

From the Salthrop detached field to Bincknoll

the pastoral responsibility of St Marys Lydiard Tregoze, our parish neighbours being St John the Baptist & St Helen, Wroughton

At [SU117783] we reach the detached field. Our parish boundary starts again here and heads directly ahead SSW on the line of the public footpath, though there is no path across a standing crop. There is a splendid single tree on the skyline in the hedgerow ahead that across the field, this clearly marks the corner of the boundary.



We diverted to the left (to the east) around the field margins to reach the tree at [SU116781]. Our parish neighbours change here from St John the Baptist & St Helen, Wroughton to St Peter Ad Vincula, Broad Hinton



We continued SSW then east around the field margin to reach the southernmost extent of our parish – the field corner at [SU113779]. Our St Peter Ad Vincula, Broad Hinton back to St John the Baptist & St Helen, Wroughton.

Apart from the field boundary there is nothing to mark our parish boundary here. We walked back to [SU113782], turned right and returned to [SU117783] where we turned left back onto the footpath we have come down, and left our parish again to cross Wroughton Parish land. We returned North to [SU118791]



At [SU118791] we returned to the parish boundary – which here heads West along the field boundary towards the far copse. We aimed for an evident gap in the far field boundary entering the copse at [SU115791]. The copse has been recently extended, and the boundary follows an evident line of an old bank and ditch close to the division between old growth and new trees. There is nothing specific to mark the boundary.



We emerged from the copse at its western extent and turn left down the field path 30 metres or so, where the boundary turns right into the standing crop for 50 metres or so, before turning right again and heading on a ragged line northwards up the centre of the field. From the map, the boundary probably follows old field lines which have been grubbed out. There is nothing to mark the boundary here, and crops are standing, so we head back north along the field boundary on a clear path towards Quidhampton (pr. “Quiddington”) Wood.



At [SU113797] the boundary passes into Quidhampton Wood, there is nothing to mark it and no gate. This is part of “Bincknoll (pr. “Bynoll”) Dip Woods” Site of Special Scientific Interest - the geology, physiogeographic features, flora and fauna may not be destroyed, damaged or disturbed without committing an offence under Section 28 P(6) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as incorporated by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000). We detoured to the East to find a suitable gate on the bridleway and walked down through the wood to the bottom, emerging from the trees at SU112798]. This is private ground with access for the public only on public footpaths, we had permission to walk off the paths. We turned to the right and walked down beside Bassett Down Coach House and down to the Golf Course South fence at [SU111799].



From here [SU111799] the parish boundary follows a jagged line north across the golf course – marked by lines of trees and some isolated standing trees, clearly old field boundary lines. The eastern half of the golf course is in our parish, the western half is not. Apart from the trees there is nothing to mark the boundary here. The golf course is private



ground and it is not safe to access while golf is being played. We detoured round the course by returning to Hay Lane at [SU114804], heading north to the Bassett Down Golf Club entrance at [SU112809], and then walking west to the club house at [SU110807]

At the club house [SU110807] our parish boundary comes from the south across the golf course and down a south/north line where a hedgerow is clearly visible. The boundary then heads round the club house, across the north side/front of the driving range and heads WSW across the centre of the field behind (north of) the club house. The field was being cultivated and so access was impossible, so we headed WSW almost parallel to the boundary towards the golf club fish pond, then SW (avoiding golfers) along the boundary of the golf course to a hedge next to the public footpath at [SU107804], climbing over the barbed wire and over the electric fence wire to gain the path.



From [SU107804] the boundary (and we) headed SSE alongside the golf course. So despite the Eastern side of the golf course being outside our parish, the fields to its east are inside...When we walked here the grass was long and splendid for diving into.

At [SU109799] the boundary (and we) turned right and headed SW along the field boundary then turned left SE and crossed back into Bassett Down estate property at [SU109797]. Apart from complex field boundaries there is nothing to mark the parish boundary here.



