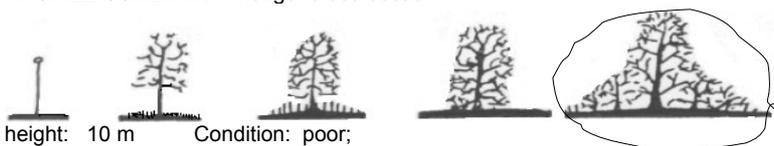


HERCOLOGICAL RECORD

SITE NAME & length (m) <i>Palmers Ford.</i> 212 m		grid ref. of ends (A) SU09677.00980 (B) SU09640.00797	ref. no. Fd1
Parish(es) <i>Ferndown – Hurn (both now Dorset)</i>		Surveyor RM.Walls + A.Morgan	date 15 Nov 2012
Date of boundar Pre 1800	Type: <i>Vice-county, parish</i>	Weather dry, dull, cold	time on site 1 h
Owner(s) Address(es) Canford Estates		tel. email	contacted: y/n

PROFILE SUMMARY hedge cross-section		bank / ditch cross-section	
			
height: 10 m	Condition: poor;	height:	
width: ~5 m.		width:	
standards yes	Gaps: 0 % not a hedge, strictly	adjoining habitats: heathland and arable fields.	

SPECIES		
Trees and shrubs in hedge	Herbs and grasses on bank	Fauna
downy birch	Heathland on W side of bank	
oak	bristle bent grass	
bramble	Bracken	
holly	Heather	
ivy	Gorse	
bracken	Dwarf gorse	
rum cherry (<i>Prunus serotina</i>)	Purple moorgrass	
sallow		

<p>SUMMARY DESCRIPTION</p> <p>The section starts where the boundary leaves the Moors River in a smooth curve to the back ditch between the flood plane and the heathland. This length is closely aligned to a shallow drainage ditch dividing the unmanaged sallow carr from the more open flood meadow dominated by comfrey and creeping buttercup. Here it turns south and after a short length of undefined boundary follows the bank to the track to Palmers Ford STW.</p> <p>The rum cherry (obviously planted) where the boundary crosses the track has produced saplings along this section to the north and amongst the scrubbed heathland to the west.</p> <p>In an ant's nest on the heathland on the Dorset side we found several hoverfly larvae (<i>Microdon sp.</i>)</p>

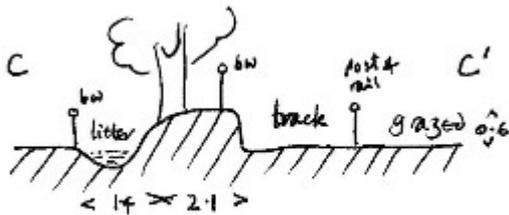


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vertical scale: 1 sq =nts

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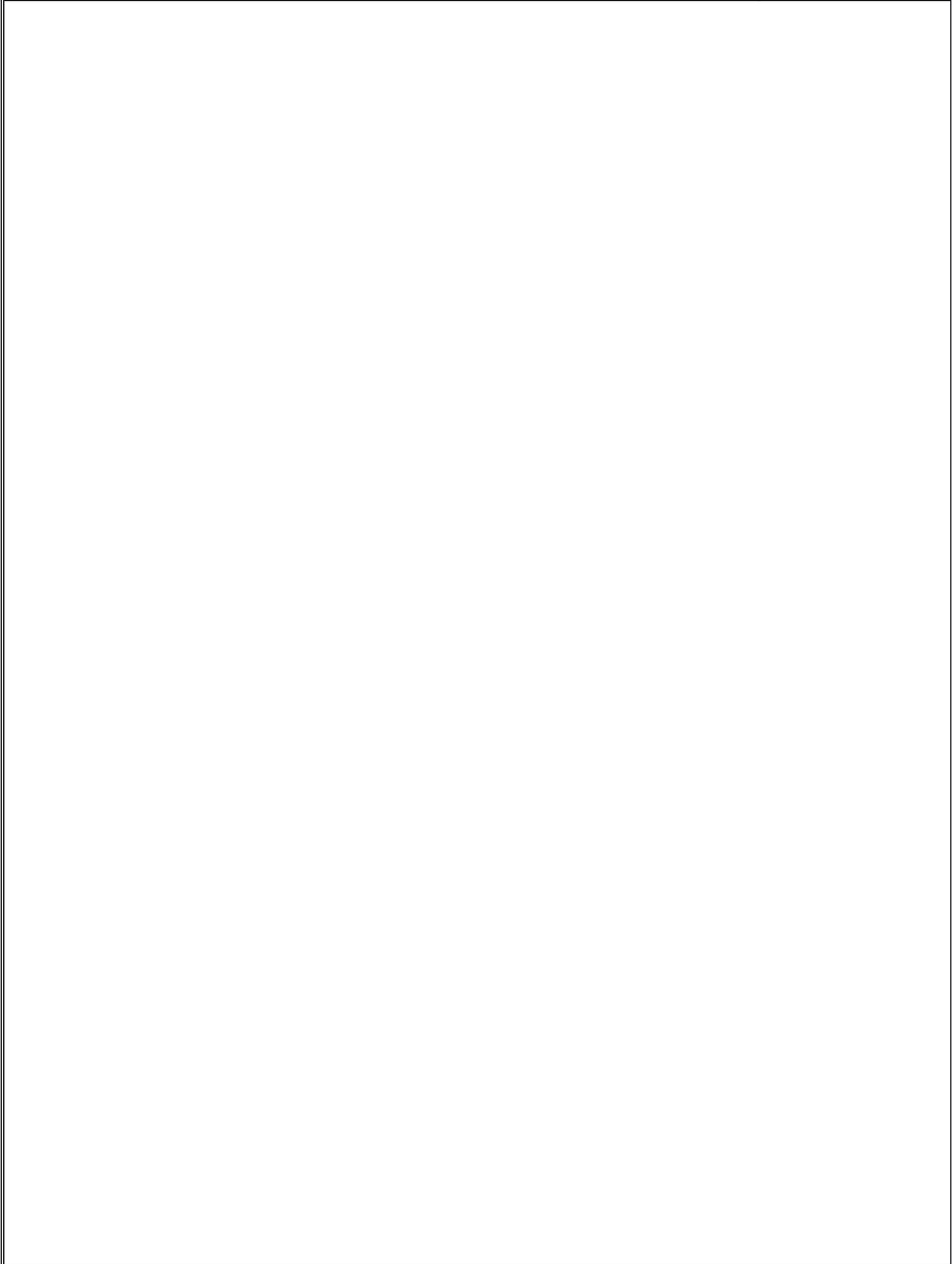


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PHOTOGRAPHS

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



Unlike the lengths to the south, the boundary is coincident with the bank, although it is described as 'defaced'. The bank as a ditch to the west and the boundary is plotted slightly to the east of the bank. At the Palmersford STW road, the boundary crosses to the west side of the bank and then veers away from it (Fd2).