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Parish Boundary Stones for Ringmore?

Draft Proposals for discussion with the Parish and the Landowners



Draft

January 2010

OUR PARISH BOUNDARY STONES

Most people living in Ringmore parish will by now have heard news of the very generous offer made to us by the family of Colonel George Grimshaw.

George died in Ringmore fifteen months ago at the age of 98. He and his wife, Nancy, came to live at Middle Manor in 1984 and began immediately to take part in and contribute to the life of the parish. Nancy gave support to many local activities and events until her death in 2000. George, in addition to pursuing a broad range of local interests, became a founder-member of the Ringmore Historical Society soon after he arrived in Ringmore. He was Chairman of the Society for many years, and then its Honorary President until his death in 2008.

This year, George's son, John Grimshaw, has been in touch with us. He and the other members of George's family would like to present and deliver to the parish a set of granite boundary stones to replace those that have disappeared over the years. The new granite stones would be large enough to seat one or two people and there could also be some smaller stones to help define the historic boundary route. John's thinking is that this could revive the custom of beating the bounds from time to time. He suggests also that the completion of the installation of the stones should be the occasion for an all-day party for the parish.

Of course, this idea is of keen interest not only to the History Society and everyone living in the parish but also, at a practical as well as historical level, to the Parish Council, the National Trust, and to the landowners who must be consulted about the plan and from whom permission must be sought for the placing of the magnificent granites. The hope is that sites for the larger stones will be found at peaceful and beautiful points along the boundary so that walkers may pause and rest, and enjoy the countryside or coastline.

Many parish boundaries are of very ancient origin and have undergone changes over the centuries. Ringmore's boundary is no exception. The kinks and curves of boundaries came into being through many causes and reasons: the shapes of shorelines and watercourses, old tracks and paths, river crossings, stone outcrops and high points - all these were obvious and natural means of delineating territorial limits; and there are also boundary markers originating from the need to defend a water supply, a settlement, a sacred place, fertile land, land ownership, and so on.

Customs, celebrations and rituals, as well as the care and maintenance of the great marker stones, have become part of a rich tradition of remembering and reaffirming parish boundaries. In our parish, only two of our boundary stones are extant. They are in Blackberry Lane, one of our most ancient paths. So there is work to do in discovering, if we can, the sitings of lost stones.

On 18 December John Grimshaw is coming to Ringmore to talk with us about the project of renewing the boundary stones. We have booked the WI Hall for an hour that evening: 6pm to 7pm. John will be bringing a projector and slides and is keen to hear our thoughts and ideas about the stones project. All parishioners, from all parts of the parish - Marwell, Challaborough, Renton and every remote corner - are invited to come to this hour of information and discussion, and to contribute comments and ideas. It is hoped that there will be people who will like to walk the boundary (just over ten miles) or sections of it, take photographs and consider possible locations for stones. John will be walking sections on the morning of Saturday, 19 December.

JOHN GRIMSHAW - FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER, WI HALL, 6pm-7pm PLEASE COME!

Di Collinson

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE PLAN

To place a stone of up to 5 tons in mass at key points to mark the boundary Ringmore Parish in the County of Devon, generally where it was crossed by public footpaths. The stones would be placed in such a way to add beauty and interest to the setting and provide an attractive place for walkers to rest.

RINGMORE: PARISH BOUNDARY STONES PROJECT

This project is the outcome of discussions between the family of George and Nancy Grimshaw, the Ringmore Historical Society, and the Ringmore Parish Council. The Grimshaw family wish to make a contribution to the parish to commemorate their parents and their proposal is to mark the parish boundary with a series of granite stones.

George and Nancy Grimshaw lived at Middle Manor Farm for many years and took a keen interest in Ringmore village life, in walking its many paths and in its history. The proposal to re-mark the parish boundary at selected points would be something they would very much have welcomed, and appears to have wide support in the village.

The idea is to set a large stone near each point where public footpaths or rights of way cross the parish boundary. Each stone would provide a seat commanding a view across the parish. The stones would be weathered granite rocks from Dartmoor, kindly supplied by Sibelco from the China Clay Quarry at Lee Moor which is just visible from Seven Stones Cross.

