**HERCLOGICAL RECORD**

**SITE NAME**
Talbot Heath – the coast

**& length (m)**

m

**Parish(es)**
Kinson – Bournemouth (both now Dorset)

**grid ref. of ends**
(A) SZ07044.92537
(B) SZ07091.89997

**ref. no.**
Kn2

**Date of boundary**
Pre 1800

**Type:**
vice-county, parish

**Surveyor**
RMWalls + A.Morgan

**date**
18 May 2013

**weather**
time on site
h

**Owner(s)**
various

**Address(es)**
tel.
email

contacted: y / n

**PROFILE SUMMARY**

hedge cross-section

bank / ditch cross-section

- **height:** m
- **Condition:** poor
- **width:** m
- **standards** yes
- **Gaps:** %
- **adjoining habitats:** gardens and arable fields.

**SPECIES**

Trees and shrubs in hedge

- Scots pine
- oak
- holly
- walnut
- beech
- ash

Herbs and grasses on bank

Fauna

**SUMMARY DESCRIPTION**

South of the railway cutting the boundary bank has survived through a housing estate, so far as can be seen from the points at which it is crossed by roads. At the Bourne Stream the bank is lost and the only evidence some large oaks, and possibly some of the pines which are older than the other trees in the vicinity.

The Branksome railway sidings have obliterated any traces, but the bank can be discerned along the back of County Gates House in Westbourne, ending where the stump of a recently felled pine remains.

South of County Gates House the boundary runs along the backs of the houses and is not readily accessible. Where not defaced, the description is usually related to a wall or a fence and these are visible at the road crossings. Some large trees (mainly oak and beech) can be seen from the roads and appear to be on the boundary.

Nearer the sea, the boundary ceases to follow the property boundaries until it has crossed an arm of Branksome Dene Chine. Here there is an intact section, about 45m long, with a bank, large oaks and a footpath. At the sea, the promenade is clearly marked with a line separating the two boroughs of Bournemouth and Poole, although not exactly.

From County Gates there are some alternative routes plotted on various maps where the boundary continues more to the west until the stream in Branksome Chine, which it follows to the sea. These appear to be in error.
Dorset Explorer Basemap with 100m grid lines and definitive Boundary Line. Add position of features, profiles etc.
Concrete BS similar to Rop elsewhere

cliff
promenade
beach
change in tarmac

definitive boundary

Boummorth, Hoole signs

C

1.5m

< 4m >

SZ 06877.92146

D

1m

SZ 06877.92148

E

< 3m >

1.5m

SZ 06746.91617

F

3m

path

SZ 07021.90095
South of the railway cutting the bank is still present as the boundary runs through a housing estate, so far as can be seen from the points at which it is crossed by roads. At the Bourne valley the bank is lost and the only evidence is the large oaks, and possibly some of the pines, which are older than the other trees in the vicinity. From Branksome Wood Rd the boundary cuts across individual properties. A boundary post either side of Surrey Rd. marks the boundary at this point and implies that a Miss Durrant owned the land both sides.

A substantial bank is visible along the back of County Gates House until the green N of Princess Rd. Here there is a residual oak and the stump of a large pine that grew very asymmetrically. With care, the rings can be counted, but an partial count, without cleaning it up suggested about 70 years old, despite the diameter.

Very little of the remaining boundary to the sea is accessible because it runs between gardens of domestic properties. Initially it runs on property boundaries, but at 41 Branksome Dene Rd and to the south it cuts across property boundaries. A few large trees are on the line and are probably survivors of the development.

The short length of intact boundary bank between Sandbourne Rd and Branksome Dene Chine is a remarkable survival.

At the beach the borough boundary is very clearly marked by the welcome notices and a line across the tarmac. Unfortunately these markers are a little to the E of the position of the definitive boundary on Dorset Explorer. That line goes through an unobtrusive concrete post in the sand dune just above the promenade. The inscription on the post are not visible, but it is of similar dimensions to the post with “BOP” inscribed where the boundary crosses Branksome Hill Rd.

Older versions of the OS map has the last section of the boundary running down the Branksome Chine stream. The long extension of Kinson parish to the sea is shown below. See…………..for investigation into this anomaly.