From Church Place Lydiard Millicent to Moredon Bridge

the pastoral responsibility of All Saints Lydiard Millicent, our parish neighbours being Purton Evangelical Group of St Mary's Purton and Purton Methodist Church

We crossed the road and walked back down Church Place to the stile at [SU094862]. The boundary follows the stream eastwards from Church Place/the Purton Road along the Northern field boundary of two fields. There are many trees on the boundary line, but nothing else to mark it. We walked along the field boundary on a clear habitual path, though not clearly a public right of way, to [SU099864]. After crossing to the third field, the boundary seems to pass to the Northern side of the hedge but still follows its line. We stayed on the Southern side of the stream and hedgerow until a convenient stile allowed us to cross to the Northern edge of the hedgerow. The boundary leaves the stream here and follows the Northern boundary of a paddock, a field and Toomers garden centre site. This is off the public footpath; there is no public access here. Apart from the field boundaries there is nothing to mark the parish boundary.

We followed the field boundary until [SU102866] where we turned South on the re-directed public footpath to [SU102865] where there is a boundary stone. A few metres north of the boundary stone there is a convenient point to cross the fence into the field owned by Fox Mill Farm. There is no public access here.

The boundary goes East across the back garden of Beechwood House, about 5 metres from the boundary fence, the line is clearly visible from the field in some places, and there are several trees on the boundary line, though no other marker at this point. This is private property. The boundary line heads East towards Stone Lane.
At [SU104866] the boundary line turns North Eastwards around the Northern edge of the property boundary of Stone House Farm. There are trees and a field boundary hedge but nothing else to mark the parish boundary. There is no public access here.

The boundary follows the back fences of all the properties Eastwards along the Northern side of Stone lane and reaches Common Platt and the Washpool road at [SU190866]. We diverted a little North of the boundary line past a fenced off area and exited by a gate onto the road at [SU109867]. Apart from property boundary fences there is nothing to mark the parish boundary here. The boundary heads North along the West side of the public road to the junction with Purton Road (B4553).

At [SU109867] the boundary turns right (East) onto the South side of Purton Road. There is a hedge and property boundaries lining the road for some of the route but there is nothing else to mark the parish boundary.

At [SU113867] the roundabout with Swinley Drive on the South Western corner there is a boundary stone indicating the end of Lydiard Millicent civil parish and the beginning of Swindon Borough. This does not correspond to our understanding of how the pastoral responsibilities are divided between our churches, but why should it?

East of the roundabout the parish boundary heads to the North side of the current line of Purton Road. There are several trees and a hedgerow to mark the boundary but nothing further to specifically indicate it.
At [SU116869] the boundary turns North East and heads along the Western side of the old route of Purton Road (Purton Road B4534 being a few metres to the East) towards Moredon Bridge. Apart from trees in the hedgerow there is nothing to mark the boundary here. This is a public road.

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The perambulation finished at the Northernmost extent of our Parish, [SU118870] on the old Moredon Bridge.

The end of the second day of perambulation, at 6:03pm, after 8 hours and 3 minutes of perambulation, and 15 miles having been covered.

The total perambulation took 17 hours and 33 minutes and covered 33.7 miles.

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