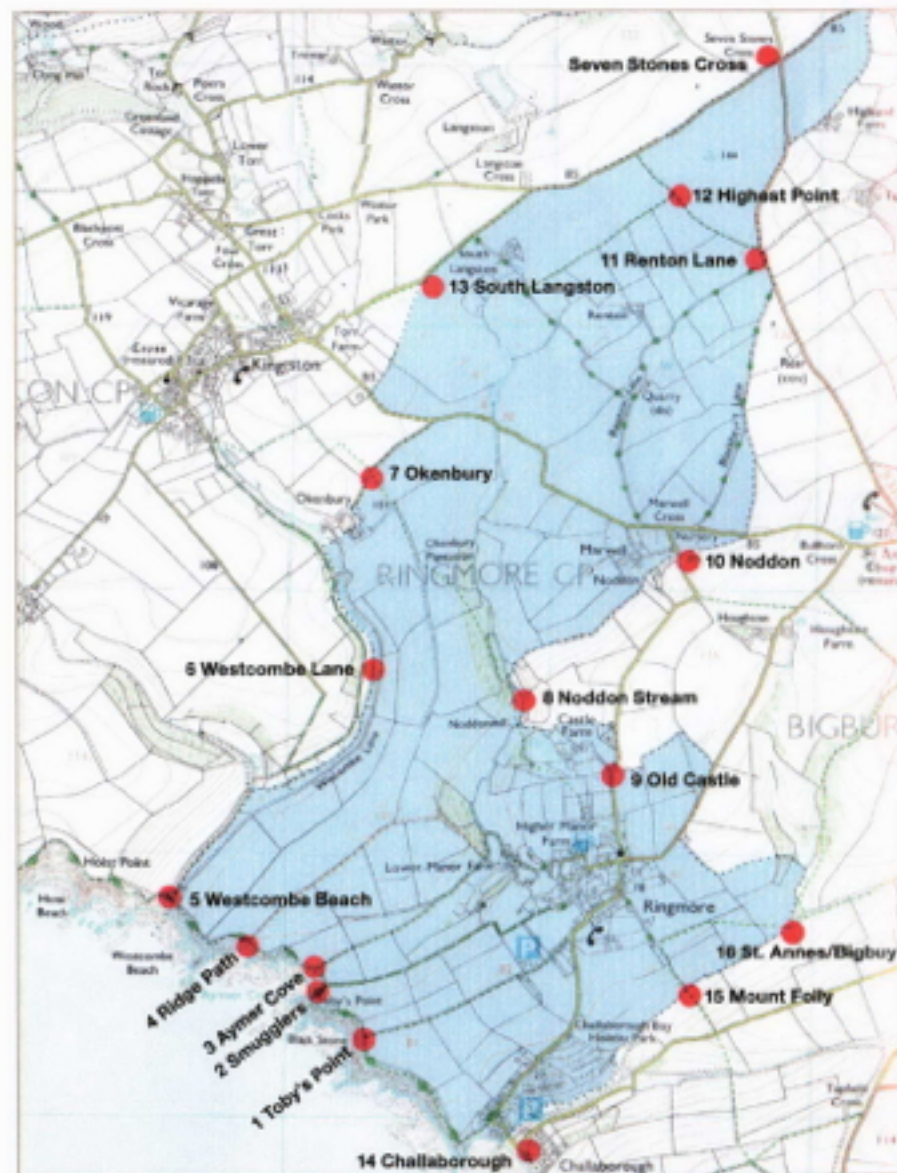
Although all the stones will be accessible on foot by existing rights of way it is not intended that the parish boundary itself will be walked. Much of the actual boundary is inaccessible, being routed either along the centre of streams or at the low tide line of the sea, or over private land. Rather, a series of looping routes will be devised to enable the public to enjoy the stones.

The notes that follow describe possible locations for the stones, each of which would need to be agreed with the respective landowner. As far as possible the stones would be located in the corners of fields and in ways that would ensure that they did not interfere with the farming programme. In a few cases, short lengths of boundary wall, hedging or fencing, would need to be repaired or renewed in order to give the stones the best aspect possible.

This is very much a joint project between the family and the parish. There will be numerous opportunities for parishioners, if they so wish, to contribute to its realization - with local knowledge, photographs, assisting with the work, mapping walks and preparing leaflets, and celebrating the installation of the stones themselves.

The provisional programme looks to discussions with landowners over the next few months. A visit to the quarry to select the rocks is planned for Friday 11th March, followed by a public meeting in the evening to run through the proposals and plans. The installation of the stones could take place on Friday /Saturday August 20/21/22, followed by a party, with a service and an inaugural walk around the stones on Sunday 29 August.

John Grimshaw will be co-ordinating the project on behalf of the family, and Di Collinson, at Belle Vue, has agreed to liaise with him on behalf of the parish.



Ringmore Parish, showing proposed location of boundary stones

Further Details of the Project

The stones will be weathered granite rocks, 3-5 tonnes in size (2 cubic metres), collected from the surface at the Lee Moor China Clay Quarry. As far as possible they will be positioned so they act as comfortable seats and viewpoints. They will not be marked in any way except for a wide line cut through the surface to correspond to the parish boundary nearby.

