


HERCOLOGICAL RECORD

SITE NAME & length (m)		grid ref. of ends (A) SY3606.9804	ref. no.
655m		(B) SY3640.9859	WF1
Parish(es)		Wooton Fitzpaine – Whitchurch Canonorum	
Date of boundary	Type:	Surveyor	date
Up to 1896	former county; parish; herepath	RMWalls + DCBG	1 Dec 2011
1896 – 1966	Parish boundary : Whitchurch Canonorum – Hawkchurch(both Dorset)	weather	time on site h
from 1966	County boundary because Hawkchurch moved to Devon Parish, as above, both in Dorset		
Owner(s)		tel.	
Address(es)		email	
			contacted: y / n

PROFILE SUMMARY		hedge cross-section	bank / ditch cross-section
			
height: mature trees	m.	Condition: poor, laid, felled;unmanaged	eight: up to 1.6 m.
width: 2	m.		width: 2.0 m.
standards many		Gaps: several %	adjoining habitats:
			semi-improved grassland to W (Devon) and rough grass.
			Much of the boundary follows a track with a bank and ditch each side

SPECIES		
Trees and shrubs in hedge	Herbs and grasses on bank	Fauna
Sweet chestnut	aster	Rabbit
Scots pine	soft rush	Badger
Apple	hard fern	Gall mite
Oak	broad buckler fern	(<i>Phytonemus palidus</i>)
Birch	scaly male fern	
Hazel	bilberry	
Beech	ivy	
Holly	polypody	
Sycamore	honeysuckle	
bramble		

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary follows a wide trackway between banks and ditches. In the last section (to the road) it is partly cobbled. In the southern part the boundary is referenced to the hedge on the west side; it then jumps to the west side of the road at a point where there is a large oak tree. From this point until the parish boundary turns to the east the hedge is minimal and the mature trees have been lost. An overhead powerline also crosses in this length.

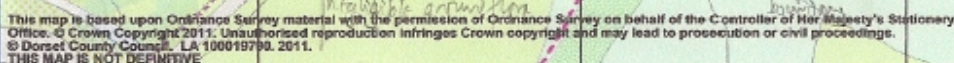
The hedge on both sides of the track has some old trees, including plushed oaks and some large, multi-stemmed beech with more recent holly bushes that have grown into leggy shrubs because of the lack of light. Between the trees the understorey shrubs are almost lost.

The northern part of the survey is a continuation of the track and is neither a county nor parish boundary. However, the structure is the same as sections to the south. We made detailed measurements of the profile at SY3635.9852.

MAP

Dorset Explorer Basemap with 100m grid lines and definitive Boundary Line. Add position of features, profiles etc.

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Field notes, tidied copy

R M Walls sunny date 1 Dec 2011 Temper House - Fish ponds Bottom Rd.
Lambert's Castle

