



Devon Record Office archive 158M-T753 & 754.

These two are virtually identical and date from around AD 1200-1220. They describe a land grant from Philip Kellaway (lord of Iddlecot manor) to his brother William (the Kellaway family locally adopting the name of Stafford, from their dwelling place, around the 13th & 14th centuries). Archive illustrated here is T754. It was written on vellum using charcoal ink. The land involved was just to the east of Dolton village, to the north of the southern stream, extending northwards to the then boundary of Down Farm (what is now Rectory Rd) and then eastwards to Parsonage Farm. Thus Aller Rd and the Barlands/Stafford Way/Orchard Gate complex, and all the land running down from Rectory Rd to the stream, were involved.

On my photo of the archive (used with the permission of the DRO) I have highlighted some words of interest: *Philippus Kayllewey* (i.e. Phillip Kellaway) on the top line; *Denisecrosse* on the 3rd line (yes, it's the Denis Cross that's still there 800 years later!); *de la done* (Down Farm) on the 4th line; *Duwelton* (Dolton, of course) on the 5th line; and *Edrichesscott* (i.e. Iddlecott) on the 6th line.

Note that this relatively minor legal document has survived in very good condition for 8 centuries, and is good for many centuries to come.

There's a complete translation from the Latin of this archive, and many others like it, in chapter IV of my book "Partners in Time" by Dave Dingley.