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Neolithic Barrows, a Beaker Grave, Iron Age and Anglo-Saxon Burials and Settlement at Trumpington, Cambridge

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… Cartography is an art of mutual creation (Alberto Manguel 2015. Curiosity. London: Yale University Press, 166; emphasis added).

But a knowable community, within country life as anywhere else, is still a matter of consciousness, and of continuing as well as day-to-day experience. In the village, as in the city, there is division of labour, there is the contrast of social position, and then necessarily there are alternative points of view (Raymond Williams, 1973. The Country and the City. London: Hogarth Press, 166; emphasis added).