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Date: 02/12/2011

Easting: 336209

Northing: 98304

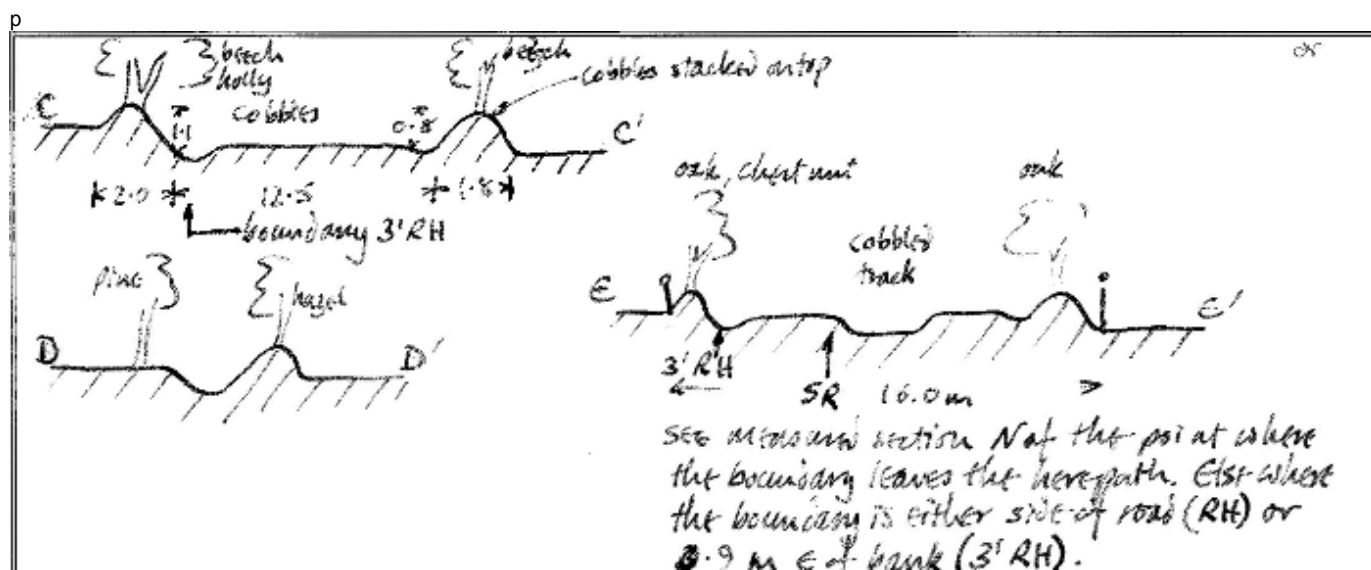
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PROFILES

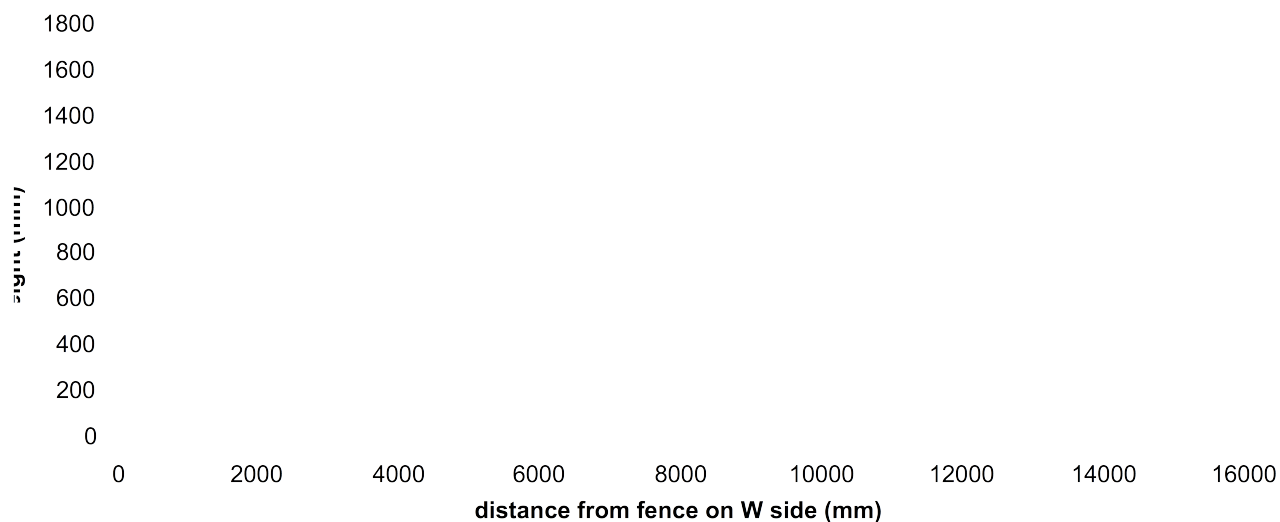
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vertical scale: 1 sq =nts

horizontal scale: 1sq = nts



Cross section of banks and track from W - E
(bearing approx. 120 deg.)



Measured section at SY3635.9852 (exaggerated vertical scale)

PHOTOGRAPHS

ref. no. WF1

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



Plushed oak

photo RMW 7634

The track is believed to be a herepath and from the small amount of cobble visible and some loose stone beside the track, it may have been fully cobbled in the past, before declining in importance; it is now a farm track.

The survey covered the track, not the present part of the parish boundary that continues eastwards from the track. This section is a simple bank & ditch structure in contrast to the more complex structure of the track.