

FASCINATING FIND

BENCHMARK

This piece of wood from an unknown location was removed from a tree that had overgrown a surveyors benchmark, BM 513 537. The raised timber is highlighted with chalk.

Benchmarks are used by surveyors as a permanent reference point for the elevation of a site. In rural areas they were often chiselled into a shield of wood after removal of the bark from the tree. It is on display in the breezeway.

