

NAME Abbot's Ann  
PARISH Abbot's Ann  
HUNDRED Andover  
DISTRICT Test Valley  
NGR SU 328436  
GEOLOGY Upper Chalk. Small part on river gravels and alluvium

**SITE CONTEXT** On S side of Pillhill Brook the village is at 60-80m OD. The rise in height to the S is fairly gentle and continues to a little over 90m OD just S of the village but is a little steeper on the W edge of the village.

**PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION** Composite. Irregular grid and irregular agglomeration.

The church and old manor site immediately S of the church with the manor farm to the E, lie together in one large irregularly shaped block with a smaller block to the W. S of these units is another long narrow block within which the C18 Manor House is sited. All these units are bounded by roads or tracks forming a small irregular grid.

The main area of settlement lies away to the W of the church and forms an irregular agglomeration around the junction of four roads. On the W edge of the village is a large sub-rectangular area bounded by roads with a single dwelling and outbuildings in it.

To the E of the church along the road to Little Ann there appears to be two short regular rows of three plots in each. The Rectory sits within one of these plots and may have replaced an earlier building.

Along the roads from the S and N there are various small accretions to the main agglomeration especially around a point where the road widens to the N of the village. This appears to be an old outgang leading onto the meadow land along-side the stream.

Abbot's Ann is one of the *Anna* manors recorded in Domesday Book which presumably formed part of the royal Andover estate. It is certain that this large estate was being broken up by the early C10 as the manor was granted to Hyde Abbey in 901.

#### AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The area of highest archaeological potential covers the area of the grid within which the church and manor houses stand. The area to the E of the church appears to have been the site of the manor farm and it is to be expected that there were other ancilliary buildings around the Old Manor House. The area extends to the N to include part of the field N of the church as there are some earthworks there, especially in the W part of the field. Also included is the principal area of settlement around the junction of the four roads concentrating on the street frontages and the building lines along the road to the S.

Around the core of the AHAP are several AAPs. To the SW and NW of the village AAPs cover the rear parts of the plots whose street frontages are within the AHAP, and the sub-rectangular area on the edge of the village. The origins of this unit are of interest. Was it a periphery green or did it contain a large farm unit as can be seen in similar units in other villages in the county? The AAP extends to the E to include the area where the road widens into the remains of what may be have been a periphery green.

The plots alongside the road to Little Ann to the E area also included in the AAP except the plot on the S side of the road which has been developed. As stated above, it is possible that the Rectory replaced an earlier building on its plot which lay along the E-W road.

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD St Mary 1716. A church was mentioned in a charter of 903.

The churchyard is an irregular quadrangle and has been extended to include part of the site of the farmyard shown to the E on the Tithe map.

## BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Church of St Mary the Virgin 1716 I  
The Rectory 1716, mid C19 and C20 II\*  
Wall to N of the Rectory C18 II  
The Old Manor House 1762 Re-building of a larger house II  
The Manor House C18 and early C19 II  
Manor Cottages Nos 1 and 2 Early C19 II  
Nos 23, 24 and 25 Late C18 II  
Wel-Lin Nos 26 and 27 C18 II  
No 28 Late C18 II  
No 30 Once 2 C17 and early C20 II  
No 32 Spring Cottage Late C18 II  
Ash Cottage Late C18 II  
No 40 C18 II  
Nos 41 and 42 Late C18 II  
Jubilee Oak Early C19 II  
Lower Cottage Mid C19 II DEMOLISHED  
Nos 43 and 44 C17 with C19 cladding II  
Barn 15m W of 43, 44 Early C19 II  
Nos 45 and 46 once 2 C17, late C18 II  
No 47 Early C18 II  
The Old Bakery Range of cottages, now 1 Late C18 and Late C19 II  
Chalk House Early C19 II  
No 48 C17 reclad early C19 II  
Manor Fmhse 1738 II  
No 49 Early C19 II  
No 50 Late C18 raised early C19 II  
School House Once 3 Late C18 and mid C19 II  
Nos 57 and 58 Late C18 with C20 alterations II  
No 59 Cygnet Cottage Late C18 II  
Black Swan House Range of houses now 1 C18 II  
Nos 61 and 62 Once 2 Late C18 II  
Nos 63 and 64 Late C18 II  
The Cottage Late C18 and C20 II  
Upper Mill Fmhse Once a watermill Late C18 with C19 additions II

(Unlisted)

Outbuilding on N side of Church Lane near the main street Cob Probably C19 In poor condition

## SMR DATA

7	32704350	Med pot inc Old Sarum jug
16	33044356	Site of church replaced 1716

22	32904350	Med Village mentioned in Domesday Book
31	32804340	Post-med pot under floor of cottage
35	32804380	Post-med site of building, pot and CuA pin under floor
36	32804380	Med pit, wall footings and C13 pot
69		AP site
79		AP site

#### ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

1	33124358	Site of farm buildings shown on Tithe map. Large area of buildings - probably Manor Fm
2	33164359	Site of outbuildings (cartshed and stables?) shown on Tithe map
3	33234366	Site of outbuildings shown on Tithe map
4	33244360	ditto
5	32834338	Site of cottage shown on Tithe map
6	32834353	ditto
7	32704350	Row of cottages with outbuildings at rear shown on Tithe map
8	32824368	Outbuildings shown on Tithe map
9	33204346	Course of lane/road shown on Tithe map
10	32894346	Site of outbuilding shown on Tithe map
11	33224378	Site of cottage shown on Tithe map
12	32954365	Earthworks. A boundary corresponding a boundary shown on the Tithe map runs N-S from Church Lane just W of the church. To the W of this boundary there are earthworks and there appears to be some terracing lower down the slope. To the E of the boundary there is what appears to be a platform alongside the lane.
13	32644353	Earthworks. Shallow undefined earthworks including small dug out areas on the slope. Probable boundary at foot of slope SW of Manor Fm.
14	33164382	Post-med mill (Lower Mill)

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES OS 1:2,500 SU 3243-3343; Tithe map 21M65/F7/2 (1842); 37M85/19/OT/2 (1739).

#### AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY

##### PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

**Domesday** The Abbey (St Peters, Winchester). Always in the hands of the church. Before 1066 it paid tax for 15 hides, now for 8. Land for 9 ploughs. In lordship 2; 14 villagers and 12 smallholders with 7 pl. 4 slaves; 3 mills at 37s 6d. Value before 1066 and now £14; when acquired £12.

##### Subsidy Rolls

1334	6. 10. 6/2f
1524	7. 7. 6 (36 taxpayers)

**Manorial Documents** Prior of Cheburne held land etc worth £4. 12. 4. including a watermill, received from 17 tenants and 9 cottars £6. 16. 6. in rents and dues (Woodward Vol 3 p185).

**Hearth Tax**

1665

57 hearths chargeable (31 houses)

