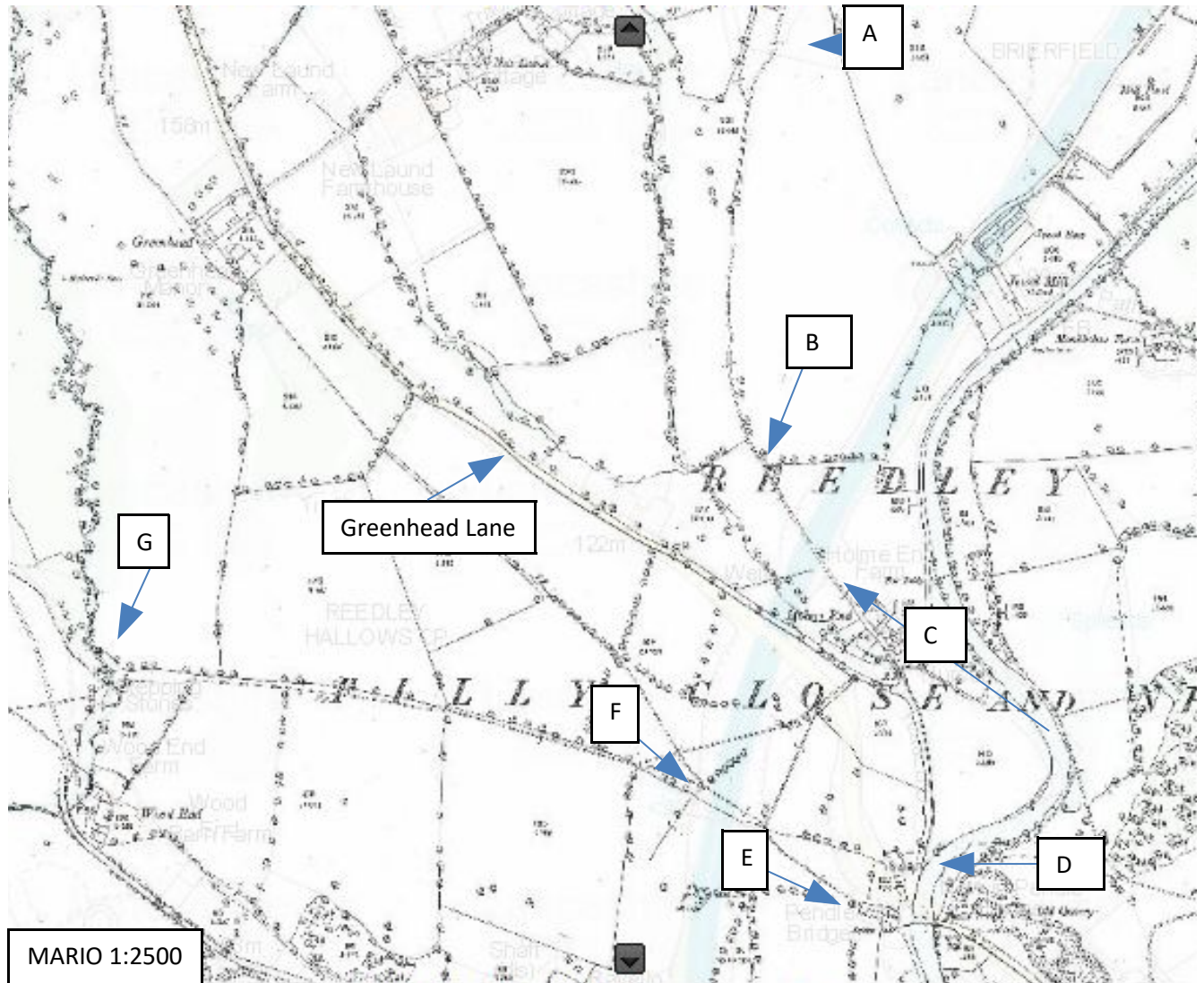


### First Impressions of Bank and Ditch Systems in the Greenhead Lane Area of Burnley

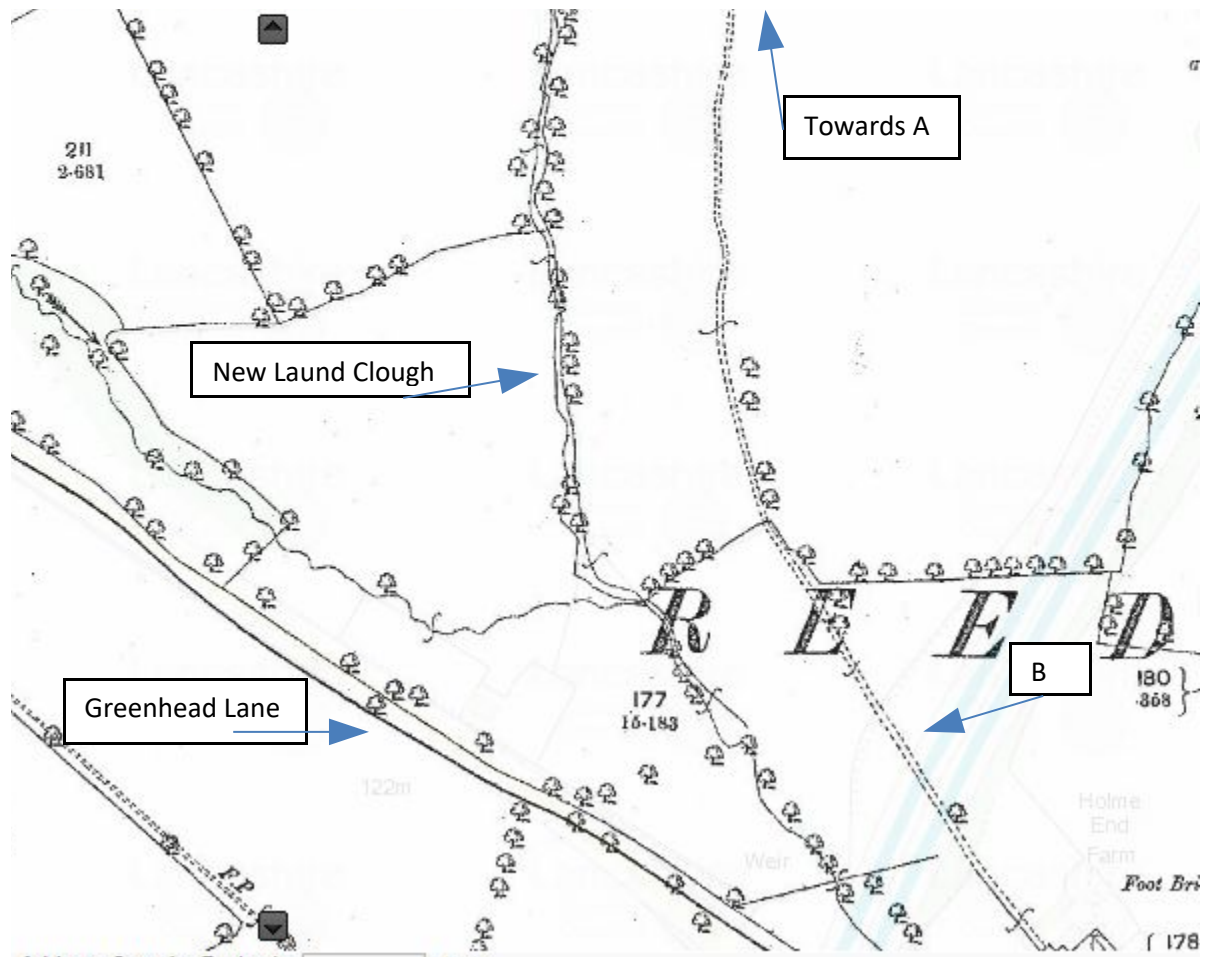
This is a brief look at two bank-and-ditch systems starting at Holme End (off Greenhead Lane) and a third system west off Moor Isles Farm and Moor Isles Clough.



ABC indicates the route from Holme End Farm to New Laund; the track is also the ditch-and-bank system. DFG is a bank-and-ditch system from Holme End Road to Spurn Clough, the stream running north-south on the left-hand side of the map. EFG is a footpath which runs alongside DFG except for the eastern section. Some of both systems has been destroyed when the motorway was built.

## Bank and Ditch ABC

This system ran from Holme End Farm to New Laund Farm. On the 1:2500 map, two groups of buildings are labelled #New Laund'; the group referred to here is the easternmost. Most of the section BC was lost when the motorway was built, so only section AB will be considered.



Modern access to section AB is from Greenhead Lane into field no 177. Point 'B' is just north of the motorway and the track climbs steadily moving from B to A. AB follows a ridge, so the land falls away to the east and west. There is an unnamed stream to the west of the track which will be referred to as New Laund Clough.

The first short section in field 177 has lost its banks and has a stone base. The base of the ditch is about 2m wide generally throughout its length. Moving into the next field (no 221), there are banks on either side about 1m high and 2m apart at the base. The walls slope at about 45°.



The track is on the horizon. Field 177 to the right of the large trees and field 221 to the left. Viewed from Greenhead Lane.





Field 177. The track is between the trees in the foreground and alongside the fence.



Entrance to field 221



Same area as previous picture. Note track joining from the left.

There quite a few other tracks joining the main system, such as the one above. These peter out after a few metres and were probably intended to afford easy access to the main track for vehicles or larger animals. As far as could be seen, there is very little stone in the banks or ditch base in field 221. Further uphill a badger sett has undermined the bank, which has started to give way, revealing the composition is mainly coarse, sandy soil.



