

## Dickley Wood

There was a Dickley Farm on the site where Marley is today and there are fields on the Tithe Map which are called 'Dickley Meadow', 'Upper Dickley', 'Lower Dickley'. The most obvious thought was that there was a Dickley family. However, there is no trace of a Dickley Family in our parish records <sup>1</sup>and, in any case, Dickley is not known to be a family surname.

Another possible interpretation, which is very interesting, is that the word 'Dickley' has its origins in the words ditch or dyke. <sup>2</sup> There are, indeed, plenty of ditches in Dickley Wood<sup>3</sup>.

For the time being we don't know how old they are and what their purpose was.

They are very intriguing and will need further exploration. Watch this space!

If you are any wiser than we, please get in touch

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<sup>1</sup> Thank you to Amy Myers for checking this

<sup>2</sup> The Oxford English dictionary ( see: <https://www.oed.com/viewdictionaryentry/Entry/52707>) 'dic' was the old English form for ditch, dyke

<sup>3</sup> Thank you to Leslie Feakes who pointed these out in the first place