

1.0 PARISH	Hawley (formerly Yateley)
2.0 HUNDRED	Crondall
3.0 NGR	482000 157500 (approx. centre)
4.0 GEOLOGY	Plateau Gravels abounding Barton Sand

5.0 SITE CONTEXT

Minley is a wooded area of settlement at the western limit of Hawley CP. An arbitrary assessment of its extent is a trapezium-shaped area of land *c.* 2.5km². A road follows the western bound and this turns east to define the northern limit, joining the B3013 (Cricket Hill Lane) to Yateley. On the east side is the Minley Road from Cove. The motorway M3 forms an approximate southern boundary. The principal building complex is that of Minley Manor (1858-60) which stands on high ground at *c.* 100m AOD. The manor house is accompanied by the Church of St Andrew which is of broadly contemporary build (1871). South and west of the manor house the ground falls away (steeply in places) to the valley of a small brook. The brook has a number of straight sided channels suggesting that it has been exploited as a source of artificial irrigation. On the east side of Brook House (NGR 481650 156500) a square parcel of land is demarcated by water-filled ditches. At *c.* 75m AOD there are three farms; Minley Farm (west), Minley Warren and Home Farm (east).

6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION

There are no convincing clues as to the development of settlement at Minley. Domesday confirms its existence as an estate in 1086 (14.1) but there is no documentary evidence of manor status until C18 (14.3). The present manor house and church are C19 and it would be rash to suggest that there was ever a medieval manor house within the estate. The SMR gives the site of a DMS (10.0 No.5) but there is absolutely no reason to believe this assertion. If there was a former estate centre then the likely location was at one of the farmsteads: Minley Warren or West Minley Farm. Neither of these sites is known to be early but they were both extant at the time of the Tithe Map survey in 1846. Home Farm and Minley Farm were not marked on the Tithe Map. Home Farm was presumably a part of the later C19 manor house development whilst Minley Farm includes C20 buildings and may be entirely of this date.

6.1 *Site visit conditions:* hazy sun; dry.

7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

7.1 *AsAP*

Minley Warren is worthy of consideration as an AAP. The evidence of the Tithe Map suggests that it was the only farm of any substance in the Minley area. As a *warren* it is possible that the site is of medieval origin. In its original sense a warren was more than an enclosure for rabbits (*conies*); *warren* was a legal term referring to land over which the king had granted rights to take certain game, usually hares foxes, badgers, rabbits,

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wildcats and a variety of birds but not deer or boar. A warren could be an extensive area but one which was not enclosed (Whitlock 1979; 21). A warrener would have been a person of status who would probably have required a base within the area of the warren. It is possible that the small estate of Minley was associated with a warren within the Royal Forest.

7.2 *AsHAP*

None

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

St Andrew c.1871 (*architect*: Henry Clutton).

9.0 BUILDINGS

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
2543	Minley Manor, Minley Road	1858-60	II*
4009	Minley Manor: orangery <i>etc.</i>	1886	II
4010	Minley Manor: stables & stable quarter	1886-7	II
4011	Minley Manor: main gate, lodge & gates	1886-7	II
4012	Church of St Andrew, Minley Road	1871	II
4013	Minley Manor: game larder	late C19	II
4014	Minley Manor: summer house	late C19	II
4015	Minley Manor: water tower	1906	II
4016	Minley Manor: Fleet Lodge	1899	II

10.0 SMR DATA SW 481000 156500, NE 483000 158700

SU85NW	No.		
	3	482200 158000	Neolithic stone axe found c. 1873.
	5	482500 158000	DMS site (very unlikely, IH 1998).
	9A-G	482000 158660	Minley Manor and associated buildings and features.

11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES

1	482400 157130	Location of former buildings complex, 1846
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12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/271/2 (1846/*)
- GSGB 285 Aldershot (1976)
- OS 1: 2500 SW 481000 156500, NE 483000 158700
- OS 1: 25000 Pathfinder 1205 (SU 85/95), Farnborough and Aldershot

13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Whitlock R 1979 *Historic Forests of England* London, Book Club Associates: 21

14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES**14.1 Domesday Book**

69,10 Alfsi holds Minley. Alfwy held it from King Edward in freehold. Then and now it paid tax for 2 hides. Land for 1 plough. 5 villagers with 2 ploughs. The value is and was 20s.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		Not listed.
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	Not listed.
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	Not listed.

