

Glossary associated with Tithe Maps and their Apportionments

Appropriator	The religious house, or corporation, that owns the fees and endowments of a benefice/One who appropriates or takes to his own use.
Basket	Little bushes of hawthorn (common in hedgerows).
Coppice	A small wood or thicket consisting of underwood and small trees grown for the purpose cutting on a rotational basis.
Croft	A piece of enclosed ground used for tillage or pasture.
Dell	Small natural hollow or vale with sides usually covered in trees or foliage.
Ersh	(or Earsh/Arrish) A stubble field.
Fish stew	Pond in which caught fish are held before they are eaten.
Furlong	Originally, the length of the furrow in the common field (a square containing 10 acres). As a lineal measure, it is now equivalent to 220yd (201.168m).



Coppiced Hazel

- Furze** From the plant *Ulex europaeus*, also known as Gorse. Grows on wasteland.
- Glebe** Land assigned to the incumbent of a parish (usually the parish priest) as part of his benefice (income).
- Gully** A channel or ravine worn in the earth by the action of water.
- Ham** Originally a plot of pasture or meadowland.
- Hanger** A wood on the side of a steep hill or bank.
- Hovel** An open shed, an outhouse used for cattle, a receptacle for grain or tools, the conical building enclosing an oven or kiln or a stack of corn.
- Impropiator** One who has something appropriated to them.
- In bound** The area that could be cultivated.
- In hand** Occupied by the owner.
- Lime kiln** A kiln in which lime is made by calcining (heating to bring about a form of disintegration) limestone.



Common Gorse
(*Ulex europaeus*)

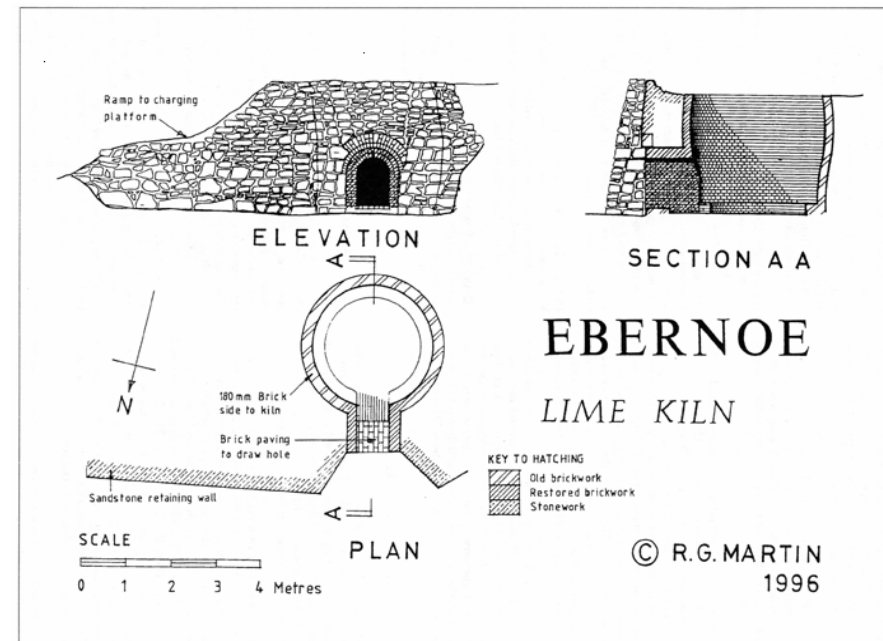


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LS	Locum sigillae - Place of the seal.
Mead	(a) Meadow. (b) A type of wine made from honey and water.
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Metes and bounds	describing a plot of land through the geographic landmarks that point to its boundaries.
Modus	Modus decimandi - a money payment in place of a tithe.
Osiers	Shoots/rods of willow
out bound	The total area including wooded areas, hedges and ditches.
own occupation	Occupied by the owner.
Plat (plot?)	A piece or area of ground, usually small. As in 'plot'.
Rick	Stack of hay, corn, peas, etc.
Scite	Site



Tithe Commissioners' Official Seal



Osier Willow (*Salix viminalis*)

- Shaw** (a) A thicket, a small wood, copse or grove. (b) A strip of wood or underwood forming the border of a field.
- Slip** (a) A strip, a narrow piece or stretch, of land, ground, etc. (b) An artificial slope of stone or other solid material, built or made beside a navigable water to serve as a landing-place.
- viz** Videlicet is Latin for "one may see, clearly, evidently".
- Withy** (a) A word used for Willow. (b) The flexible branches of a willow used for tying and binding, etc.
- Withybed** Bed of willows for basket making



The preparation of Withies

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