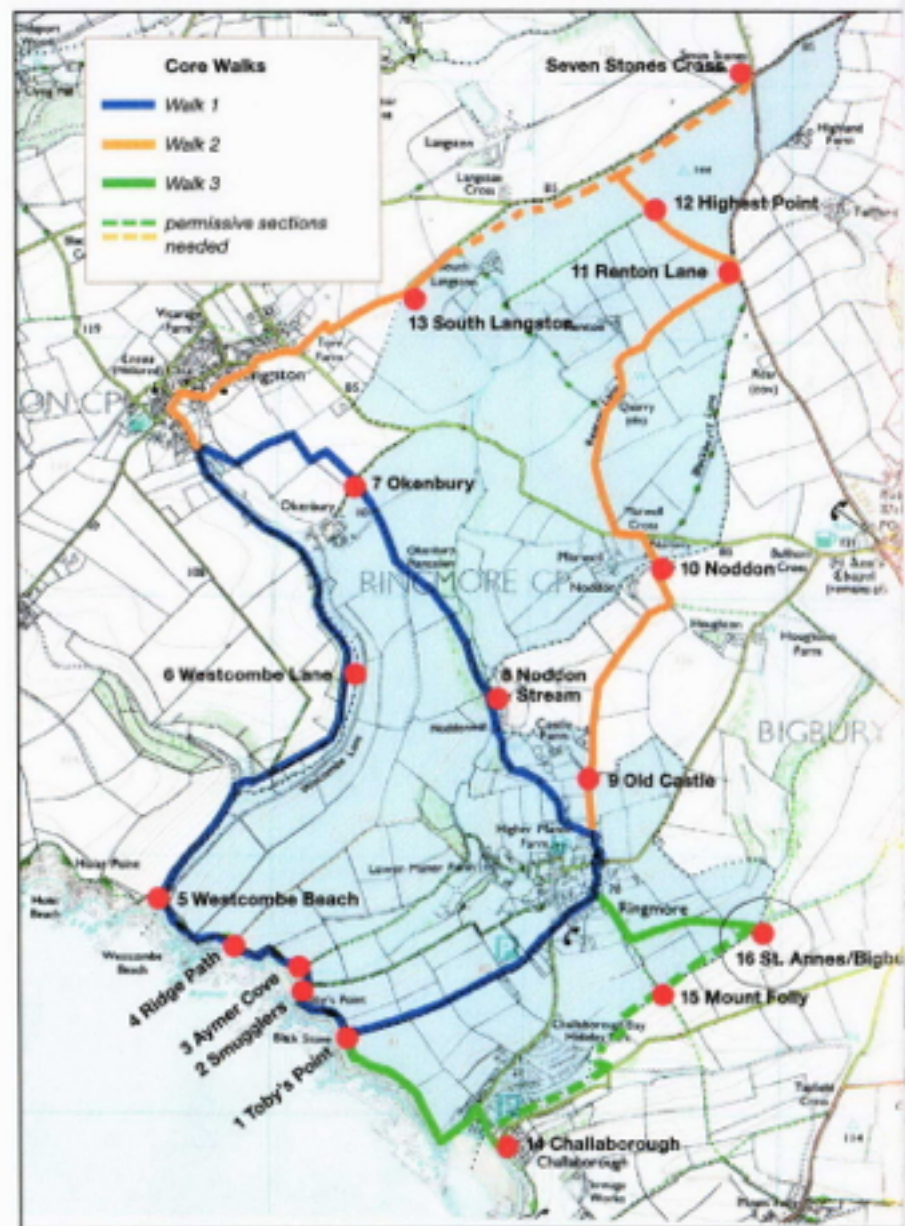
We are discussing the idea of a central master stone at the centre of the parish by the church. This might be carved with the boundary and the location of the stones. At Seven Stones Cross it might be desirable to consider the possibility of a monument of seven stones, if ideas for this come forward.

The stones will be delivered by lorry to two or three temporary storage areas, from where they will be loaded by crane, one at a time, on to a four-wheel drive dumper, or similar vehicle, which would take them to their final destinations along routes agreed with the landowners. They would be placed in their prepared sites and the final adjustments made by winch and tackle.

If the Parish so wishes, individual stones could be adopted by local people, families or even regular visitors. They would pay particular attention to the setting of their stone, photograph its installation, and tidy up after the works. They could possibly help with preliminary clearance, stone walling, fencing or planting and then over the years keep it in good order, cutting back vegetation and collecting any litter.

Walking the stones

The map here shows 3 walks to take in the stones. The first walk takes in 8 stones, including the coastal ones, and follows existing rights of way throughout. The second northern loop picks up 5 further stones and Seven Stones Cross, but needs to follow short sections of road, or by agreement of the landowner, a permissive path along the field edge to avoid the traffic. The third walk to pick up the 3 Chabborough stones is only possible if landowners agreed to a permissive or seasonal route alongside the stream.



Ringmore Parish, showing walking routes

Brief Descriptions of Possible Locations Clockwise from the Path Past Lingwath

Following Existing Paths: 8 Stones

(1) Lingwath path

This stone path is one of the easiest ways to reach the coastline from Ringmore. The stone could be located at the end of the boundary bank as a finishing detail, and the missing 15m section of dry stone wall built up to it. There would need to be some adjustment of the fencing around the stone to give clear views high over the sea.



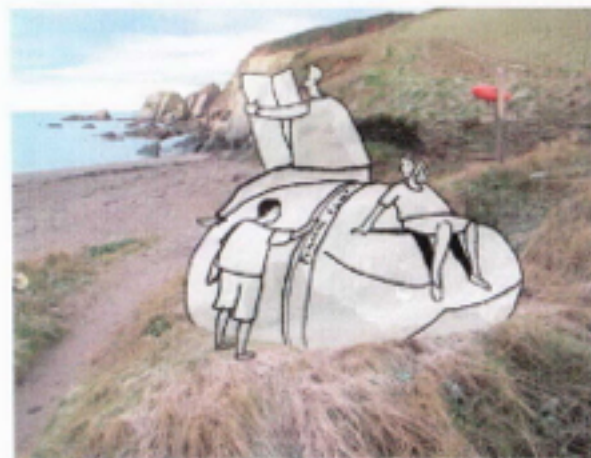
(2) Smugglers

There is quite a large area of grass which might be suitable. If it is feasible, the stone might be best sited to look up Smugglers track as well as out to sea.



(3) Aymer Cove

The actual footpath junction from Lower Manor Farm is rather windblown and sandy so it might be better to put this stone a little nearer to the stream and a little out of the wind.



(4) Top Path to Woods (Note: it could be valuable to use this as an opportunity to name all the paths.)

Here there are magnificent views across to Burgh Island. It might be best to be just inside the field boundary and to re-site the fence so that it does not occupy the immediate field of vision.



(5) Westcombe Beach

A short section of the old boundary wall has collapsed and this would be an opportunity to dig this out, position the stone, and then rebuild the wall around it. This site has a good view over the beach and the rocks to the west.



(6) Westcombe Valley

The public right of way runs just to the west of the parish boundary, but very close. A stone at the lower end of the top lake would be near to the path and near to the point where the boundary turns eastwards.



