



East Devon Historic Environment Action Plan Project

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Branscombe Map Detectives: What we have discovered so far...

Before Christmas core members of the Branscombe Project designed a methodology to answer this question. This was followed by three workshops (Dec 13, Feb 14, Apr 14) which trialled this method and improved on it each time, we now have a map which covers the whole of the parish and which we want your opinion on.

This map was created by comparing the modern day landscape represented by the 1:25000 explorer map against the OS 6" map from 1880, the Tithe Map of 1840 and the Law map of 1793. This identified what has changed and what has stayed the same in the landscape of Branscombe over this period. We have focused at field boundaries, houses, orchards, and woodlands. We split the parish into a series of 1km square and asked small groups to identify change in the landscape, they annotated an A1 map for each square. After each workshop these were subsequently photographed and transcribed and used to create the composite map seen here.

This map will be displayed at the Branscombe exhibition – and people asked to comment on it. Any suggestions will be used to create a final version.

This community history map provides a vision of how old elements of the Branscombe landscape are and shows the great continuity in the Branscombe landscape especially with regards to field patterns most of which date to before 1840 (solid green lines). It also shows the former extent of Orchards (yellow), helps locate disappeared houses (dashed red boxes) and shows where and when field boundaries have disappeared (dashed orange and green lines).

The method is now being rolled out to other parishes such as Woodbury and Lymptone and the hard work of people in Branscombe has created a useable method for mapping landscape change which will allow other parishes to explore their own landscapes.

Fields

- Field boundaries that are present on the title map and on the 1880 map
- Field boundaries on the title map that are not visible today.



- New boundaries added 1880 that are present today
- Field boundaries visible in 1880 but not visible today (these will often parallel the green dotted lines of the vanished title map boundaries).



Houses

- Houses present today and on title map
- Houses present on title map but not today
- Houses present today and on 1880 map
- Houses present in 1880 but not today



N.B. At this scale we want to know if there are building(s) in the same location, you might notice that the layout of individual buildings has changed - if so you can put a ring round these in the appropriate colour

Orchards

- orchards present on 1810 map
- orchards present on 1880 map



[this means you can easily denote ones that are present on both by hatching brown over yellow on the big map plan]

N.B. Orchards are depicted on the historic maps as regular rows of trees. We are using the 1810 map rather than the title map because the title map does not depict orchards, because this information is recorded in the apportionment



1810 Map 1880 Map

Woodland

- woodlands that are present today and on the title map;
- edge of woodlands visible on the title but not today.



- woodlands that are present today and on the 1880 map additional to those coloured blue, as above
- woodland visible in 1880 but not visible today (these will often parallel the dotted lines of the vanished title map boundaries).



N.B. On the title map all trees shown are woodland, on the 1880 map woodland is depicted in an irregular less regimented fashion, also places names such as coppice and plantation also provide clues



1810 Map 1880 Map



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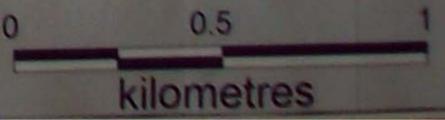
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