWEEN POSTS (FROMHINAE TO CLASP): $233^{\circ} \mathrm{SW}$
DISTANCE BETwEEN POSTS: 3.15 m

## Gatepost 2 photos



## Gatepost 3

- This single gatepost is on the tarmacked part of the 'Old London Road'
- It features a large gate clasp
- There is also a carved feature on one side, that looks like it had a cover plate, and some rotating mechanism (horizontal pivot pin)
- Although the gatepost is on the eastern side of the tarmac track, it might have been on the western side of the original track, judging by the gap to the banked up ridge (see photo)
- The gatepost seems to have been well made, with ridged carvings on each corner
- It appears that this gatepost might be located at the junction of two boundaries on the 1849 map

GATE POST NUMBER:
-CATION: ON OLD LONDON ROAD $\quad$ GPS POINTS: GPOST 3 CLASP COMPASS ORIENTATION BETWEEN POSTS (FROMHINEE TO CLASP): $N / A$ DISTANCE BETWEEN POSTS: N/A



## Gatepost 3 photos



## Gatepost 4

- This is a single gatepost, located near the Charles Ashmore car park
- The post is devoid of any hinge or clasp features, or any evidence that it ever had such features.
- It appears to act as a sign for features on the other side of the track.
- These features include stonework / wall / bank edging, and a horizontal tree trunk with major wood carving work:
- A domed end
- A curved start to removing half of the trunk's diameter (see diagram \& photos)

GATE POST NUMBER: GPOST 4
-CATION: NEAR CHARLES ASHORE CAR PARK GPS POINTS: SPOT 4
COMPASS ORIENTATION BETWEEN POSTS (FROMHINAE TO CLASP): N/A DISTANCE BETWEEN POSTS:
HINGE POST:
MTSIDE
FACE
NO FEATURES OR MAR
(NO HINGE OR CLASP)


CARVED WOODEN TRUNK (OPPOSITE SATEPOST 4)


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Gatepost 4 photos


## Gatepost 5

- These gateposts are located at the northern end of the small 'pack horse bridge', at the southern end of field 479
- They form a functioning pair of gateposts, with hinges and clasp. The hinges and clasp are not 'inside' the posts, but on their northern sides. (See also gatepost $1 \& 6$ )
- There doesn't appear to be any signs of redundant features, or recycling.

GATE POST NUMBER: GPOST 5
-OCATION: OVER PACKHORSE BRIDGE (TOTE MPOLE XROADS) GPS POINTS: POSTS HANSE COMPASS ORIENTATION BETWEEN POST S (FROMHINAE TO CLASP): $130^{\circ} \mathrm{SE}$
DISTANCE BETWEEN POSTS: 2.63 m

| CLASP POST: |  | HINGE CLASP POST: |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NUTIDE | INSIDE | INSIDE | OUTSIDE |
| FACE | FACE | FACE | FACE |



## Gatepost 5 photos



## Gatepost 6

- This pair of gateposts are located close to the stream, near the bottom of field no. 480.
- They appear to be functional, as they include hinges on one post (although the bottom hinge is not visible, possibly now below the ground level), the other post having a feature that might have been the mounting for a clasp.
- Unusually, the top hinge rod has a square hole in it, as used nowadays to fit a split pin, to prevent gate removal
- As there is a significant bank between the stream and the fields (which have their own boundary banks) to the north, this gate might have been on an old trackway running east - west, beside the north bank of the stream. This could have served access to fields 480 \& 481 from the 'Old London Road'


Gatepost 6 photos


Graves Park Gateposts - Comparison Chart

| Gatepost Number | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gap between posts | 2.68 m | 3.15 m | N/A | N/A | 2.63 m | 2,57m |
| Compass orientation <br> (Hinge post to clasp post) | 240 deg SW | $\begin{gathered} 233 \mathrm{deg} \\ \text { SW } \end{gathered}$ | N/A | N/A | 130 deg SE | $153 \mathrm{deg}$ SE |
| Post height (above ground) | $\begin{aligned} & 1000 \\ & 1100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1400 \\ & 1400 \end{aligned}$ | 1500 | 1170 | $\begin{aligned} & 1170 \\ & 1250 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1300 \\ & 1260 \end{aligned}$ |
| Post base dimensions | $\begin{aligned} & 450 \times 330 \\ & 210 \times 400 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 440 \times 400 \\ & 160 \times 310 \end{aligned}$ | $420 \times 410$ | $470 \times 220$ | $\begin{aligned} & 350 \times 200 \\ & 370 \times 260 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 300 \times 360 \\ & 340 \times 470 \end{aligned}$ |
| Gate functionality:- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hinges | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Clasp | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Possible mount |
| Fence location points | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No |
| Evidence re-cycled | Yes | No | No | No | No | No |
| Other features | No | No | Yes | No | No | Possible |

(In each case, the gate itself would have been approximately 10 foot wide)