*Perhaps included with Yateley.

14.3 Manorial Documents

Although Minley is a Domesday estate, there is no reliable documentary evidence of it having been a manor until C18 (VCH 4: 22).

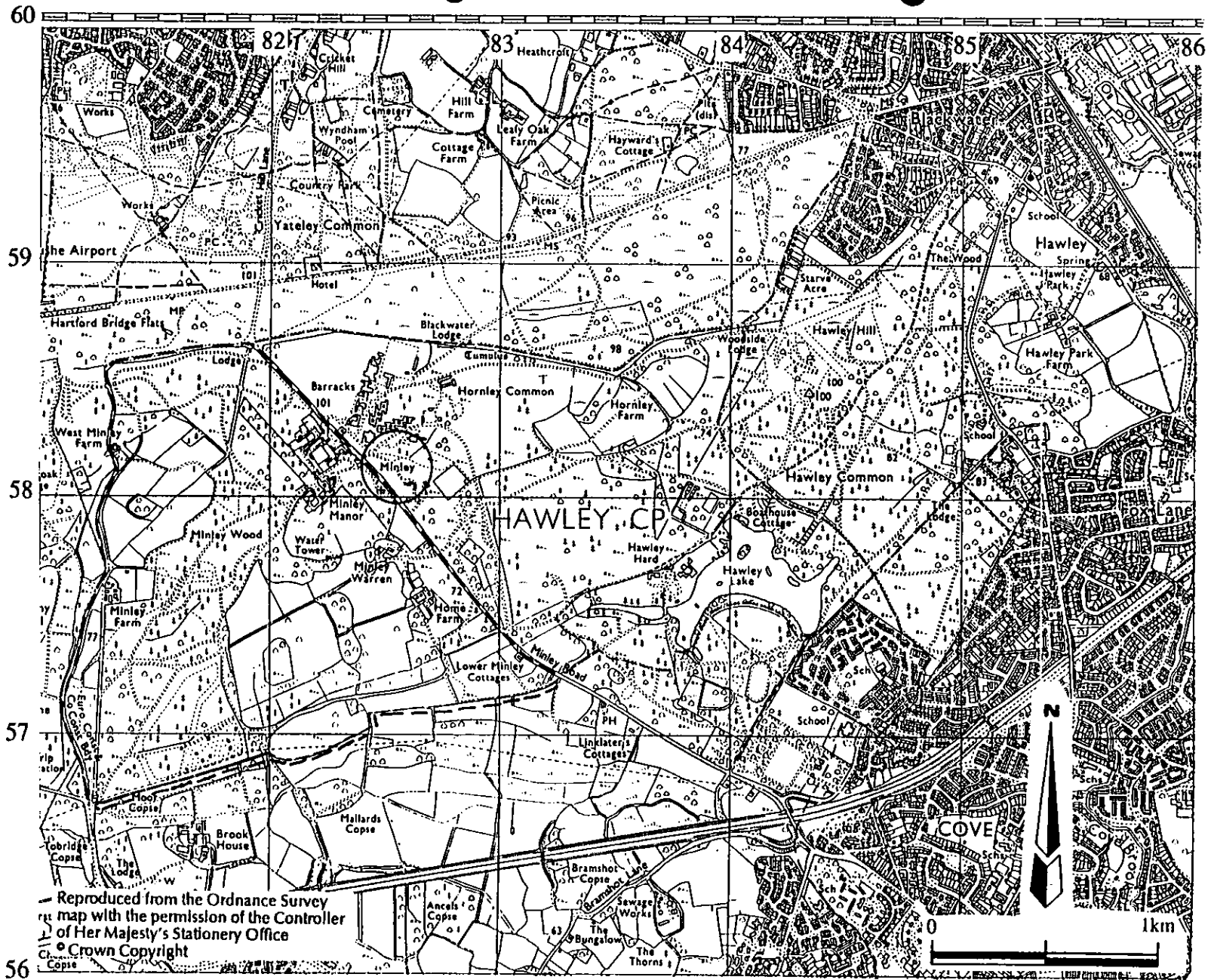
14.4 Hearth Tax

1665 13 hearths chargeable (2 houses)