The boundary then heads uphill (SSE) along old field boundary lines to the bottom of Quidhampton Wood at

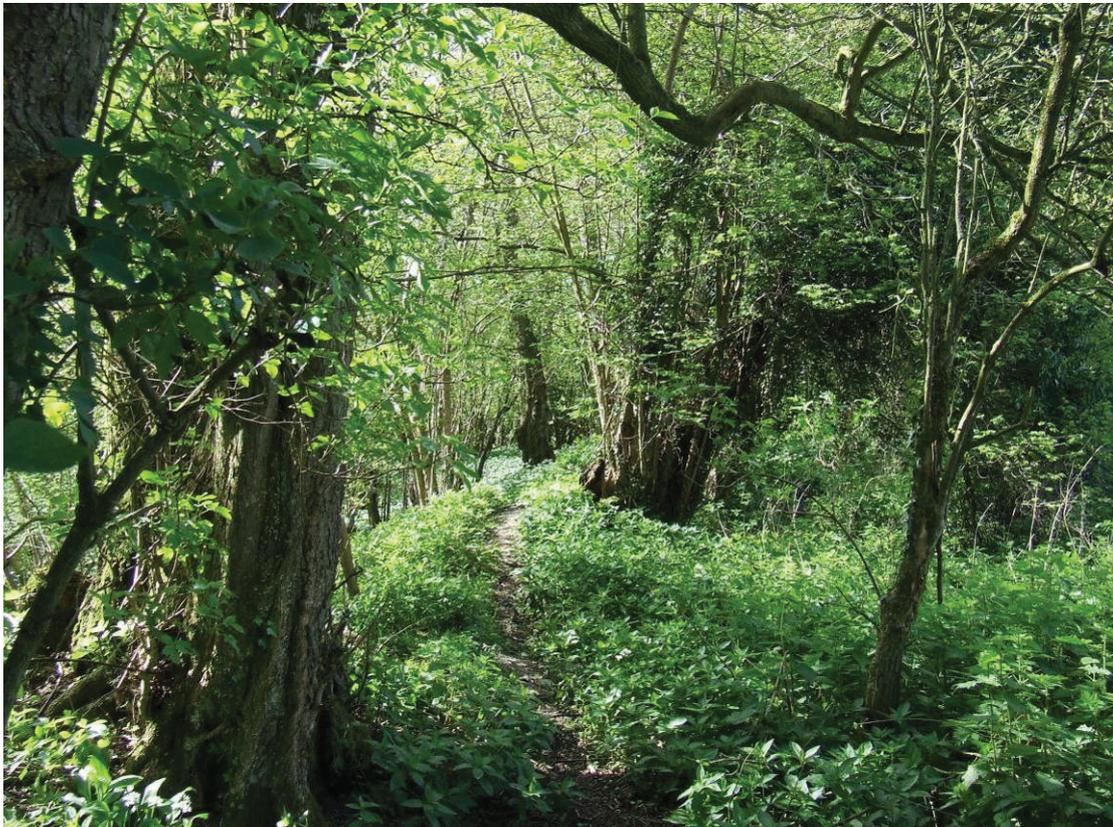
[SU110796] then heading ESE towards a field gate at [SU109796] where we walked through to the south side to try and find some old boundary stones which are reputed to lie here. We found (and cleared) one at [SU10927958], but could not find the rest...



At [SU109795] our parish neighbours change from St John the Baptist & St Helen, Wroughton to Christ Church, Broad Town.



The boundary goes NNW on an old green lane in the woods above a stream. The path is passable though several fallen trees make it interesting. There is no public right of access here but the landowner is happy for people to walk with permission. This is another part of the “Bincknoll Dip Woods” Site of Special Scientific Interest



The boundary and footpath continues at [SU109796] bearing left (NW) then bending right (NNW again) towards the back of Bincknoll Farm at [SU107797]

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