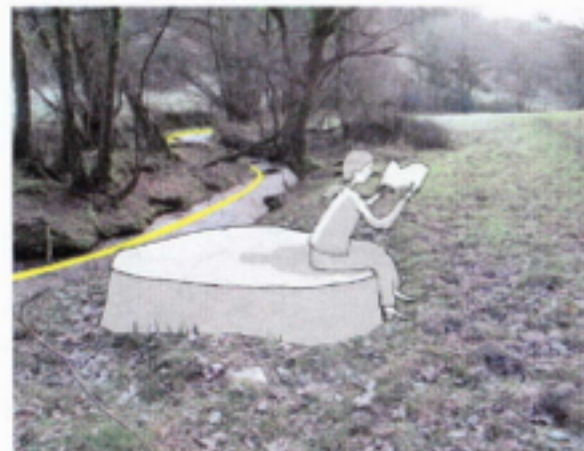
(7) Okenbury Crossing

The Parish boundary runs up the western side of the lane and it is on this side that there is a patch of land with good views of Kingston church where the stone would be well-sited just beyond the stile.



(8) Noddon Brook

The boundary runs near the brook for a short distance above the mill. Rather than lose the stone against the bulk of the mill, the better site would be beside the brook where the footpath comes close to the water at the start of the wood.

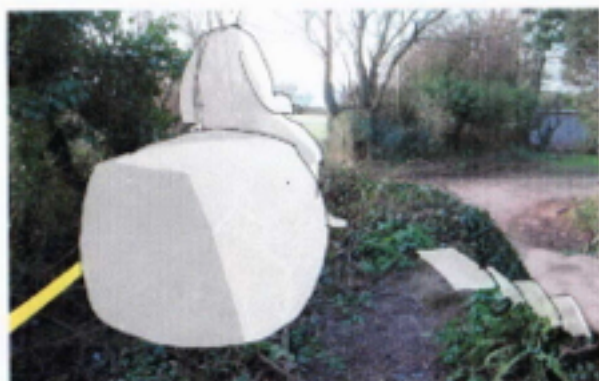


Five Stones on a Northern Walk to Seven Stones Cross

(This walk uses short sections of trafficked road which could be avoided if a permissive field edge path could be agreed by the landowner/s)

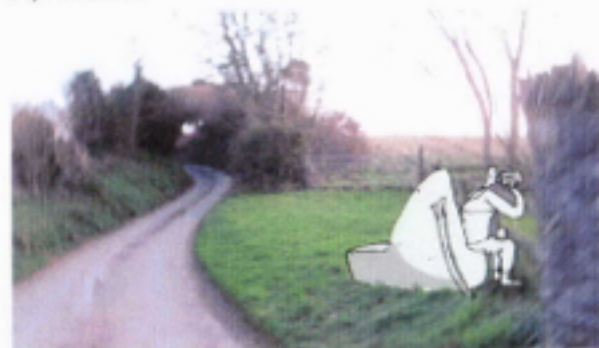
(9) Old Castle

The parish boundary comes down the road for a short way and then turns east beside a ditch in a small thicket. This would make an excellent site for a stone as it commands a view a view of the sea through the gate opposite, whilst at the same time being sheltered beside a tree.



(10) Noddon

This site is included, as also is stone 9, because the road is very quiet and affords an attractive walk. The stone needs to be located as close the stream (which is the boundary) as possible - perhaps on the corner of the patch of grass. Some adjustment of the field fence would be desirable to enhance the view and this might be a good location to plant a specimen tree.



(11) Renton Lane

The small road is probably a better route to walk than the enclosed and rutted Blackberry Lane, and it involves using only a very short length of the busy road to Bigbury. If the land owner agrees, then it would be a huge improvement to follow a permissive path just inside the hedge and for the stone to be positioned in the corner of the field just before the footpath. This would give the best views back towards Kingston. This would be a site which would greatly benefit from the planting of two or three large trees.



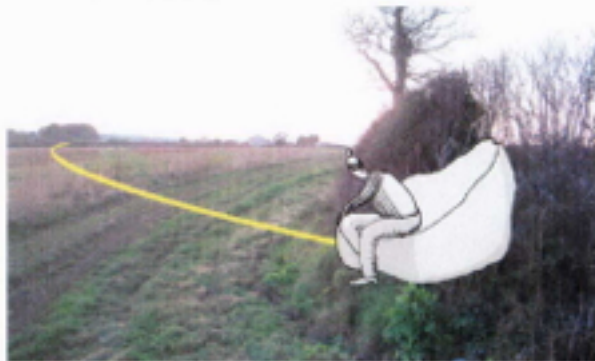
(12) The Highest Point

Rather than placing this next stone beside the road, it might be best, if the landowner agrees, to position it a little away, in order to mark it as the highest point of any footpath in the parish and as the first point from which one gets an extensive view of Dartmoor. Alternatively, if the stone were to be positioned by the road, it would be necessary to cut through the hedge and place it on the line of the hedge in order to get views to the west.



(13) South Langstone

Here the public path runs inside the hedge, with magnificent views away over the sea. Part way along, just where the road bends, the parish boundary veers away across the open field, and here would be a chance to put the stone precisely on the line of the boundary itself. [Note that to reach this one would need to walk for some 400 meters along the Kingston Road unless the landowner was minded to agree to a permissive path in the field edge. Similarly, a path is needed to reach SEVEN STONES CROSS.]



Three Stones on a Challaborough Walk This again could be much enhanced through a permissive path through the Holiday Park and along the stream edge to link the three stones on this boundary together.