15.0 PLACE NAME 1086 *Mideslei*; 1189-99 *Mundeleya*; 1236 *Mundele*; 1280 *Mendeley*. OE 'Mynda's wood / clearing.

16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS**17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS****18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS**

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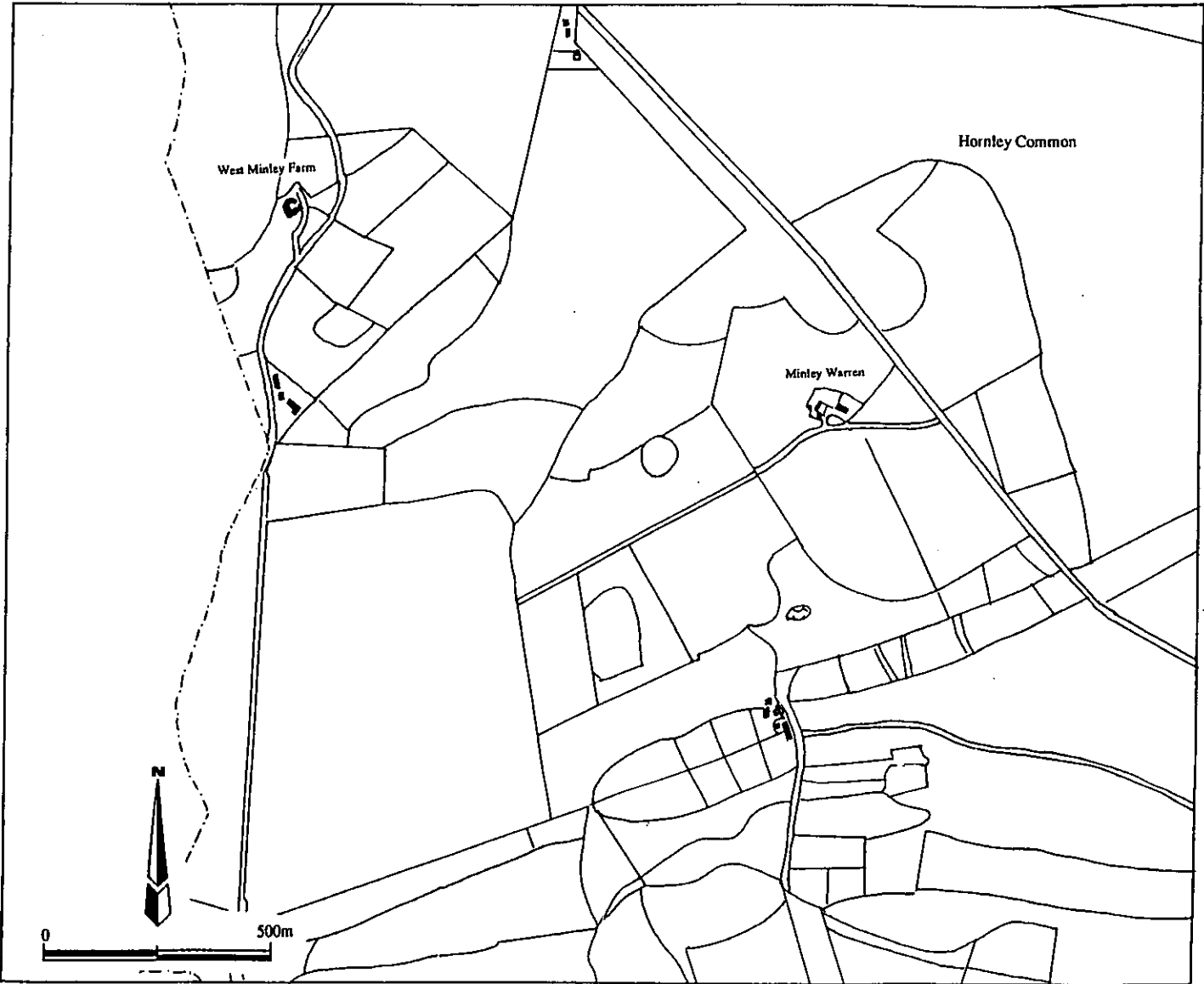
Location

