

# North Devon Conservatives

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## **PROGRESS AT ROCK PARK TERRACE!**

FOLLOWING FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS with Devon County Council, Local Campaigner, Philip Milton, has some progress and positive news to report!

Not only is a formal review being undertaken at the moment to confirm public rights away around Barnstaple but representation has been made to Barnstaple Town Council to ensure that it presses for its rights over at least its half of the Rock Park Terrace.

In a nutshell, this means that regardless of the dispute by Mr Catchpole and the positioning of gates across the whole of Rock Park Terrace, there is no permission whatsoever to place the gates in front of property where ownership is “presumed” by the owner of The Lodge, which is Barnstaple Town Council.

Says Philip “Many are sorely frustrated at the time this issue has taken to resolve. I am very pleased that I have been able to clarify some of the legal positions which can be exercised immediately and I trust the Town Council will now act in relation to its responsibility regarding its property and protecting its rights. If any other members of the public can sign forms confirming their use of this Terrace as a public route then they are encouraged to do so.

This issue will then be assessed by Devon County Council at its next committee meeting in November, supported by recommendations from the Public Rights of Way Office at Devon County Council.

I trust Barnstaple Town Council will now act swiftly to request the obstacle is removed from its property immediately and if action is not taken then it will have a right to remove them from its half forcibly!"

It should be noted that a public consultation on Barnstaple's Public Rights of Way in general continues until the end of September and anyone wishing to contribute should contact Devon County Council in the Civic Centre, Barnstaple.



The above photograph shows from right to left Philip Milton, Town Councillor Simon Harvey, Local Campaigner Jimmy Bartlett and District Councillors John Mathews and Michael Harrison holding some of the latest petition forms collected by Philip.

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