

On the second day of perambulation -

### ***From Sally Pussey's Inn to the M4***

the pastoral responsibility of St Marys Lydiard Tregoze,  
our parish neighbours being St Bartholomew & All Saints, Royal Wotton Bassett



At Sally Pussey's Inn [SU089828]  
the boundary heads West on the  
North side of Swindon Road A3102.

There is a Lydiard Tregoze boundary stone at [SU088828] on the north side of the road, and another Wootton Bassett boundary stone on the south side.





The boundary follows the hedgerow west along the North side of the Swindon Road, the distance from the road varying as clearly the new line of the road has been straightened. At the Woodshaw roundabout the line is some 10m north of the roundabout roadside. The hedgerow is clearly visible. The boundary and the road continue WNW

At [SU080831] there is lay by on the north side of the road, just west of the Stoneover Lane turning. On the grass verge of this lay by in a delightful situation is an old milestone and a new parish boundary stone.



The boundary and the road continue NW, the boundary following the hedge line some metres from the roadside

At [SU077834] the boundary and associated hedgerow trend further to the north from the road and the boundary heads across the car lot at the back of the Coped Hall filling station, in front of the service shed and along a hedgerow behind some derelict sheds and back towards the road at the roundabout.



We walked across the car lot to examine the hedge and crossed to the hedgerow by the service shed, over a stile and followed the field boundary on the North side of the hedge. This section is private property including the Midge Hall Farm field off the public footpath, but we walked with permission. We climbed the field gate and returned to the Coped Hall roundabout at [SU075835].



The civil parish boundary seems to have been tidied and runs down the centre of the main road whereas our parish boundary crosses the roundabout at a jaunty angle. There is a boundary stone on the south

verge of the (new) Malmesbury Road B4042B next to the roundabout at [SU074836], marking the civil parish boundary.

This next section of the parish boundary to Ballards Ash almost certainly follows the line recorded in 1225. Then 'Bradon Lane' was part of the route from 'Volcan Baillardi' (Ballard's Ash) to Wootton Bassett church (clearly they walked in the other direction!)

Our boundary heads across the roundabout and heads for the back of the Prince of Wales public house, crossing the beer garden and car park and heading down a hedge line between the houses to the west of the pub. We crossed the road at the roundabout and walked down Old Malmesbury Road and inspected the hedge lines from the front drives of various houses.



We continued NW along the hedgerow as it led back towards Malmesbury Road. The boundary here crosses the existing road at an angle, to the North side and follows the clear line of a curving hedgerow for a few 10s of metres before crossing the road again back to the South side at the front drive of the Learning Curve Day Nursery at [SU071838] and follows the South side of the road for a while. So did we.

Before the Ballards Ash Sports Ground, where the high hedgerow at the South side of the road disappears leaving a fence with a copse behind at [SU070839], the boundary crosses the road at an angle to the North side. It is feasible that a tree at the end of the hedge on the left and an isolated tree on the right (to the left of the field gate, and directly opposite a bungalow) at [SU070840] mark the boundary here.



The boundary crosses from the tree back across to the South side of the road for a few 10s of metres. The front property boundaries of the bungalow, and the Ballards Ash Sports ground next to it probably define the verge of an old line of the road; this is clearly related to our boundary line. The boundary follows parallel to the hedge to the north west of Ballards Ash Sports Ground and at [SU069841] crosses the road to follow the hedge line on the north side on private property and behind and through outbuildings to the right of the houses. The boundary then turns left and heads along the front margin of the houses, clearly following a sharp bend on the old line of the road. Apart from clues in the hedge lines, there is nothing to mark the boundary here. It was not convenient for us to inspect the boundary at this time. So we kept on crossing the road...



The boundary exits the private property after the wooden fence on the right and follows the front wall of house at The Knoll, crossing the road at an angle at [SU068842] back to the South side again, and runs almost parallel to the front property boundary of the house on the left where there is an evident bank from a grubbed out hedgerow running across the front garden. The boundary then continues parallel to the front fence of Baynards Ash Farm and then the

front wall of the farmhouse. At [SU067842] the boundary crosses the existing road again paralleled on the left by the front wall of Baynards Ash Farm house and on the right by the high hedgerow in front of Ballards Ash Farm. It is suspected that the boundary here follows the centre line of an old route of the road, since straightened, though there is nothing to mark it. We kept on crossing the road...



In front of Ballards Ash Farm the boundary turns left again and heads West across the front of the properties there. An isolated tree at the end of the track at



[SU066843] probably defines the boundary here. The boundary continues across a manure heap (nice!) and through its associated nettles and then diagonally down the bank back towards the road – clearly pre-dating the cutting needed by the road under the motorway bridge. The verge here is protected which seems reasonable as its been the line of Braydon Lane for at least 800 years!

At [SU065843] the road crosses the boundary again, ending up on the south verge just at the entrance to the lane to Folly Farm. The boundary then heads straight into the field at [SU064843]. There is nothing to mark the boundary here, though it would be a highly visible place. We kept on crossing the road...



The boundary heads west down the middle of the paddock and turns left to head out of the field across the lane at [SU063843] and into the property opposite (at Folly Farm). The house is outside the parish, the garage is inside. The boundary turns immediately behind the garage and follows a hedge line west across the next field then continues in a straight line just north of west across the M4 motorway. We looked over the gate [SU062844] at the motorway traffic, and thought about it...

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