

# Fencing Matters



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## Ahead for Heights

After travellers settled on a local school playing field, something needed to be done to prevent a reoccurrence. A height barrier was the ideal solution to continue to allow general access to the setting but to stop high vehicles in their tracks. This one is coated yellow for high visibility, but any colour is available. And, of course, fabricated by ourselves, so complete flexibility with the width and design.



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## SO YOU'D LIKE SOME POST AND RAIL...?



There's a lot more to post and rail than meets the eye! Apart from choosing how many rails and what height best suits your requirements, you then need to choose the style. Generally post and rail will be two, three or four rails. The

more rails the higher the fencing will need to be; if only one rail is needed, it is usually of a 500-600mm height and would be considered a knee rail.

The components can be square, round, half round or cleft timber, or tubular metal. Most often square sawn timber post and rail is used on highways and will be constructed to British Standard specifications. Half round timbers are often used around paddocks and gardens, concrete post and metal tube is a dying breed and rarely utilised, but oddly one of the more robust solutions.

Knee rail is very popular around schools and parks, helping to keep foot traffic to pathways and off grass, etc. The most popular design being the 'birdsmouth' posts; a square timber top rail set diagonally in a 'V' formed in the top of the posts and secured with a steel strap. Another popular style, reasonably unique to the local area and made popular by the local councils, is the 150 x 150mm square timber post with a twice weathered top with a 50mm diameter galvanised (or powder coated) steel tube thread through pre-drilled holes in the posts.

Of course, you may then want to add some mesh to your post and rail fence! Stock netting is widely used around paddocks or abutting highways to stop animals breaching the fence line, or hexagonal wire netting (chicken wire) is used to prevent smaller animals, and when buried will stop rabbits burrowing under the fence. Chain link, weld-mesh and trimfence are also suitable options.

