

## **The History of Moistown: Part 9** by Dr. Sylvia Warham c. February 2010

In Part 8 of the history of Moistown I told you about the final part of Moistown history. In Part 9 I shall tell you what we are trying to do today to ensure that the ancient history of Moistown and Broadwoodkelly are not lost forever.

We began clearing Moistown in 2007. Some of the scrub had become so large that we needed machinery to clear it, but over the delicate earthworks much of the work had to be done by hand.



Thanks to the enthusiasm of Janet Daynes and Gordon Fisher we were supported in the hand clearing stage by ACE Archaeology Club, and also by an untiring band of faithful volunteers from Broadwoodkelly who turned up week after week to help us.



### **2007: The Initial Clearing of Moistown**



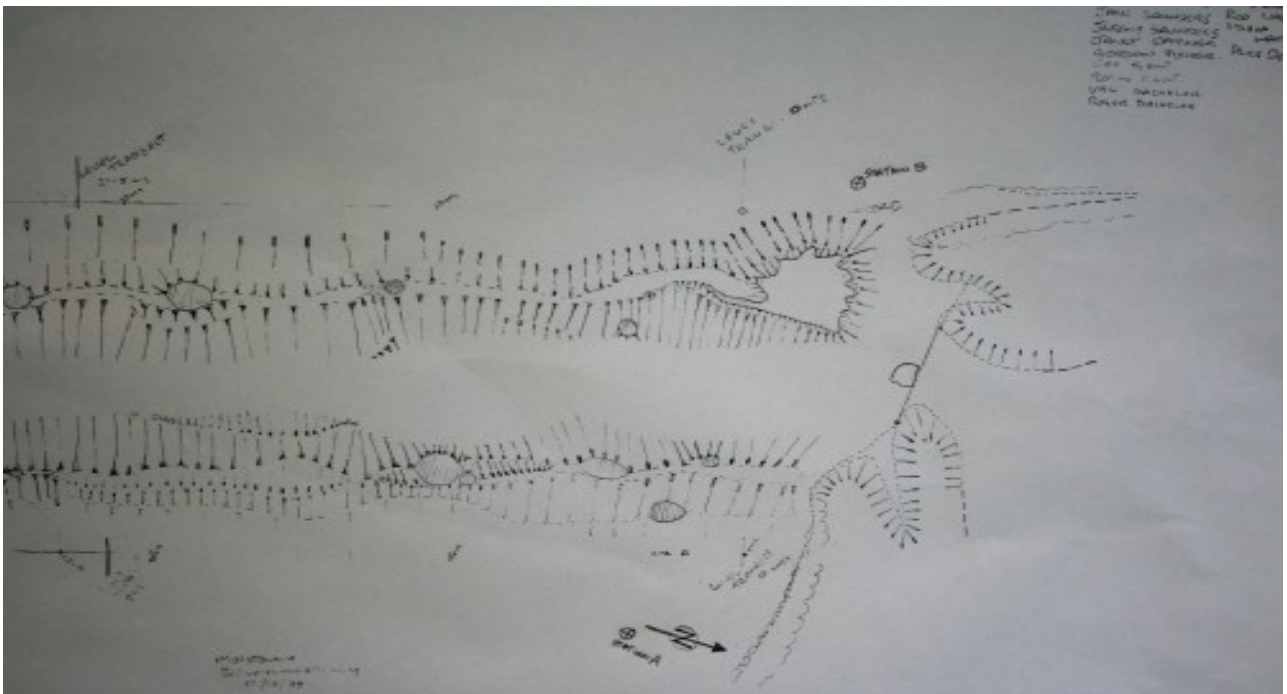
By 2008 we had cleared the carriage drive and the archaeological survey was able to begin.

### **2008: Surveying the Tree lined Carriage drive.**



### **2009: Surveying part of the House**

In 2009 we cleared the east wing of the house and began surveying it. In 2010 we hope to clear the whole of the house so that the survey can be completed. Below is the archaeological drawing produced from the survey of the carriage drive. It shows the sweeping entrance off Woodcroft Lane and the whole length of the drive.



### **Archaeological Drawing produced from the Survey of the Carriage Drive**

These important drawings will eventually be lodged with the Historic Environment Register to preserve the history of Moistown for future generations.