

# Links to Stourpaine and Durweston Parish Churches from The North Dorset Trailway



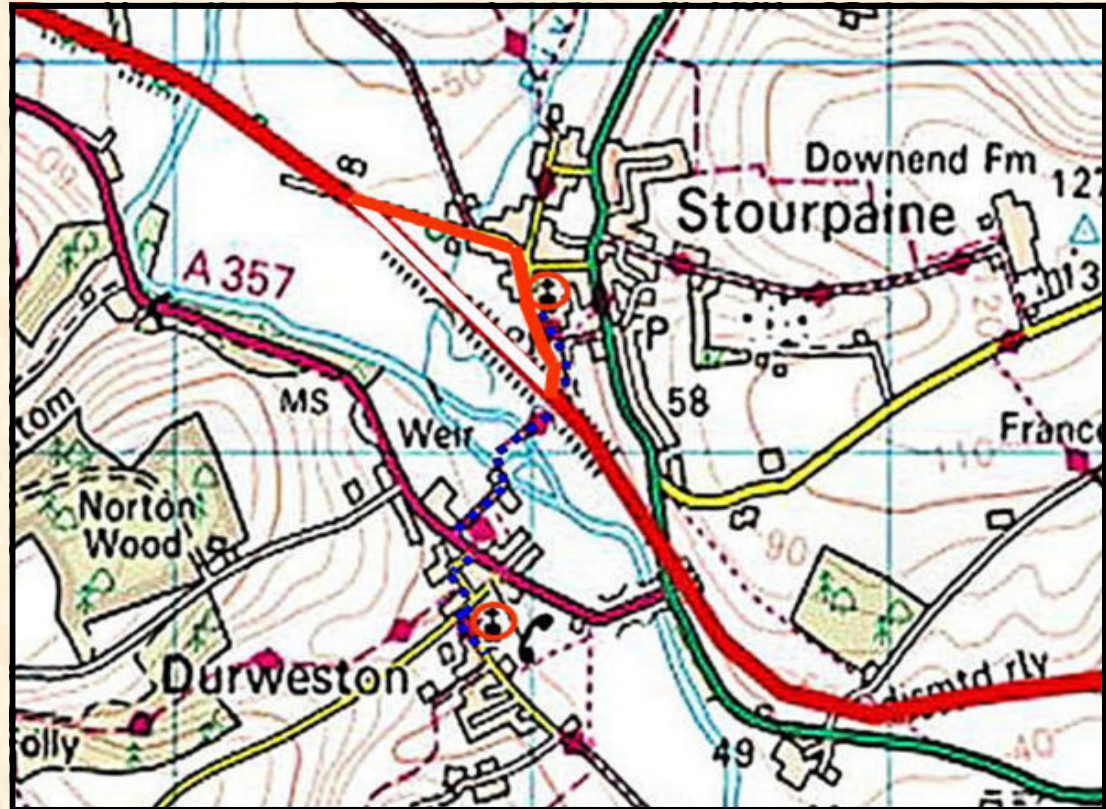
The Church of St. Nicholas, the parish church of Durweston.  
(above)

Like many others in the County, the site has been occupied by a church for a long time. The tower of the present flint and greensand building certainly reaches back to the 15c, although the rest is a skilful Victorian restoration of 1846 by P C Hardwick.



The Church of Holy Trinity, the parish church of Stourpaine.  
(above right)

The first documentary evidence is contained in Domesday and is a record of a gift of land to the church. The record reads that in 1085 Humphrey the Chamberlain gave half a hide (roughly seventy acres) to the church. A fragment of this gift of nearly nine centuries ago existed in our century and is known as "Clerke's Acre", i.e. Priest's Acre.



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