

Extract from an e-mail from Ainslie Goulstone 29 September 2015.

Ainslie lives in Lower Shockerwick, Bathford, Somerset but she and her husband, David, have always been associated with Box, Box Church and Box Revels.

Alan Payne

Sent from Windows Mail

From: Ainslie Goulstone

Sent: Tuesday, 29 September 2015 16:56

To:

Dear Alan,

On the boundary debate I not sure how much weight my opinion will carry, as I live in a different county...

However, there is a PRECEDENT to note ! I'm not sure how many years ago (maybe thirty, Penny Newbould will know) there was a move afoot in Shockerwick to move the hamlet into Wiltshire as part of Box, Box being willing to receive the extension. Some residents were upset about the council tax difference between Bath and Wiltshire, some felt more part of Box than the slightly distant Bathford (historically now cut off by the railway); other residents opposed the move, worried about the value a BA1 post code gave their property.... The debate caused some rift...

In the end the move was opposed on the grounds of HISTORY : the ancient boundary of 957, the gift of our land and hamlet to the monks of (Bath) Ford of the same date, all the centuries of history tied up with being where we were.....

Probably no help at all as the cases are different, still history was the deciding factor...

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