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Is this the fastest closing bridleway gate in the world?

It's at Snelsmore Common, near Newbury, Berkshire.

It closes in less than 4 seconds from a 90 degree angle – FAST

It is so dangerous that many local riders have stopped using it.

Even a professional trainer has stopped using the gate because he doesn't want to risk either his horses or his riders being injured.

One experienced local rider told Horseytalk.net that she recently had a lucky escape.



"I've got a good gate-horse. He's 16 hh. Thorough-bred. Very long. He's very respectful of gates," she said. "We've gone through the gate many times. It's always a bit scary because of the speed it closes but we've managed it."

"On this particular occasion, he got his stirrup leather caught on the gate. I managed to jump off. How, I don't know. But I did. I managed to undo the girth so he wasn't trapped."

"But it could have been much worse."

"Four seconds is a completely ridiculous time to expect a horse to get through a bridlegate."

- Have you had problems with bridlegates?

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- The more we can prove how dangerous these gates are, the more chance we will have of getting them modified or, better still, re-moved