**HERCROLOGICAL RECORD**

**SITE NAME**  
B3145 – R Yeo (1620 m)

**Parish(es)**  
Oborne (Dorset) / Poyntington (now Dorset, in Somerset until 31st March, 1996)

**grid ref. of ends**  
(A) ST63978.19487  
(B) ST65577.19632

**Date of boundary**  
Pre-1896

**Type:** modern county; former county; parish; estate; field; …

**surveyors**  
R.M. Walls, B. Lane, J. Hart

**date**  
3 May 2012

**Weather**  
overcast

**time on site**  
6½ h for complete survey

**Owner(s)**  
Farms on both sides of the boundary were contacted and permission obtained

**Address(es)**  
tel.  
email  
contacted: y / n

**PROFILE SUMMARY**

**hedge cross-section**  
height: 1 to 2 m.  
Condition: neatly cut; had been layered in the past  
width: ~2 m.  
standards: few  
Gaps: <1 %

**bank / ditch cross-section**  
height:  
width: ~1 m.  
adjoining habitats: arable and pasture

**SPECIES**

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**SUMMARY DESCRIPTION**

With minor deviations to suit field boundaries, the boundary follows the thalweg of the broad, gently sloping valley to the east. There is a prominent dog-leg at ST64687.19495 where the boundary drops into the thalweg from the south side.

It is 1.83m RH on the northern side except for the section between ST64464.19508 and ST64889.19536 where it changes to the S.

The hedge is continuous between the roads, quite dense and stock-proof running through arable fields on the flatter land to the west and improved pastures of the valley in the east. There are few standard oak (dbh 0.828m) and ash trees. Where the fields either side are level there is a low bank. Elsewhere there is a lynchet, sometimes complicated by an intermediate terrace (sections C to F). The complex structure at E is most unusual because it only extends for about 40m, thinning out at each end to a steep lynchet about 2m high (section G).

The valley deepens from D and arable has been abandoned on the steeper, N side in favour of a new plantation of deciduous trees and a wild flower / grassland mix.

The boundary crosses the minor road running N from Oborne village to Poyntington and runs the short distance along the scrappy hedge to the stream (R.Yeo). Just N of this is the site of a mill; the stream still runs in the leet and the mill race to the natural course of the stream.
MAP 1 Dorset Explorer 2002 aerial with 100m grid lines and definitive Boundary Line.

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vertical scale: 1 sq = ...............  
horizontal scale: 1 sq = ...............
PHOTOGRAPHS

Dorset Explorer Basemap with 100m grid lines and definitive Boundary. Add position and direction of photographs

Ob4._120516_001. Taken at ST64454.19443 looking east.© JH. May 2012.

The line of the boundary shown with yellow dots with Poyntington to the left and Oborne to the right. The picture shows the bank with the profile shown in E – E’ above.

Ob4._120503_002. Taken at ST64896.19537 looking west. © JH. May 2012.

The picture shows a dog-leg in the boundary between Poyntington to the right and Oborne on the far side of the hedge. At the point where the dog leg occurs the boundary changes from 1.83 RH on the north (Poyntington, near) side of the boundary to 1.83 RH on the south (Oborne, far) side.
Ob4._120515_ 003. Taken at approximately ST657196 looking east. © JH. May 2012.

The line of the boundary shown with yellow dots coming down the valley towards the river and the line of the boundary along the stream and up the hill, with Oborne to the left and Poyntington to the right. The picture also shows the site of Poyntington Mill and the remains of a bronze age bowl barrow on the hill to the left in Oborne.

Ob4._120329_ 004. Taken at ST655196 looking east. © JH. May 2012.

The remains of Poyntington Mill showing the stream below the Mill. The line of the mill leet can be seen at the top of the picture.
Whilst this section follows the thalweg in the lower valley, at the start on the B3145 it is displaced about 100m to the south. This is unusual because the previous section meets the road in the thalweg and it might be expected to continue this line.