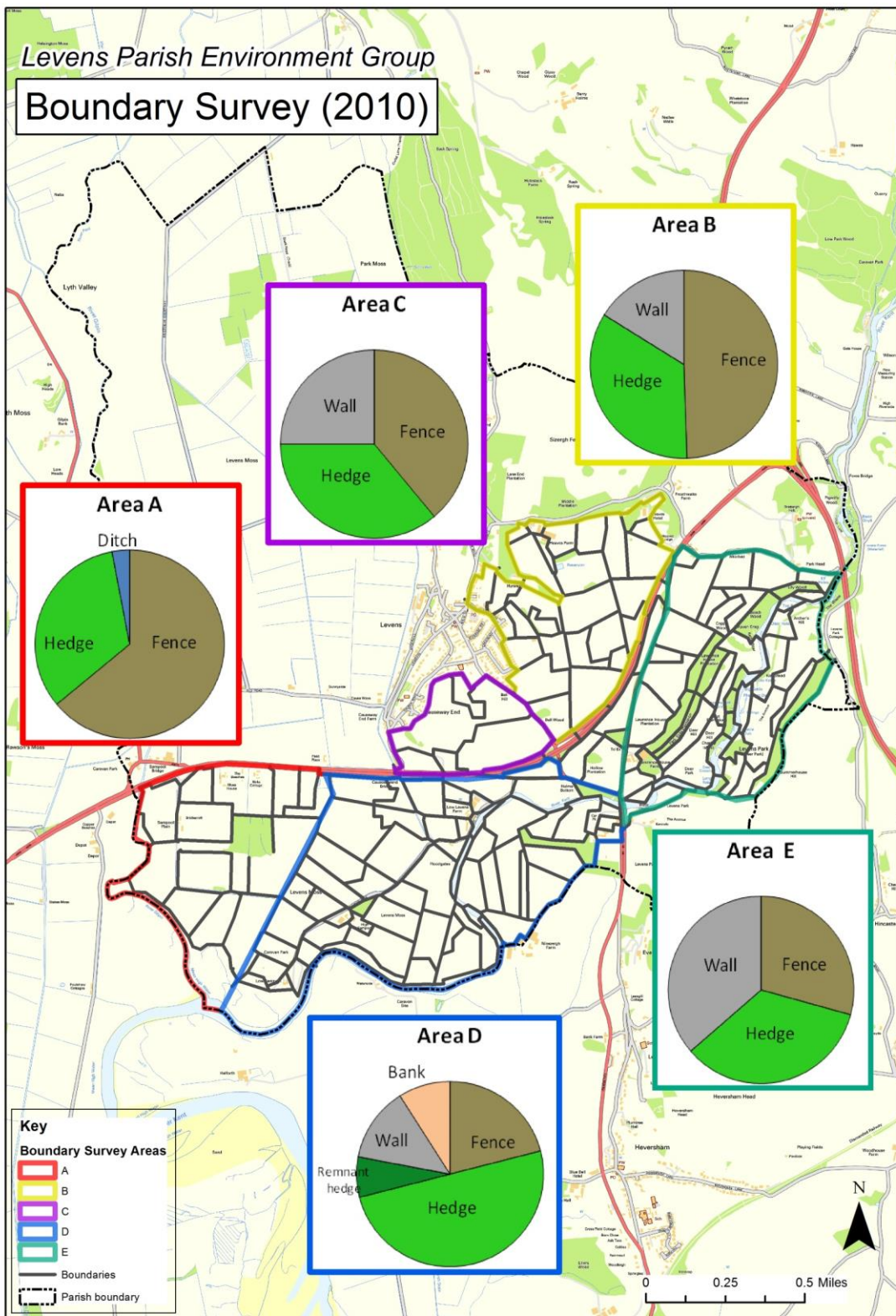


# Field boundaries in Levens Parish

A survey was conducted in 2010 to determine the nature of the field boundaries within the parish – whether they are walls, banks, ditches, hedges or posts and wire. The map on the following page shows the proportions of these boundary types within five colour-coded areas of the parish (A to E) that were thought to differ. Within these areas boundaries surveyed are shown in grey. Field boundaries on Lords Plain, which were surveyed in less detail, are almost invariably hedges and ditches.

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**Boundary Survey (2010)**



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## Field Boundary Survey (Summer 2010)

### *Summary Results*

#### **Section A** (*Bridge End area south of A590*)

- 97% boundaries are post & wire fences
  - of which 10% support good hedges
  - 40% support gappy hedges
- 3% are ditches
- 29% of boundaries include trees

#### **Section B** (*Area south of Heaves Farm*)

- 28% of boundaries are dry stone walls
  - of which 11% need repair
- 61% of boundaries are hedges
  - of which 56% are supported by fencing
  - and 21% are gappy
- All boundaries appear to be stockproof

#### **Section C** (*Southern end village to A590, Levens Lane being eastern boundary*)

- 49% fencing
- 26% good hedges, 8% gappy hedges
- 13% good walls, 3% walls needing repair

#### **Section D** (*South of A590 and Low Levens area*)

Total length of boundaries: 4650 metres

- 7% good walls, 6% walls needing repair
- 21% good fences
- 20% good hedges, 30% gappy hedges
- 7% remains of hedges supported by fences
- 5% flood banks topped by fences
- 4% flood banks

#### **Section E** (*Levens Park and areas east of A6*)

Total length of boundaries: 3990 metres

- 29% good fences
- 26% good walls, 10% walls needing repair
- 8% good hedges, 26% poor hedges

***NB All percentages are taken from boundary lengths measured/estimated by surveyors and cannot be precisely guaranteed. Decisions as to condition of boundaries were at discretion of surveyors guided by simple criteria.***

*B. Hutchinson, November 2010*