



## HorseTalk.net BRIDLEWAYS WATCH

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#### That illegal cattle grid in the middle of a bridleway

Helen Phillips recently told The Guardian, "Our disconnection from the countryside has to be tackled urgently."

[click here to read what she said](#)

Like getting rid of illegal cattle grids put in the middle of bridle ways by Natural England

To read what Helen "I dont practice what I preach" Phillips said [click here](#) Take care. You might throw up. Especially when she talks about "riding rough shod over property rights".

Helen. It's not riders who are riding "rough shod" over anything. Its Natural England who are riding "rough shod" over riders.

And what about riders "property rights" not to have Natural England illegally put a cattle grid in the middle of a bridle way?

One law for Natural England. One law for riders. How fair is that?



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Says Marhek about our proposal to install a cattle grid outside the home of Helen Phillips, the Chief Executive of Natural England

"Absolutely. The responses we've got from her and her officers in the 12 months since these gates and grids went in have been dismissive and offensively arrogant. A year ago, NE undertook to address all concerns about the gates and grids as a matter of priority - then proceeded to ignore them all. The gate that badly injured a horse was reported as dangerous 5 weeks previous to the accident. The BHS officer has recently issued a report condemning ALL the gates around Carn Kenidjack - eight of them - as thoroughly dangerous - and still they do nothing. Cornish anger has to be seen to be believed but we boil slowly to the end burst. Something tells me that, before too long, there won't be a gate, fence or grid to be seen, except in a smouldering pile.

"Cornwall Highways have admitted, in writing, that this grid is illegal, but won't enforce (as they're partners in the same scheme). NE, NT and the Council have perfected ways of covering for each other so that no one can be held accountable.

"On Watch Croft, not far away, the National Trust actually installed a grid across the entire width of an official bridleway - and were made to take it out. They then lied to their European funders, claiming it had then been installed elsewhere when, in fact, it was lying on its back right by the spot it had been removed from (we took photos with dated newspapers to prove it). Their arrogance and dishonesty rivals their running partners, Natural 'England'.

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