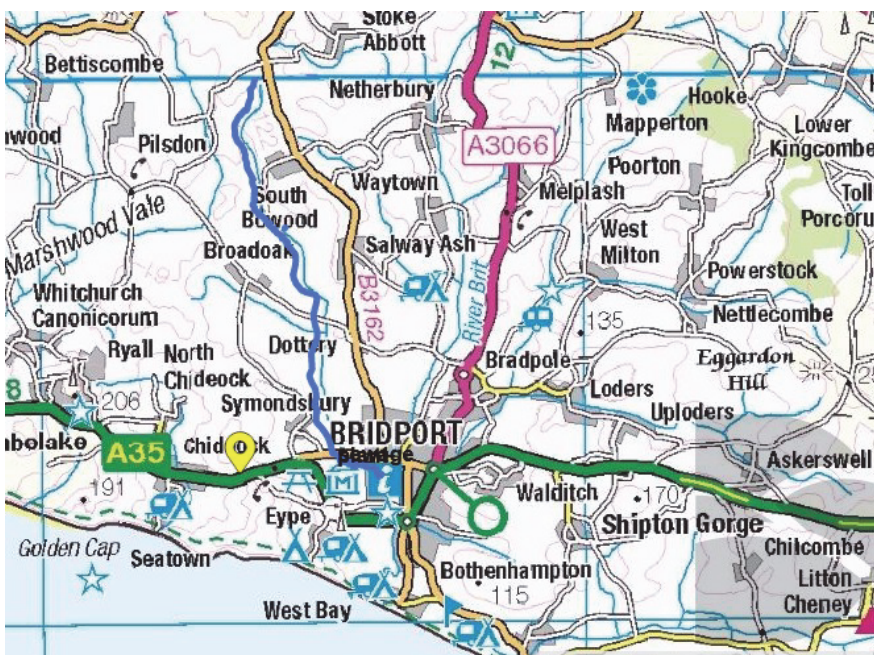


STREAMS IN SYMONDSBURY PARISH

The little stream that enters the sea at Eype Beach which disappears into the shingle at Eype mouth is known as the river Eype. Its source is less than a mile inland, near Higher Eype. It is probably from an underground spring that also takes water from higher ground, i.e. Eype Downs



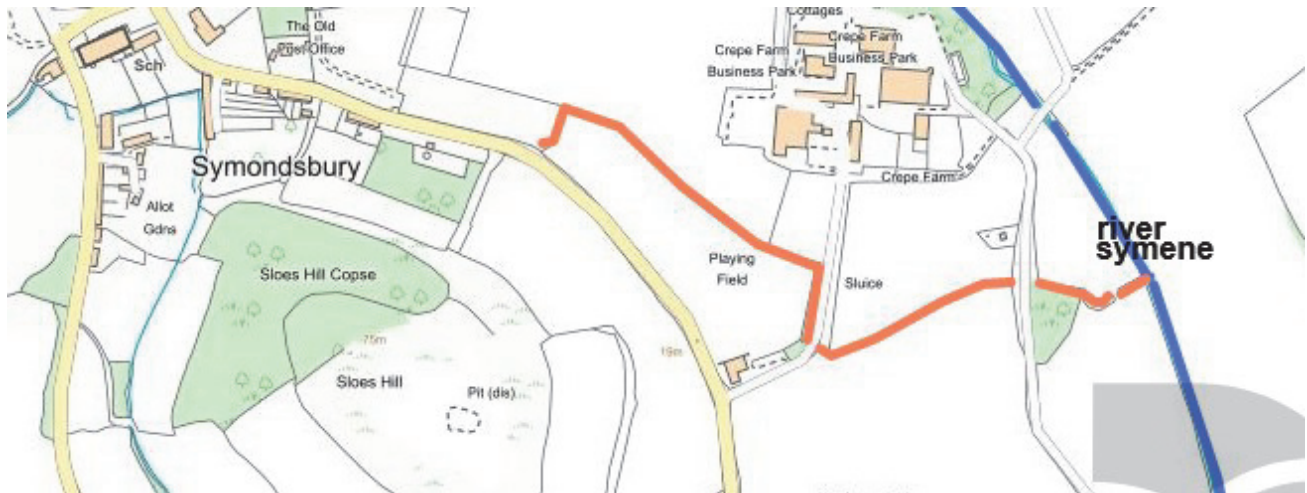
THE RIVER SIMENE

The River Simene rises west of Bridport in Filford and flows down the valley to Symondsburry, through fields and Skilling to join the Brit northwest of the parish church of St Mary.

