HERCOLOGICAL RECORD

SITE NAME
Parish(es)

Valley south of Holway Copse (135 m)
Oborne (Dorset) / Poyntington (now Dorset, in Somerset until 31st March, 1896)

grid ref. of ends
(A) ST63535.19636
(B) ST63663.19655

ref. no.
Ob 2

Date of boundary
Type:
Pre-1896
modern county; former county; vc; parish; estate; (field?) …

surveyors
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date
3 May 2012

weather
overcast

time on site
6½ h for complete survey

Owner(s)

Owners on both sides of the boundary were contacted and permission obtained

Owner(s)

Address(es)
tel.
email

contacted: y / n

PROFILE SUMMARY
hedge cross-section
bank / ditch cross-section

height: m.
Condition: poor; laid; flailed; ………

width: m.

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standards no.

Gaps: %

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adjoining habitats: arable, woodland

SPECIES
Trees and shrubs in hedge
Herbs and grasses on bank
Fauna

larch
hawthorn
elder
field maple
hazel

bracken
bluebell

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION
The boundary surveyed starts at the point where the pre-1966 county boundary between Corton Denham (now Sandford Orcas) leaves the former county boundary and stops at the watershed at the top of the valley.

The boundary runs along the thalweg of a deep valley through the scarp. The tree cover increases as the valley deepens. On the S side is a small larch plantation and an old, multi-stemmed maple. The N side is more open with bracken and bluebells in the upper part, grading into Holway Copse. The fields either side are arable.

The valley has a typical shape of a water worn origin, although where a stream would have originated is not obvious since the valley starts at the watershed (ST63663.19650).

MAP
Dorset Explorer 2002 aerial map with 100m grid lines and definitive Boundary Line

ref. no. Ob 2
No measured profiles

The picture shows the valley from Oborne looking to Poyntington. The boundary runs along the bottom of the thalweg (not visible in this picture).