(14) Challaborough Beach

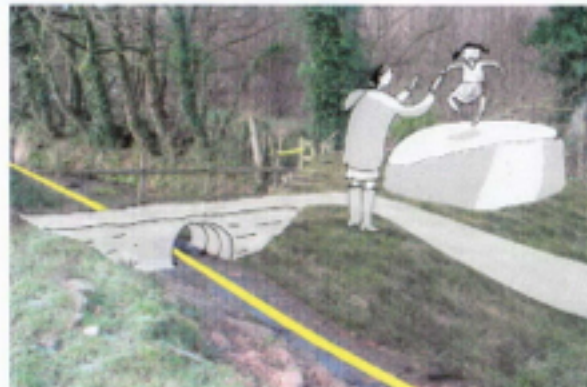
This area is rather difficult on account of the wave protection rocks already stacked there. The best solution might be to position one large rock a few metres out in the sand on the west side of the stream where it would sit a little clear of the rest and act as a convenient seat.



(15) Folly Hill Path

The small slab bridge over the stream is on the point of collapse, so it might be best to include a large concrete pipe, dry stone wing walls, and the stone, all in a single feature at this point.

From here to the Bigbury path a permissive route just to the west of the stream would be most useful in order to create a circular walk. As there is a section of hedge without trees it might be that the landowner would welcome some planting here to give more cover. Careful work would be needed at either end to make proper stiles or wicket gates at each field boundary.



(16) The Bigbury Stone

This could have the best site of all – on a small island just near the kissing-gate where the boundary stream divides. A very small timber railway sleeper bridge would be required for access to the stone, which could be beautifully positioned amongst a few trees.



Notes and comments

The Master Stone would be best sited in the Churchyard. Could a small space be allocated to it, perhaps on the turf on the left as one leaves the Church? This Stone might be carved with the outline of the whole Parish.



UPDATE ON THE BOUNDARY STONES PROJECT

The plans to establish locations for the boundary stones are now being developed.

Early in January John Grimshaw produced a draft leaflet outlining a proposal for siting the stones at points where public footpaths in the parish intersect with the parish boundary lines. The leaflet included a map of the parish marked with possible sites, a second map indicating how three separate walks could be taken which together would encompass all the stones, and individual sketches and descriptions of possible sites.

The broad scheme for the boundary stones is developed from ideas and comments aired at the Open Meeting held on 18 December 2009. At this stage the leaflet is very much a discussion document, and as such has been sent first to the National Trust and to individual landowners in the parish, asking them to consider the proposals contained in it and to let John Grimshaw know their views. This stage of the project may take time as John hopes to speak to all the landowners, but once the consultations are completed and all views and suggestions have been taken into account, the leaflet will be updated and a copy sent to every household in the parish. Meanwhile, please do not hesitate to let Di Collinson or Mike Hammond know your thoughts concerning any aspects of the whole idea.

John hopes to be able to meet landowners on the evening of Thursday 4 March, and to visit the Lee Mill quarry on the morning of Friday 5 March. The WI Hall is booked for 6pm on the evening of 5 March for an Open Meeting at which John will show pictures of the morning's visit to the quarry and outline the next phase of the project.

Di Collinson

Mike Hammond

Very many thanks to everyone who has talked to us about the boundary stones. All your views and interests have been passed on to John.

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Progress on the Ringmore Parish Boundary Stones Project - May 2010

Steady progress has been made with considerable and very welcome support from Landowners around the Parish Boundary. We have looked at all the proposed locations to refine the details and stones are now agreed to mark almost all the points at which public footpaths cross, or come near the Parish Boundary.

The National Trust have agreed that only one stone should mark the two footpaths coming down to Aymer Lane and this will be positioned at the end of Smugglers to act as a cornerstone to the boundary wall. The Trust also require that the three stones on their land should be from local rock which John Tucker has very kindly agreed to supply from his farm at Bigbury.