Map 1

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transcribed from the Tithe Map of 1846

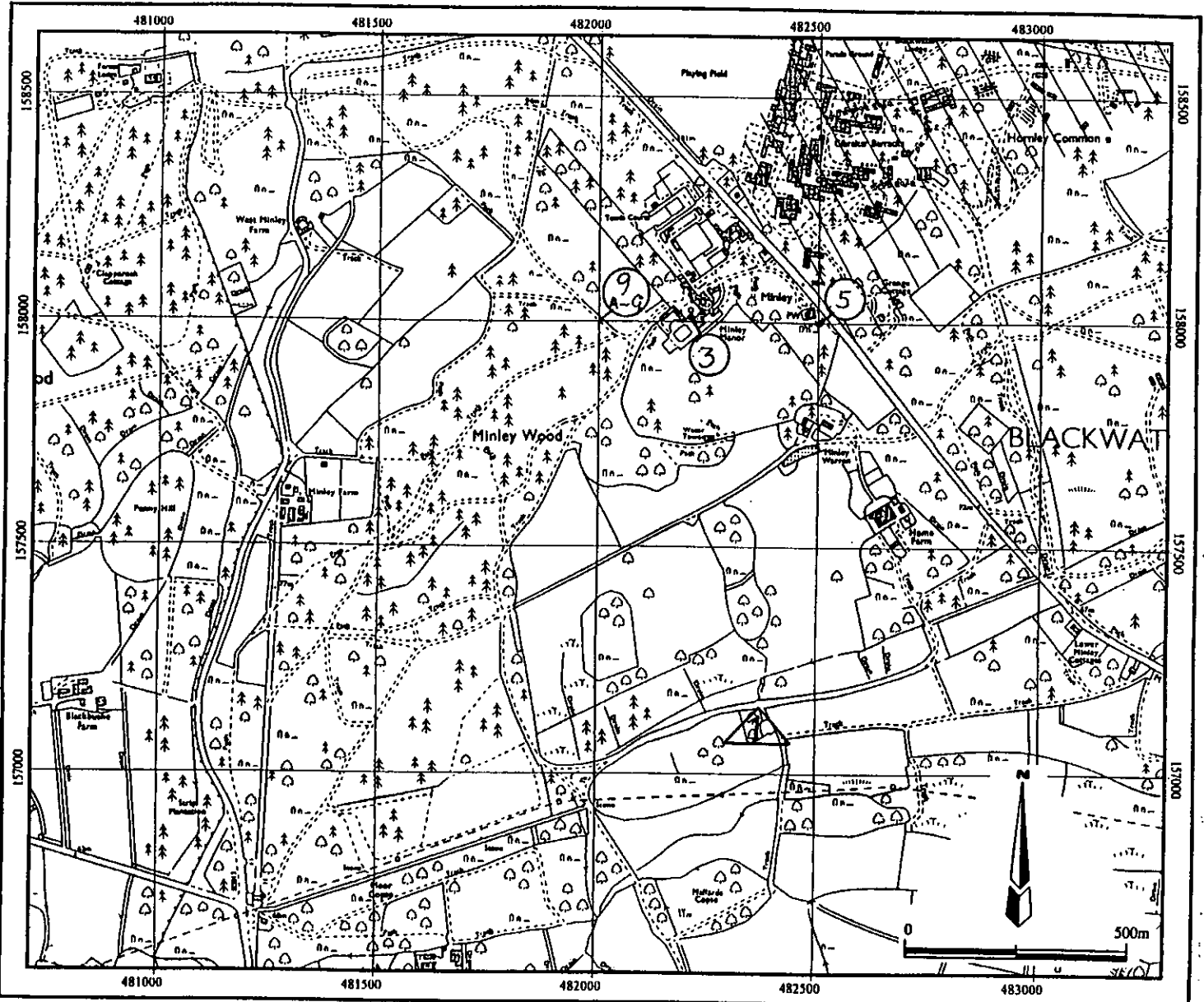
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Development and Archaeological Features

