1. All dimensions are in millimetres unless otherwise stated.

2. Bridle gates should have at least the minimum width, allowed by law, of 1.524m. Both structures must be made stock-proof either side of gate by extending rails into hedge or attaching to existing fencing.

3. Place the hinges in such a way that the gate swings shut. To do this, offset the upper gate hook in the direction that the gate is to close. The bottom hook should project about 25mm further than the upper hook.

4. For sprung or weighted bridleway gates, position the shutting post and catch in such a way that the gate can be opened without too much effort.

5. Secure all gate posts with rubble and compacted soil as for stile posts but ensure that the posts are anchored at least 900mm in the ground for increased stability.

6. All timber should be sawn, tanalised softwood, pressure treated to conform to BS 8417.

7. Sawn ends should be treated (flood coated) by dipping in a recognised wood preservative, particular attention should be given to the end grain of supporting posts, for all structures which are placed in the ground.