



## Restoration Report

<b>Identification; LBF71</b>	Not listed
Location NGR; SP 27963 94995	Vale of White Horse, Parish of Great Faringdon; Highworth Road; opp. Highways Depot; on wide well kept grass verge, near town boundary sign
Design & material	Highworth Old London Road – rectangular cross section, Made of porous limestone with no bedding planes
Date	Assumed to be ca 1750 based on turnpike Act, Roman numerals and shape of letters

	<i>Prior to Restoration</i>	<i>After Restoration</i>
Restoration work by Alan Rosevear, April 2006.		
Dimension	Dimensions unaltered	width slopes from 35 at top to 41 at base; cut from rectangular stone 47 x 17; letters 5h, number 6h
Condition of stone	Erect and at correct height, but heavy covering of lichen, particularly on lower parts. Some cracks and voids at ground level.	Cleaned and scraped to remove lichen and residual paint. Cracks at base filled with silicate but surface imperfections not treated.
Condition of coating & letters	Clear incised letters and numbers, though incisions are shallow. Gothic script uses different depths on risers and fallers. Rough area from presumed defaced bench mark on right side. Discontinuous layer of old oil paint Black/on/white with residues of old green layer. Old lime persists within the inscriptions.	Scrubbed with brush with scrubber and wire brush – last of lichen removed with scraper. Persistent layers of paint on sides removed by scrubbing. Treated with algicide to kill residual lichen. Stone painted with 2 coats of 20% diluted Keim Granital and one coat of off-white Keim top coat. Back left bare. Letters painted in black Sandtex
Notes on Work	Weeds against stone cleared but in a good grass setting so no site work required. Back not stripped so left some old paint and an area where paint had caused stone to delaminate.	

### Illustrations during work

			
stone partly cleaned	stone fully cleaned	First coat of white	Untreated back

Access – park in layby opposite old OCC depot, about 100m to west. Stone on very wide verge, “Men at Work” sign erected and work area coned but able to work safely without special precautions.