HERCROLOGICAL RECORD

SITE NAME | Lyme, Sidmouth Rd. (A3052), along Shire Lane – Uplyme Rd. (B3165) at Launchycroft
Parish(es) | Lyme Regis - Uplyme

Date of boundary | 680 onwards
Type: | modern county; vc; parish
Surveyor | RMWalls + DCBG
Date | 9 July 2012
Owner(s) | various
Address(es) |

grid ref. of ends (A) | SY32860.92107
ref. no. | LR3
grid ref. of ends (B) | SY33095.93980

Date of boundary | 680 onwards
Type: | from Saxon charter and ecclesiastical
Weather |
Time on site | h

Owner(s) | various
Address(es) |

ref. no. | LR3

PROFILE SUMMARY

hedge cross-section
height: | ~2.5 m.
width: | 2 m.
standards | few
Condition: | poor; laid; flailed; variable
Gaps: | ~10 %

bank / ditch cross-section
eight: | up to 1 m.
width: | 1.5 m.
adjoining habitats:
semi-improved grassland to W (Devon) and gardens, playing field or grassland to the E

SPECIES in the hedge on the Dorset side

Trees and shrubs in hedge
Beech | sallow
Ash | ivy
buckthorn | honeysuckle
sycamore | blackthorn
wayfarer tree | field rose
bramble | Wilson’s honeysuckle
privet | hawthorn
holly | elder
hawthorn |
hazel |
field maple |

Herbs and grasses on bank
Foxglove | false oat-grass
Nettle | Yorkshire fog
Goose-grass | cocks foot
Red campion | tall fescue
Hedge bedstraw | soft shield fern
Prickly sowthistle | wood false-brome
Intermediate polypody | harts tongue fern
Periwinkle (garden form) | shining geranium
Wood dock | ground ivy
Herb Robert | wood false-brome
hedge woundwort | stinking iris
dogs mercury | male fern
lesser burdock | broad leaved dock
silverweed | ramsons

Fauna
ground elder
wild garlic
bracken
dandelion
bluebell
rose-bay willow-herb
red fescue
arum
hedge parsley
cow parsley
Stitchwort
bush vetch
creeping thistle

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

From the Sidmouth Rd. the boundary is the centre of Shire Lane with a substantial bank and hedge on both sides. In the northern part, along the sports ground, there is a shallow ditch. If it exists south of this, it was not visible from the road. The hedges have a good diversity of species with only minor differences between the Dorset and Devon sides.

The Devon hedge is lost at the end of Shire Lane where there is a carpark. To the north the boundary continues as a single bank with a hedge and an intermittent ditch on the Devon side. This hedge has a less diverse ground flora as it runs down the hillside between fields of permanent, improved grassland. The bank is constructed from earth with a random scatter of chert blocks. At the bottom of the field the boundary enters domestic properties, where it is defaced and then an undefined length across the railway line to the Uplyme Rd at the old Black Dog (a former pub).

There are many species in the hedge; the maps list the species at particular points along the boundary.
Other pictures are available.

A3052 crossing the boundary from Devon into Dorset heading ENE into Lyme Regis. Shire Lane is out of shot on the left heading North.
The boundary at Launchycroft running through the domestic gardens does not appear to follow ownership boundaries, so far as can be inferred from the map. We did not walk any part of this length on this occasion. Previously we had inspected the boundary within Launchycroft House. Here it follows a bank, comparable to the bank to the south, until a sharp turn to the E. From there onwards there are no features to indicate its position.