21 hearths not chargeable (21 houses) Total 52 houses

PLACE NAME 901 (at)*annea*; 1086 *Anna*. Obscure

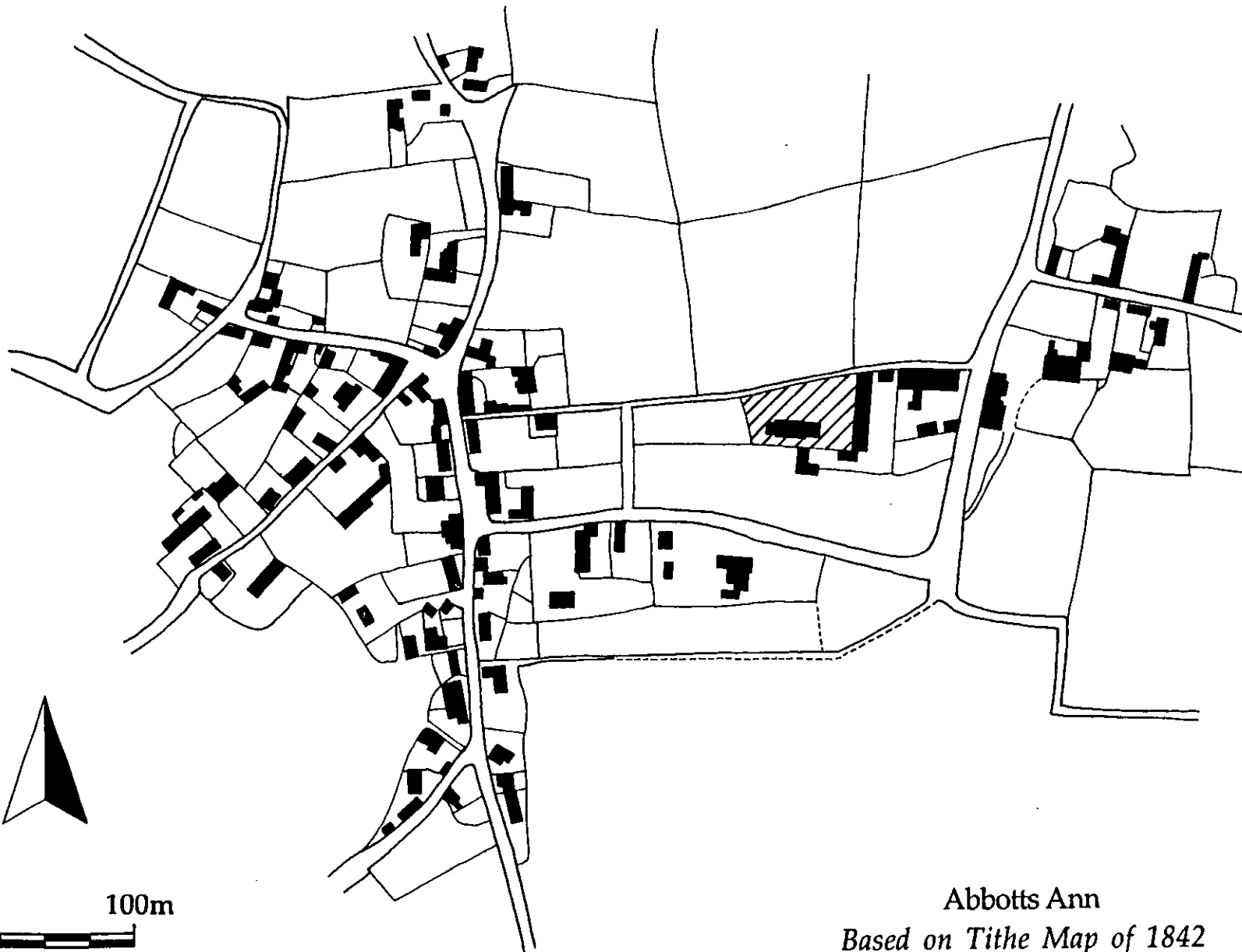
## PHOTOGRAPHS

## OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

Granted in 901 to Hyde Abbey and remained with the Abbey until the dissolution.

1692-1823 two mills are recorded.

Will of 955x958 of Aelfsige, bishop (ref. 1491 in Sawyer, 1968, p 417).



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*Based on Tithe Map of 1842*

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Archaeological Features



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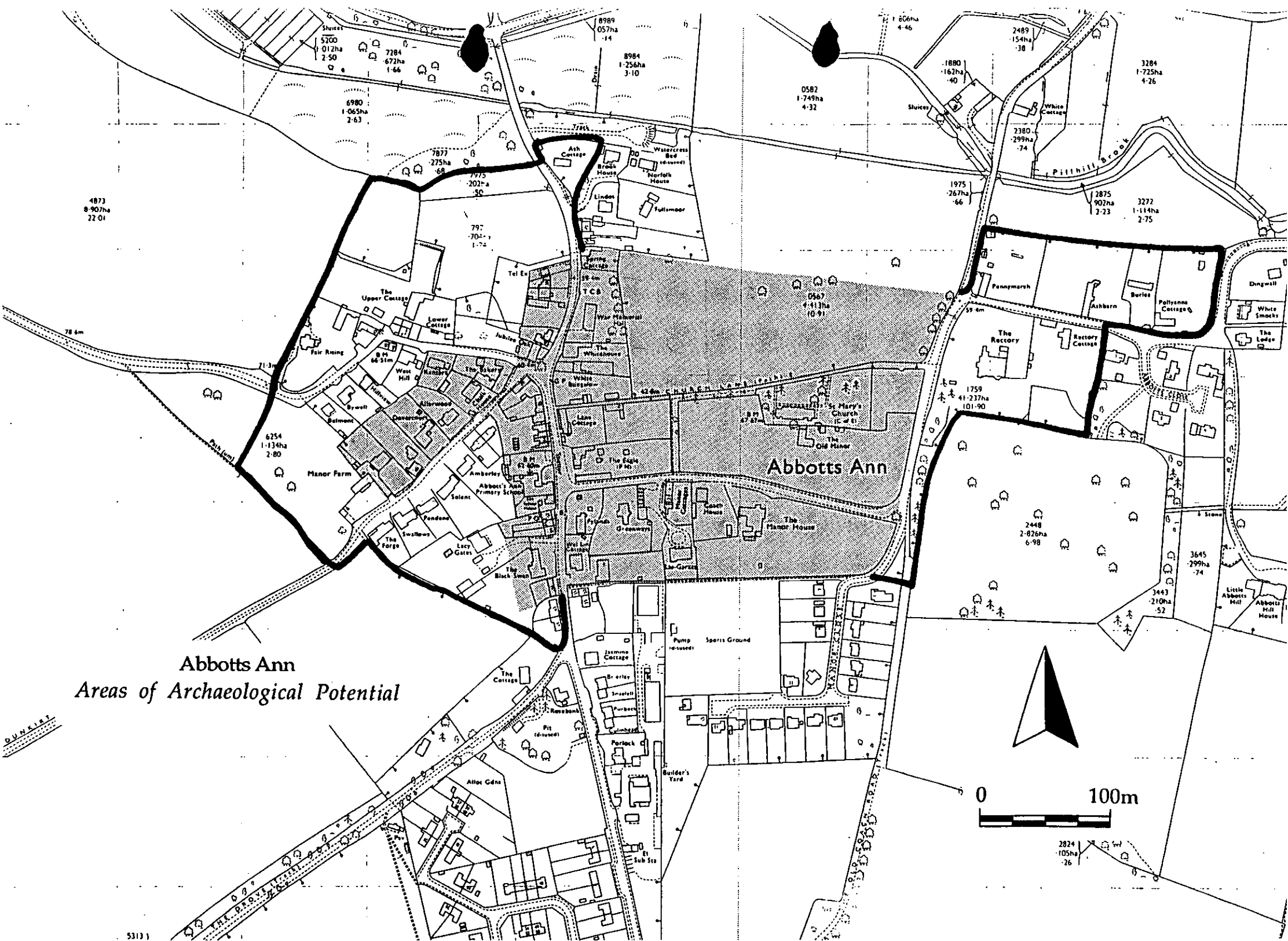
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*Areas of Archaeological Potential*