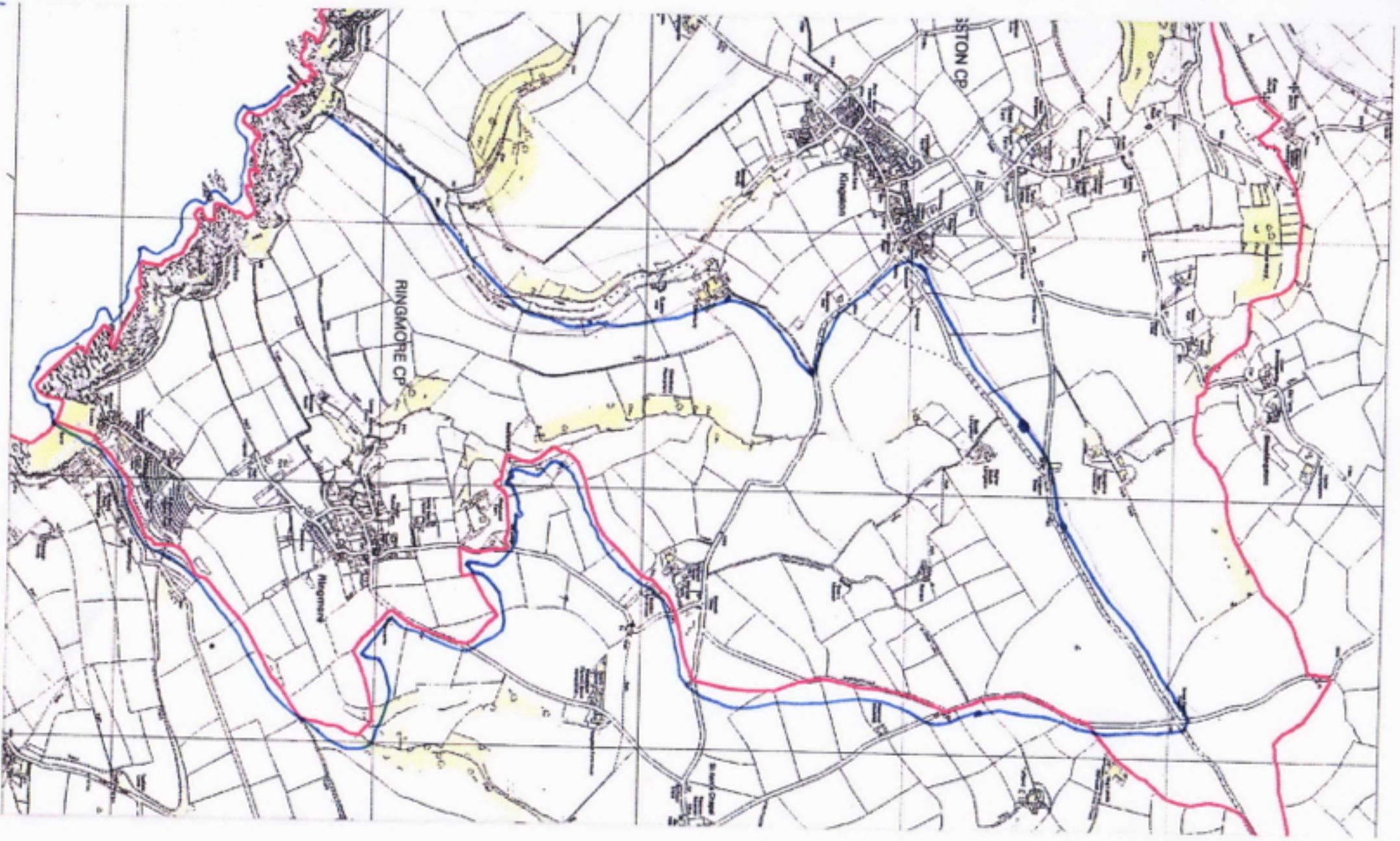
Jem Deverson has suggested an excellent location for a stone near Noddon Mill to mark the point where the Parish Boundary comes down to the stream there. Linda Osmond, from Turtle Barn, has agreed that the idea of placing a granite clapper bridge stone across the stream at the Lower Ditch Bottom field is one she supports.

Nick Rowell from Kingsbridge has agreed to handle the transport and positioning of the stones which is currently scheduled for the week 20-26 September provided the weather is kind and the ground hard.

John Grimshaw will arrange a presentation and display at the Village Fete on 30 August, by which time information about the arrangements for celebrations at the weekend of 25/26 September will be available. John hopes that there will be local support to tidy up and finish off around each stone, as well as opportunities to visit them all.

On June 29th Ros Davies from the Devon Public Rights of Way team will be visiting the Parish to see how she could contribute, and how the whole project could best be recorded, perhaps for the benefit of other parishes in the County who may want to do something similar.

Note that the installation week has now been moved forward one week to 20th to 26th September so as to be more certain of harvesting being complete.



Ringmore Parish Boundary Stones 2010

Key

Stones ● Roads — Paths & tracks - - -



These Stones mark out the boundaries and high views of the Parish of Ringmore in South Devon

For Nancy and George Grimshaw who loved this land

GOING FOR GRANITE....

On a glorious, crisp, sunny March morning, James Parkin, Mike Wynne-Powell and Ann and John Bracey joined John and Chris Grimshaw at the Sebilco Lee Moor quarry to select boulders for the Ringmore Parish Boundary Project.

Safely kitted out with helmets and fluorescent waistcoats, we squeezed into a four-wheel drive and set out across the eerie white landscape of the kaolin quarries. We could have been visiting another planet, except for encounters with an occasional sheep and a scavenging fox.

Diggers and trucks looking like Dinky Toys could be seen beavering away in the vast quarry landscape, with the occasional huge truck passing us on the road and reminding us of the true scale of the workings. Jim, our driver, enlivened our journey with informative snippets about the kaolin industry.

Sighting huge boulders in a hollow by the road, we stopped and excitedly clambered down to inspect them. John Grimshaw used his pole with a metre marking to see if these boulders met the agreed two-cubic-metre requirement, but our hopes were soon dashed by Jim, who pointed out that most of them were kaolin based and would gradually erode. However, we were able to mark a few all-granite ones and then travelled on to other sites, gradually selecting more suitable boulders.

The last site was a treasure trove of boulders and possible ones were enthusiastically chosen, with various positions in mind: lichen-covered ones for sites on National Trust land and some flat ones for clapper bridges. Mike photographed them from different angles to help John pick out those that were most fit for purpose. Fortunately, it happens that all the stones for Ringmore can come from just one site, and this will make the operations of loading and delivery a much simpler matter than it might have been.

We returned home quite weary, but with a much clearer insight into a project that will make our lovely Ringmore walks even more interesting and thought-provoking.

Ann Bracey



**Ringmore Parish Boundary Stones
Monday 20th September
Work for the day.**

John and Ann Bracey sorted stones at the quarry with Chris and Richard Grimshaw. Three loads were got away to Scobbiscombe, Highest Point field and Bigbury Brook.

Nick and Jonathan arrived with their machines at Scobbiscombe Farm at the same time as fencing and gates were delivered. David brought the stones in a truck with a rock body flying the Ringmore Boundary Stones Flag.

Six stones placed at Westcombe Beach (where the picture shows early ramblers on the stone), Scobbiscombe (where the stone proved to be almost too heavy to lift), South Langstone, Langstone, Highest Point and Renton Lane, where there are 2 stones in anticipation of a possible future path, avoiding the main road. John Grimshaw buried time capsules under each stone.

The loader parked up over night at Journeys End car park ready to meet the Vicar on Tuesday morning.

