



BORDLEY TOWNSHIP PROJECT

WHAT WE DID TODAY

20th February 2013

Building Recording and WOS



Today was a **Red Letter Day** because today the final field in the Bordley Township was walked over!!! Many thanks to Bob for going over to the edge of the township (Threshfield) to walk the field (see separate wwdt). WOS - walk-over survey. Many thanks to all those members who have 'walked' the township fields. Whether you have walked one field or many, in – rain, snow, sleet, on icy blue sky days or warm , occasionally, hot sunny days. Whether you have recording by GPS, photographed features, found flints, drawn up field maps, typed out data etc thank you very much!

The rest of us: Pauline, Julia and Janis stayed at Bordley Town. Our first task was to take further measurements and photographs of the agricultural building known as the Hennery/Piggery (See Figures 1 and 2). We found that the hay bales at the back of the building had been removed and so were able to take measurements and photograph the north wall with ease. We checked again the 'privy' at the east side and after that short time had to retreat to the car for warmth – our feet and hands were like 'blocks of ice'! We stayed there long enough for lunch then 'braved the cold' for a bit longer.



Figure 1 (left):
Rear of
Hennery
Piggery

Figure 2 (right):
Measuring in
progress



We had hoped to start the recording of two other barns at Bordley Town but unfortunately both had animals in them (Figure 3). So we wandered back and had a closer look at the barn at the back of the Hennery / Piggery which has some evidence of being a house long before it was a barn! (Figures 4 to 7).



Figure 3: Small barn with animals

The interior is full of farm equipment making photographs difficult, but two blocked up windows (rather long, not the same size as the front windows) and a door on the north side can clearly be seen. This makes a total of six windows. Is that unusual for a barn!



Figure 4: South frontage with two further windows behind the bushes



Figure 5: West gable



Figure 6 (above): Joiner marks

Figure 7 (left): North wall – wooden lintel above blocked window and blocked door (bottom left)

As soon as Bob texted to say he was on his way back we headed to the car. We then spent an hour or so at Pauline's house thawing out with hot cups of tea and exceedingly good fruit cake!

Janis Heward

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