THE STREAMS IN SYMONDSBURY

I am currently unable to find the name of the four streams that run through Symondsburry Village but are sure the Villagers will have a name for them.

The first in orange, is a spring that rises in Duck street, flowing along the north of the playing field, through a sluice then into the River. This river comes out of a pipe at the western end of the playing field. That is because it is the "second and third streams" below which go into a pipe by "Costa Plenty" on Duck Street. Thence down the pipe to the playing field. (See below – which needs substantial correction).

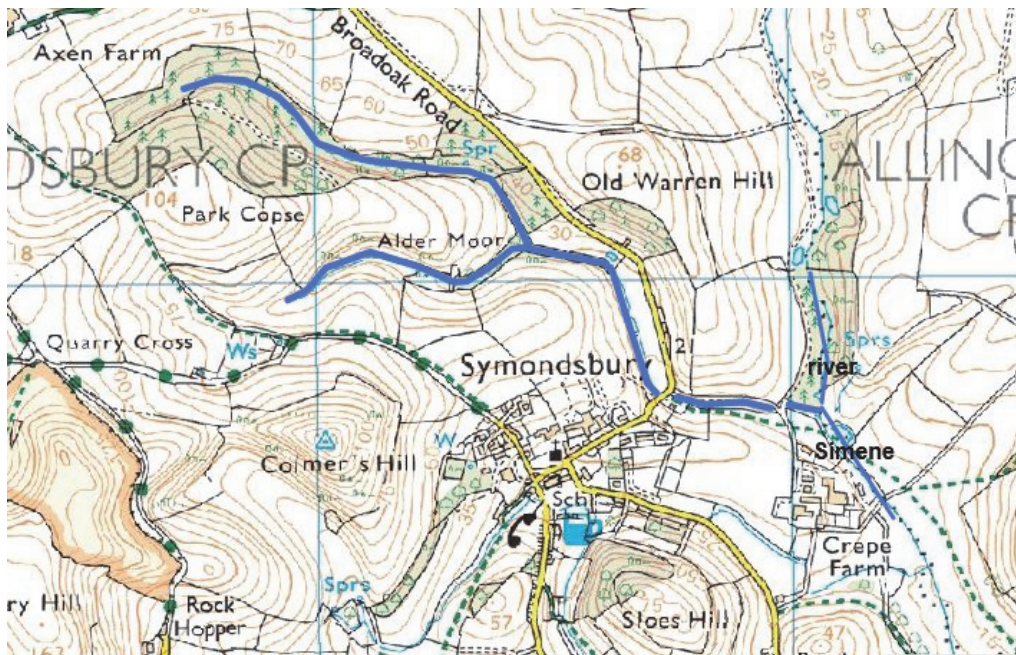


The second stream appears to be the water draining from Colmers hill which flows through the Village, under the Ilchester arms, under Costaplenty, then down a culvert under Mill Lane, to the playing field. Then to the Simene.

The third comes from a spring close to Quarr Lane and flows to the Miles Cross farm, then northwards to Costaplenty in Duck Street where it meets the Third Stream



The fourth rises in Park Copse (near the old site of Park Farm) and runs to Alder Moor where it is joined by a spring from a field called "Dummots" which runs via a pipe which issues in a field called Frying Pan and thence runs overground into Alder Moor. It then flows South under Broadoak road, then east to join the Simene above Crepe Farm.



There is another Stream that rises in Eype Down, flows through a culvert under the A35, through the fields at Vearse Farm, between the boundary between the proposed employment land and the proposed school and joins the river Simene just below the sewage pumping station. (This station pressurises the sewage main pumping it back up Ryeberry Hill from where it flows for the third time back across the old main road and then uphill to join the mains system further into Bridport – a ridiculous state of affairs. One of my diggers broke the pressurised pipe and a jet of sewage 25 feet high fountained out of the ground ! – that sewage run up the Simene and following Stream 2 for a while is very dangerous with several water mains (at least one is major), 3 sewage mains, and a gas main PLUS the source of the Symondsburry Estate water supply. I wish they had not shoved it all in the same place) .



STREAMS IN BROADOAK

Again I don't know the local names of the streams. A spring rises South of Denhay Farm and joins another spring from Lower Denhay Farm, they flow East and join the two streams that flow from either side of Broadoak Farm. A spring from lower Moorbath Farm flows North East and joins the others. They flow East and Join the Simene at lower Atrim.