Weather beautiful and ground dry.

**Ringmore Boundary Stones Project
Progress Report
Wednesday 22nd September 2010**

Thick mist today. We met the drivers and their machines at Willings Farm to tackle the 2 stones on Bigbury Brook, both of which required crossing the stream. At the first, we ended up with stepping stones as the clapper was smashed as it was tipped from the lorry. At Lower Ditch Bottom we removed the broken concrete bridge carrying the public footpath, only for 2 walking parties to come through before we had had inched and nudged, fidgeted and coaxed a series of large stones into position to create a rudimentary clapper bridge. We were nearly there! We all congregated at Journey's End car park for one last time to tackle the 3 coastal stones on NT land. These stones were specially selected and brought over by John Tucker to reflect the local geology. The machine climbed straight up the hillside, followed by a herd of inquisitive cows, to place the longstone on top of the boundary wall. It looks as though it has been there forever. At Toby's Point, a pair of modest stones mark out the end of the adder bank and Patsy and Jenny immediately got to work on clifftop gardening. The last and 18th stone is a magnificent fluted monolith guarding the entrance to Smugglers. This will surely become a popular postcard view. The team were hugely heartened by the support of local passers by, each of whom were lucky enough to be the first to encounter that stone.



PARISH BOUNDARY STONES

1. WHAT IS A PARISH? A PARISH IS A PIECE OF LAND, NOT VERY LARGE, AND USUALLY WITH A CHURCH AT ITS CENTRE. RINGMORE PARISH IS 100 ACRES AND ITS BOUNDARY IS 1.5 MILES.
2. BUT MANY PARISHES ARE MUCH OLDER THAN THEIR CHURCHES, AND THE BOUNDARIES THAT MARK THEM ARE OF A GREAT AGE. SOME PARISHES ARE MARKED BY HUGE PREHISTORIC STONES. HEDGES, STREAMS, TREES AND THE SHORELINE ARE ALSO USED TO MARK OUT THEIR BOUNDARIES.
3. AT ONE TIME IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO KNOW THE BOUNDARIES OF YOUR PARISH, FOR THE LAND WAS PRECIOUS IN MANY WAYS TO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED ON IT. THE PARISH LAND WAS WHERE THEY GREW THEIR CROPS, TENDED ANIMALS, FOUND WOOD FOR FIRES, AND BUILT THEIR HOMES.
4. BECAUSE THE PARISH LAND WAS SO IMPORTANT TO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED ON IT, EACH SPRINGTIME MANY PARISHES DID WHAT IS CALLED 'BEATING THE BOUNDS'. THIS COULD BE A SERIOUS MATTER. IN THE BIBLE WE READ: 'CURSED IS THE MAN WHO MOVES HIS NEIGHBOUR'S BOUNDARY STONE'.
5. SO PEOPLE WOULD WALK THE PARISH BOUNDARY EACH SPRING, BEATING IT WITH WILLOW WANDS TO MARK IT OUT. BY DOING THAT, EVERYONE LEARNED WHERE THEIR OWN PARISH MET THE NEXT ONE.
6. THE VICAR WOULD USUALLY LEAD THE WALK, AND HE WOULD PRAY FOR THE PARISH TO BE BLESSED. THEN THERE WOULD BE A JOYFUL CELEBRATION, USUALLY HELD IN THE CHURCH.
7. SOME PARISHES HAVE INTERESTING STORIES ABOUT BEATING THE BOUNDS. IN DORSET, CAKES WERE THROWN DOWN CERTAIN HILLS FOR THE BOYS TO RUN AFTER AND SCRAMBLE FOR.
8. AT ALPHINGTON NEAR EXETER, IN 1753, A GREAT FEAST WAS PREPARED: THERE WAS ALE, RUM, PORK, BEEF, CHEESE, BUTTER, CABBAGE, MUTTON, BREAD, CIDER, BEER AND TOBACCO. ALL OF THIS WAS PROVIDED BY THE PARISH.
9. AT CHUDLEIGH IN DEVON THERE IS A STONE OVER TEN FEET HIGH ON THE BOUNDARY, AND IF A BOY COULD CLIMB IT AND STAND AT THE TOP HE WOULD BE GIVEN SIX PENCE.
10. RINGMORE HAS BEEN A PARISH FOR MANY CENTURIES. IT IS MENTIONED IN THE DOMESDAY BOOK. ALAS, OVER THE YEARS, ITS ANCIENT BOUNDARY STONES GRADUALLY DISAPPEARED.

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Dear Mr Barker,

I hope you may have already heard something about the gift to Ringmore parish of a number of granite boundary stones. These are being given to the parish to commemorate the lives of Nancy and George Grimshaw. Nancy and George lived at Middle Manor for many years and participated to the full in the life of the village and the church. Both are buried in the All Hallows graveyard. Three generations of their extended family are involved in the boundary stones project which is being headed by John Grimshaw CBE.

If all goes well with plans already formulated, the stones should be in place by mid-September and a celebration of their arrival and installation for the weekend of September 17-19 is proposed. The Grimshaws have suggested that there should be a boundary walk and a village party on the Saturday, and a special service in All Hallows on the Sunday. We should like very much to invite the Bishop of Exeter to conduct the service on the Sunday afternoon.

The installation of the stones coincides with an anniversary of importance to All Hallows and the village - the centenary of the death of Francis Charles Hingeston-Randolph who was parish priest here from 1860 - 1910. He was Rural Dean, a Prebendary of Exeter cathedral (where there is a marble memorial to him) and was a great benefactor to Ringmore, restoring its then-decaying church, building its village school, and exerting a generally benign - sometimes rigorously benign - influence on the life of the parish for the fifty years of his incumbency. A remembrance of his work and life could be incorporated into the service.

