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Report on Ownership of the Dry-Stone Wall on Ainstable Millennium Green

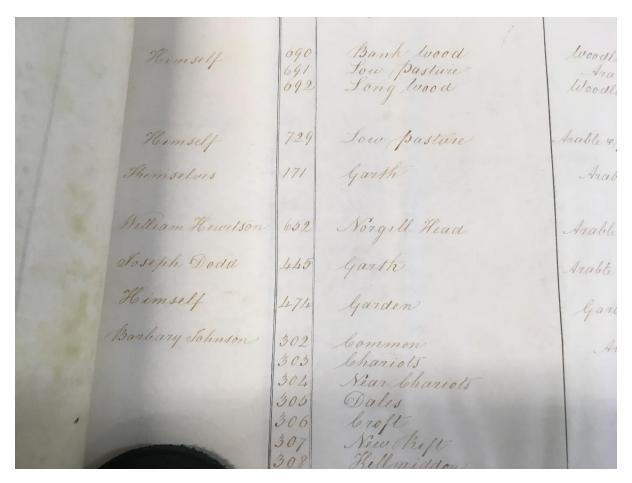
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A search of the records held by the Clerk, the Land Registry and the Charity Commission have not clearly identified the ownership of the boundary wall at the Millennium Green.

The oldest map available to consult at the county archive centre is the 1821 tithe map, which shows the former pub building and the land now known as Ainstable Millennium Green labelled 445.



The corresponding entry in the schedule shows the land listed as "garth", an ancient term for a yard or garden:



Although this is not conclusive evidence, the opinion of the archivist is that the dry-stone wall is part of ancient enclosure, dating back to the medieval period, and therefore belongs to the land labelled 445, for the following reasons:

- The short, uneven nature of the boundary line, and surrounding boundary lines, and its location in the centre of the village;
- The fact that the land belongs to the public house, in 1821 and so presumably even further back. It would have been used for parking carts and grazing customers' horses and so would need to be enclosed;
- The use of the ancient term "garth" in the description.

The repair and maintenance of the dry-stone wall therefore rests with the Trustees of the Ainstable Millennium Green Trust.