



Restoration Report

Identification; WAF A03	Grade II listed, ID 251280
Location NGR; SU 36113 90115	Vale of White Horse, Parish of West Challow; A417, Faringdon Road; just beyond brow, west of Hill House
Design & material	Faringdon Tombstone – Type 2 bevelled top edge with straighter side - rectangular cross section, segmental top with slightly sloping sides and slightly concave front face and bevel to top edge. Made of porous limestone with no obvious bedding planes
Date	Assumed to be early 19 th century – design used on several turnpikes so maybe commissioned by Highways Board

	<i>Prior to Restoration</i>	<i>After Restoration</i>
Restoration work by Alan Rosevear, Aug 2005.		
Dimension	Was 50 high	width slopes from 36 at top to 42 at base; 14 deep and 68 high (dressed to 63 high); letters 5h, number 6h
Condition of stone	Stone had sunk or been buried by added soil	Skimmed grass and soil to bring level to that intended around the stone. Silicate filler used to repair small chip to letters on left front.
Condition of coating & letters	Clear Incised letters and numbers. Bench mark on left side. Recent oil based paint has detached. Discontinuous layer of old oil paint Black/on/white with residues of old green layer	Stone scraped but old oil layers needed paint stripper to remove to porous condition. Scrubbed to remove lime residues. Stone painted with 2 coats of 20% diluted Keim Granital and one coat of off-white Keim top coat. Letters painted in black Sandtex
Notes on Work	Continuous film of old paint could only be fully broken with paint stripper. No need to use algicide after this. Back left unpainted.	

Illustrations during work

			
Area around stone cut back	Area around stone cleared	Minor filling after removal of oil paint	Painted white prior to lettering

Access – park in farm gateway beside the stone. Stone on moderate wide verge, “Men at Work” sign erected and work area coned, otherwise no special precautions.