Perhaps you could let me know what you think of the possibility of inviting the Bishop to All Hallows in September? I am enclosing for you a leaflet that outlines the boundary stones project, and I would, of course, be very happy to meet you and PCC members to discuss how an appropriate church service might be arranged, but it seemed a good idea first to send you the written material so that you can see the nature of the project.

I have already spoken briefly to Phill Errett and Michael Tagent about the possibility of a service and both have indicated that I should approach you in the first instance. I have yet to speak to Judy Bull.

With all good wishes,

[Dr Diane Collinson]

PS I'm currently chair of the Ringmore Historical Society, which is how I came to be involved with this project. John Grimshaw approached me initially because his father, George, was founder of the Society.



RINGMORE All Saints



KINGSTON St. James The Less



MODBURY St. George



AVEION GIFFORD St. Andrew



GOODWELL St. Michael



WOODLEIGH St. Mary



BICKLEY St. Lawrence



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15th May

Dear Dr. Collinson,

Thank you for your letter with the suggestion of a church service at All Hallows as part of the boundary stones project. I think it is a great idea. I had the opportunity to meet George Grimshaw when he came to church to the midweek communion service and I took Communion to him in his home when he was confined to bed; I know he was a man of deep personal Christian faith. A church service should be part of this tribute to him and of course we could mention Francis Charles Hingeston – Randolph and others who have served the church and community.

I talked with All Hallows Church Council on Wednesday 12th May and they were in favour of the service. In our discussion, we talked about the possibility of having a procession from the church to "bless" the nearest stone. Nearer the time we can talk about details of the service. Meanwhile I have written to Bishop Michael and enclosed a copy of your letter to me. He is away on "sabbatical" at the moment, but he is due back soon. As soon as I hear from him I will let you know.

Yours,

Neil Barker

Church of All Hallows Parish Church, Ringmore

(Modbury Team Ministry, Woodleigh Deanery, Diocese of Exeter)

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BOUNDARY STONES PROJECT

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4th October 2010

Dear Di & Dennis,

Ringmore Parish Stones Project 2010

Thank you for all your great support, including tea and cakes throughout the installation. Although you don't admit it, Di, your emails, contacts and support have been so critical and I doubt that anything would have happened without it.

Could you please thank those wonderful ladies who prepared the tea, as I forgot to say so publically last Sunday?

Here is a CD prepared by Richard, covering the event which I hope is of interest. We have yet to cut the boundary lines although the Challaborough Beach one is done for you to see.

I will make up a small leaflet which could be copied at the shop and at the pub, which could go out under the Historical Society if you wish and sold. Then sometime later in the year I will have a shot at a short explanatory booklet which perhaps we could work at together with a view to it being available to encourage the public to visit the stones and explore the Parish more.

I mentioned that additional footpath links would really help explore the stones. I list them here, and perhaps the Parish Council might like to pursue them as their delayed contribution to the project! The paths are:

- Ringmore to St. Ann's via Jem's path which will be a real addition to the network. The Glebe Stone and St. Ann's stone are positioned in anticipation of this.
- Noddonmill to Aymer Beach. A permissive path along the floor of the valley from Noddonmill to the existing track would be really useful. I understand that the National Trust maybe supportive, but I have not mentioned anything to Jem who has the last field by the Mill. Such a link would make for a very pleasant local walk from the Church to Noddonmill and the Bellevue Stone.
- A Bigbury Brook path from stone 16 to 17. Again a permissive path alongside the Brook would bypass a detour up and down the hill, and make for a valuable walk for Challaborough folk.
- Renton Lane for Stone 11 is a short distance where a field edge path would take people off the main road. This is Richard Harvey's land.

Thank you Dennis for storing David Maddon's "stone". If you want to use it yourself please do!
Again thank you so much.

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Dear John,

Many thanks for the leaflets. They came too late for getting information and dates into the Newsletter, but I will try to get something put around in various places. (You should perhaps ask someone in the village to help with publicity etc. for the next few weeks.) I have sent copies of the Leaflet to Jules, the Church, Mike Hammond and the WI, and will now start negotiations with Spotlight via a leaflet and a letter. I have destinations for the other Leaflets and hope to be able to deal with them tomorrow.

The Church Service: Michael Tagent will be fixing the details of this. He has to get permission to change timings and arrangements for that Sunday. He is going to ask his wife, Jackie, if she will manage the tea afterwards.

I did give you a copy of James Stevenson's poem.

I look forward to hearing from Gillian about ideas and wishes for the content of the service and will make sure she is put in touch with Michael T.

Walking: my personal and private view is that the idea of doing a walk as part of the service might possibly be a flop. I could be wrong. I need to find out what Michael Tagent thinks about it. It's an excellent and appropriate idea, and it would be entirely OK if the parish stone gets installed in the car park (a clearly manageable distance...) and possibly OK to walk to the glebe field, but it would add greatly to the length of the proceedings, and a proportion of the congregation would probably just have to sit and wait while the walk was accomplished. (Having tea, perhaps?) Perhaps the walking could be done on the Sunday morning?

The Stones: There may be a level of continued uneasiness about the number of stones to be installed. If the car park site is secured for the Parish Stone I think any other provisional or 'spare' stones should be abandoned. You may like to solicit wider views on this - again, I could be wrong. Perhaps your presence at the Fete and contact with more people will help resolve all this.

The Church Commissioners Difficulty: Is this really a difficulty? It seems to me that the main thing is that the Talls are comfortable with