Map 3

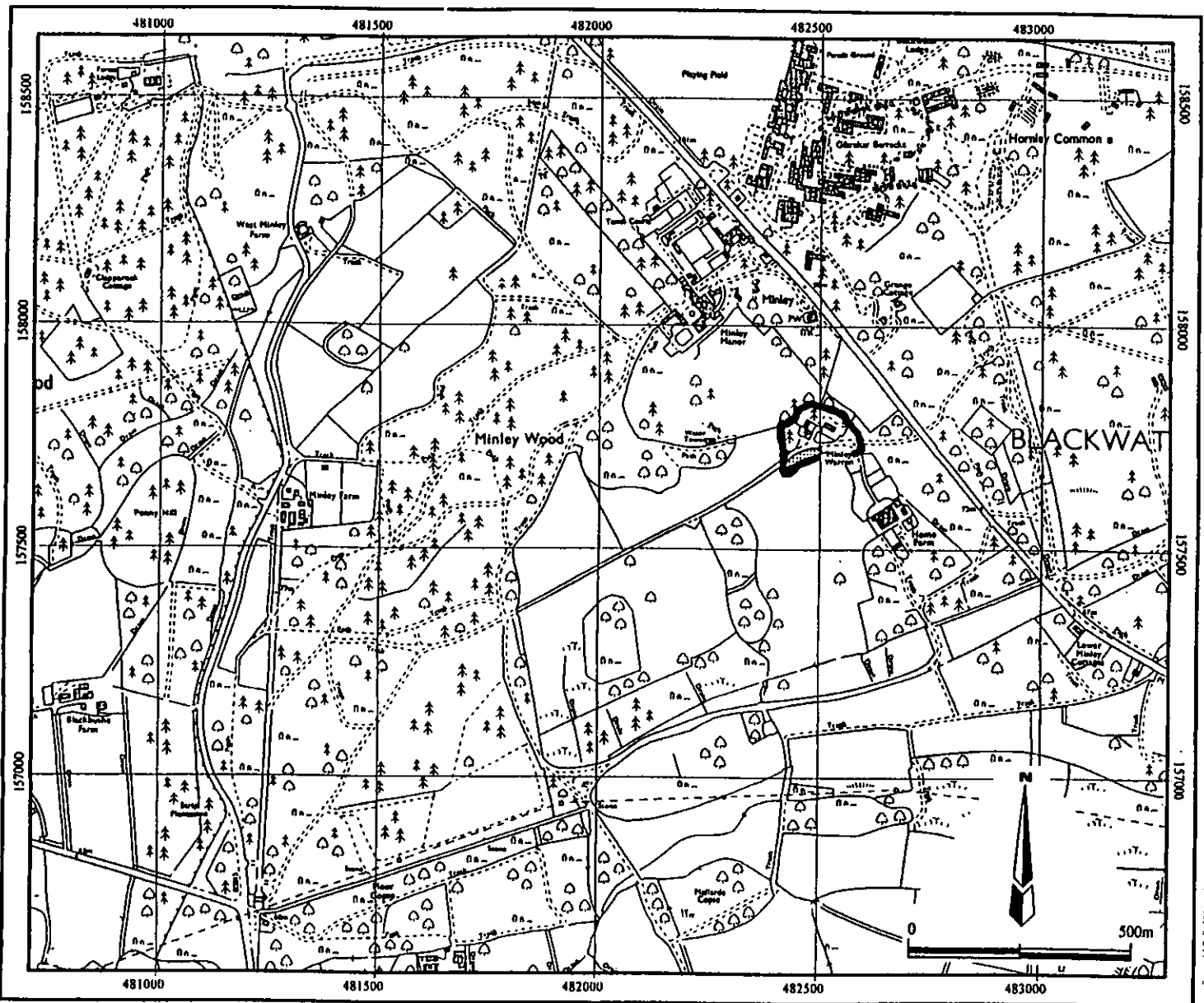


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Areas of Archaeological Potential

Map 4



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