

Vandals remove Gozo countryside signs



Signs that were placed in strategic spots (circled) in the Gozitan countryside to assist ramblers to enjoy specific routes have been unlawfully removed.

For the third consecutive year, signs that were placed in strategic spots in the Gozitan countryside to help ramblers enjoy specific routes have been unlawfully removed, the government said yesterday.

The target of this vandalism included a new information panel installed on the way down to Dwejra Bay indicating that the site is to become a heritage park.

The signs were originally made of wood and formed part of Gozo's Country Walks project, launched by the Ministry for Gozo and the Malta Tourism Authority in 2002.

After just a few weeks, a number of them went missing and workers within the Ministry for Gozo's manufacturing section made another set, a number of which also went missing for the second time.

Recently, the ministry installed another set of signs, this time made out of local globigerina limestone. The material was chosen on two grounds: for the signs to be more difficult to carry away and to complement the rural characteristic of the areas.

Despite this precaution, they have been removed for a third time.

The Ministry for Gozo condemned these "selfish and irresponsible" actions by unknown individual/s and appealed to all those with any information to contact the authorities.