

Langton Herring Graveyard Wall.

At the end of November the wall in Langton Herring Graveyard succumbed to natural forces and I received a desperate plea for help from the churchwardens. There had been a huge accumulation of ivy protruding above the wall and when the wind blew from an unusual direction it caught this, which together with the weight of ivy and the already pronounced lean of the wall just took it over.



Luckily no graves were damaged but it made an awful mess and the farmer was keen to get it re-instated and stock-proof. As I had just fixed the 2019 programme for our group of walling enthusiasts I did a quick straw poll and they were all keen to put on some extra sessions between Christmas and New Year to work off our Christmas excesses. We worked Fri, Sat and Sun with extra help from some of the villagers and even the vicar joined in – thank you Margaret!

Then we learnt that there was to be a burial in the graveyard on Jan. 9th so another session was arranged on Sun. 6th to complete it. The weather was sunny and calm and a group of 6 lady wallers finished it. The stone is very nice to use, it was a lovely task to do and we were able to make a good job of it. We even had a celebratory drink kindly provided by my husband when he came to see how we were getting on.



So, if you are in the vicinity do go and look at our workmanship. It is the wall at the back of the graveyard (opposite the forge) not the churchyard. The central part will last for years now but the two ends already look a bit drunk so we have only roughly filled in the gaps at each end rather than tying into the existing wall. Then, when it falls down it won't bring our section with it. It is a purpose built fault-line.

If you are interested in walling and happen to be out and about near Tyneham do go and see the rather splendid seat we have just completed in the farmyard. (Tyneham village is open school hols. and most weekends).

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