

Churchyard Project – St. Winifred, Branscombe

Surveying and Photographing - May 19 2012



Nicole and Gareth Beale returned to survey the northern part of the churchyard and also to use their RTI technique to enhance and photograph inscriptions we found impossible to read. John Ponsford, using his mirror technique, had already whittled down the number of truly difficult ones.

Left: This is the lichen and moss-covered gravestone that Nicole is preparing to photograph below.



Views of the churchyard area that we are working on.





Return to the Churchyard

August 14 2012

It has been difficult to find summery weather to get on with our project!

Finally John Ponsford, John Torrance and Sue Dymond returned to check the typed up epitaphs (transcribed from digital photographs) against the gravestones. There were mistakes to be corrected, additions of missed out words and much pushing aside of grass to read hidden endings.

Despite our best efforts John Ponsford had to return another day with his mirror to read the stones that had defeated us. John Torrance has yet to complete his stint. There are also a few stones hidden in a thicket which we need to decipher.

Here are a couple that are difficult to read!



Our next task will be to link the gravestones to the plan that Nicole and Gareth have created. When we have done that we will be able to put it all on to this website. The database will be very much like the one for the southern part of the churchyard but we are hoping to add a few extras, for example creating a link to an image of each gravestone and adding any history we know about the deceased.