

From Bincknoll to Little Chaddington Farm

the pastoral responsibility of St Marys Lydiard Tregoze, our parish neighbours being Christ Church, Broad Town

At the back of Bincknoll Farm at [SU107797] the boundary heads NW to the left of the barn/cowshed and to the right of the house, and turns right along the north side of the shed and on 30m or so into the middle of the field. The line turns left (NW) and runs down the centre of the field towards the hedge at the bottom (North). Apart from the building there is nothing to mark the boundary. It is possible a tree in the hedge at the North end of the field is intended to define the corner, where



the boundary turns left and heads WSW, possibly along the bank between two deep ditches, to the corner of the field.



The boundary then turns left again and heads SSE along the deep ditch the other side of the field boundary to a point 20m south east of a gap in the hedge (which we took) where the boundary turns right and heads WSW across the field towards Bincknoll Lane.

We headed across the field and found a gap in the hedge at [SU105796].

Bincknoll Farm is private property but the owner gave us permission to access the boundary line.



On Bincknoll Lane at [SU105796] the boundary heads NW along the lane, so we did too. At [SU103799] the boundary continues to head NW where the road turns to the East. There is an isolated tree at [SU102801] which was certainly part of an old field boundary, and may well define the line of our boundary. We detoured slightly to the West of the correct line round what looked like weeds, but we are assured is a withy bed. Just NW of the isolated tree [SU102801] the boundary turns left and heads SW along the far (north) side of a field boundary with a deep ditch. We could find no way through at this point so walked SW on the south side of the boundary to a point a near [SU100799] the boundary turns left and heads SE on the west side of the field boundary.



We found a (tricky) way through the hedge, across the ditch and over a barbed wire fence to the other field boundary turning left and heading SE to [SU101799] where the boundary turns right and heads SW across the field. There is an isolated tree at [SU100799] that could have been part of an old field boundary and may mark the parish boundary too. We crossed the field, passing the tree to [SU099798]. This is private

property and there is no public access, we walked with permission. Apart from the trees and field boundaries there is nothing to mark the parish boundary.

At the field boundary at [SU099798] we and the parish boundary turned NW and walked along the field edge to [SU098800]. Here the boundary continues NW for perhaps 100m then turns right and heads NE towards the far field boundary. As there was





machinery turning hay, and we wanted to stick to field boundaries, we turned immediately NE and walked to [SU099801] before turning left and heading NW up the east side of the field boundary. The parish boundary joins us and turns NW at [SU098802] and continues until [SU096805]. This is private property and there is no public access, we walked with permission. Apart from the trees and field boundaries there is nothing to mark the parish boundary.



At [SU096805] the boundary (and we) turned NE on a field track along the north side of a field boundary towards the farmyard at the back of Little Chaddington Farm. The boundary turns NW at [SU907806], this point is an overgrown hedgerow and we had to make a slight detour round a manure lagoon to follow the boundary NW along the field edges to [SU095809]. The boundary then turns right and at this point our parish neighbours change from Christ Church, Broad Town to St Bartholomew & All Saints, Royal Wotton Bassett.



The boundary then follows the north side of the hedgerow ENE back towards Bincknoll Lane again. This is private property and there is no public access, we walked with permission. Apart from the trees and field boundaries there is nothing to mark the parish boundary. There is a clear path here, though the public right of way is here extinguished and the bridle way just to the North, the

drive to Vowley Farm, is the correct route. We regained Bincknoll Lane at [SU097810]

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