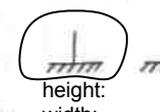


## HERCOLOGICAL RECORD

<b>SITE NAME</b> & length (m)		Watershed at Holway Copse – B3145 (640 m)		grid ref. of ends (A) ST63663.19655	ref. no. <b>Ob 3</b>
Parish(es)		Oborne (Dorset) / Poyntington (now Dorset, in Somerset until 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 1896)		(B) ST63978.19487	
Date of boundary Pre-1896	Type: modern county; former county; vc; parish; estate; field; ...	surveyors R.M.Walls, B. Lane, J. Hart		date 3 May 2012	
		weather overcast		time on site 6½ h for complete survey	
Owner(s)		Owners on both sides of the boundary were contacted and permission obtained		tel. email  contacted: y / n	
Address(es)					

<b>PROFILE SUMMARY</b> hedge cross-section			bank / ditch cross-section		
					
height: width: standards	1 to 2m. ~1.5m. 2 no.	Condition: poor; laid; flailed; .....	height: width:	m. m.	adjoining habitats: arable
Gaps: 5 %					

<b>SPECIES</b>		
Trees and shrubs in hedge	Herbs and grasses on bank	Fauna
oak	bracken	
hawthorn	nettle	
elder	cleavers	
field maple	lesser celandine	
hazel	Arum	
blackthorn	Hogweed	
spindle	White dead-nettle	
dogwood		
privet		
guelder rose		
elm		
bramble		

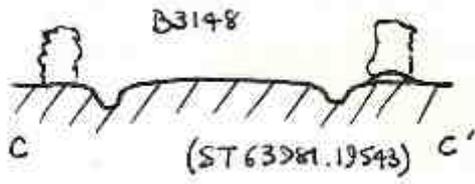
**SUMMARY DESCRIPTION**

The boundary follows a rectangular pattern around the fields. It is 1.83m RH on the northern side throughout. This is believed to be the remnants of a Celtic field system. There is an low, neatly cut hedge for the most part. There is not a bank or ditch associated with the hedge, instead there is a lynchet up to 1m high on the downslope side (to the field to the S).

On reaching the road, the boundary follows the centre of the road for about 100 m before continuing easterly. The road is on a different alignment from the fields. Either side of the tarmac road is a ditch and hedge (section C-C'). The hedge on the E side has been recently reinforced with new shrub planting. The species are field maple, dog rose, dogwood, hawthorn, hazel and spindle.

<b>MAP</b>	ref. no. <b>Ob 3</b>
Dorset Explorer 2002 aerial map with 100m grid lines and definitive Boundary Line. Add position of features, profiles etc.	







Ob3.\_120516\_001. Taken at approximately ST63812 19628 looking SSE. © JH. May 2012.

The picture shows the line of the boundary stippled in yellow. In the foreground, the boundary follows the boundary of the presumed Celtic field system. In the distance, the boundary follows the line of the B3135 (on the far side of the ploughed field, and continues displaced to the south on the other side of the B3145 to the east.

The general trend of this section is the thalweg of the shallow start to the valley on which the boundary continues to the east. The rectangular digressions are believed to be due to a Celtic field system, ie pre-existing land ownership. The boundary to the west also follows the thalweg until it reaches the bottom of the slope. The route of the road is consistent with the presumed Celtic field boundaries. The displacement of about 100m to the south when the boundary reaches the road is unexpected but may reflect another Celtic field boundary.