“Village Gates” information 15 Nov 2017

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Via enquiry forms on their websites, I contacted the clerks of Bere Regis and Wool Parish Councils to ask about how they went about establishing “village gates”.

I had no reply from Wool, but I had a useful response from Bere Regis.

The response is below:

We don't actually have any gates in Bere Regis. We did put up commemorative stones at each entrance to the village to mark the Queens Diamond Jubilee  in  2012 but I don't think this would be appropriate. They consist of three blocks of Portland stone with the name of the village on them.

However, one of my other councils is currently looking to put up village gates. We did look at getting them made by a local carpenter but Highways said they wouldn't approve any that weren't made by someone like Glasdons. It would be worth speaking to your Highways officer to check before you do anything. Needless to say, whilst DCC were willing to set parameters on the gates, they were not willing to put any money towards them. We have submitted an application to the Tesco Bags for Life grant funding are still awaiting an outcome but will be looking at a cost of about £2-£3000 per set of gates from what I can see.