**HERCROLOGICAL RECORD**

**SITE NAME**

Palmers Ford.

**& length (m)**

212 m

**Parish(es)**

Ferndown – Hurn (both now Dorset)

**grid ref. of ends**

(A) SU09677.00980

(B) SU09640.00797

**ref. no.**

Fd1

**Date of boundary**

Pre 1800

**Type:**

Vice-county, parish

**Surveyor**

RM.Walls + A.Morgan

**date**

15 Nov 2012

**Weather**

dry, dull, cold

**time on site**

1 h

**Owner(s)**

Canford Estates

**Address(es)**

tel.

e-mail

contacted: y

**PROFILE SUMMARY**

- **hedge cross-section**
  - height: 10 m
  - width: ~5 m
  - Condition: poor
  - standards: yes
  - Gaps: 0 %
  - not a hedge, strictly

- **bank / ditch cross-section**
  - height: width: adjoining habitats: heathland and arable fields.

**SPECIES**

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<th>Herbs and grasses on bank</th>
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**SUMMARY DESCRIPTION**

The section starts where the boundary leaves the Moors River in a smooth curve to the back ditch between the flood plane and the heathland. This length is closely aligned to a shallow drainage ditch dividing the unmanaged sallow carr from the more open flood meadow dominated by comfrey and creeping buttercup. Here it turns south and after a short length of undefined boundary follows the bank to the track to Palmers Ford STW.

The rum cherry (obviously planted) where the boundary crosses the track has produced saplings along this section to the north and amongst the scrubbed heathland to the west.

In an ant's nest on the heathland on the Dorset side we found several hoverfly larvae (Microdon sp.)
Unlike the lengths to the south, the boundary is coincident with the bank, although it is described as ‘defaced’. The bank as a ditch to the west and the boundary is plotted slightly to the east of the bank. At the Palmersford STW road, the boundary crosses to the west side of the bank and then veers away from it (Fd2).