



Restoration Report

Identification; HGSN06	Grade II listed, ID 310520
Location NGR; SU 2758 7427	Kennett District Council, Parish of Aldbourne, Preston, just north of old road lay-by at Alma Farm
Design & material	Swindon Half Round with base
Date	Assumed to be early 19 th century – design used on several turnpikes around Swindon so maybe commissioned by Swindon Highways Board, replacing earlier milestone

	<i>Prior to Restoration</i>	<i>After Restoration</i>
Restoration work by Alan Rosevear, Jan-Mar 2005		
Dimension	Stone was 73h; letters were various heights	40w by 19d by 111h; letter 5.5, 3.5 & 2.5h; numbers 7.5 & 5.5h
Condition of stone	Stone buried in old embankment. Stone has previously broken in half and has been cemented together.	Embankment dug away to expose all stone. Damage to top left and left corner face repaired with Silicate filler. Surface imperfections not treated.
Condition of coating & letters	Shallow thin carving with script differences in width. Benchmark on front. Multiple layers of oil-based paint have obscured engraving and black lettering has been painted at several places	Oil paint layers removed with paint stripper to restore to porous clean stone. Stone painted with 2 coats of 20% diluted Keim Granital and one coat of off-white Keim topcoat. Letters painted in black Sandtex
Notes on Work	Considerable amount of excavation needed to make stone freestanding and visible. Needed several paint stripper treatments to remove all layers and reveal original engraving. Stone almost clear of paint and lime residues after repeated scrubbing with soapy water using wire brush and then scrubbing brush. Smaller letters eroded badly. Back left bare.	

Illustrations during work

			
Excavation to reveal base of stone	Stone stripped and washed	Cleaned stone	White coated stone with letters pencilled

Access – park on section of old road that now forms a lay-by south of the milestone. Wide verge; so able to work safely without special precautions.