



A road running south from Otterbourne to Swathling is labelled in several places on the 2nd edition OS map as 'British Road', arrowed. This road south of Eastleigh is named as Wide Lane; a map of 1806 shows this wide section of the road. On the 3D image above, a N-S feature crossing Broom Hill west of Allbrook is also identified as a British Road, now a footpath. It cuts across the line of the Roman road from Bitterne. This is an unusually straight road on an unusual course, going over the hill instead of around it. What did the surveyors see on the ground? The 932 charter for North Stoneham met the King's Dyke, *cynniges dic*, near Allbrook and followed it to the Itchen at Highbridge. Is the feature crossing Broom Hill part of a Saxon Dyke?