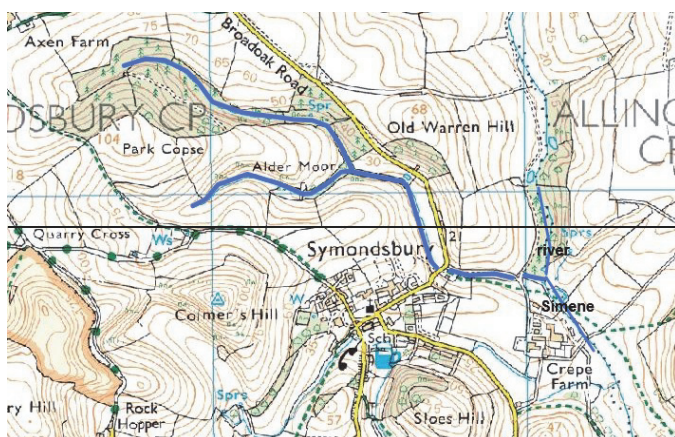
The spur about half way down does not exist.

There are two streams coming through Lower Moorbath – one is partially marked and rises on Denhay farm land where you can see some ponds at what I think is called Denhay rookery. Amanda will know the full details.

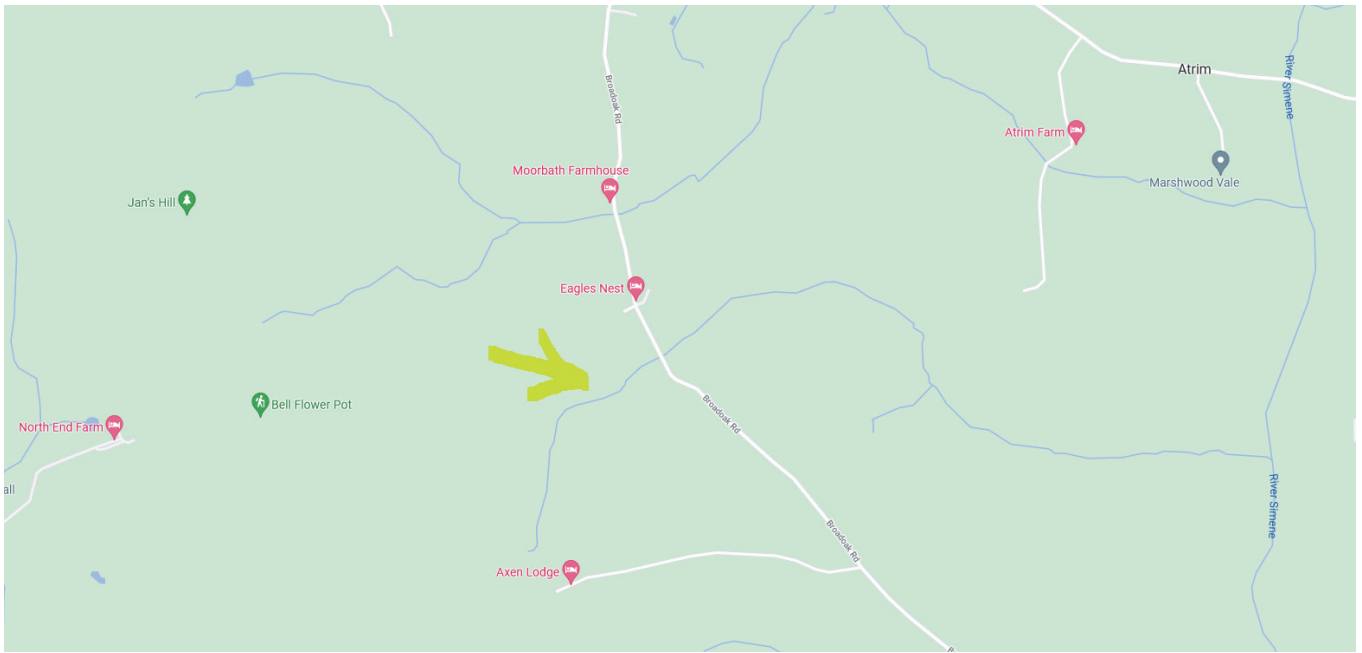
The other is marked on the plan but not highlighted and rises in the far western corner of Doctor's copse. It is the source of the Moorbath Water Supply – almost defunct – which used to supply a lot of Broadoak.



A spring rises in a wood called Axen leg just to the north of Axen farm and initially flowing northwards to the valley bottom then turns east to run past Higher Moorbath and Ebb Plantation and to join the river Simene below Bilshay Farm.



I hope I haven't missed any? Steve R.



There are also some streams in the headwaters of the river Winniford in the North Tithing of Symondsburry i.e, Northend, Warmstall, Venn Farm, Brighthay Farm, Hell Farm etc. But we'd have to get someone who understands the lie of the land well there. E.g. Dave Warren ?