

NAME Beaulieu
PARISH Beaulieu
HUNDRED New Forest
NGR SU386022
GEOLOGY Osborne and Headon Beds

SITE CONTEXT The village is sited on the SW bank of the River Beaulieu at between 0 and 10m OD. The village lies across the river from the Abbey which occupies a spur of land within a meander of the river.

PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION Beresford included Beaulieu in his book on the new towns of England although he admitted it was a problem settlement in that it is not possible to say for certain that it was a 'town' (Beresford, 1967, 381). The plan does not exhibit a strongly regulated pattern of burgage plots normally associated with such town developments of the C12 and C13. That there was no settlement here when the Abbey was founded in 1204 is almost certain as the Cistercian rule required the House to be in an isolated position. The village principally lies along a single street which is almost at right angles to the river. The area on the E side of the street is divided with a degree of regularity as would be expected in burgage plots, especially those to the S end of this area, but the rear boundary presents a puzzle as it is steeply angled to the road leaving the southern most property with a considerably smaller plot than those at the N of the area. This angled boundary actually runs in the same alignment as the boundaries of fields that lie along the road to the SE. The question of whether the length of the plots were dictated by the existing fields or truncated when the fields were laid out requires investigation. In a settlement such as this which must have been built on land wholly owned by the Abbey, it is difficult to see why, if they were laying out burgage plots, that they could not have part of the fields to allow equal sized building plots.

On the W side of the street there is no regularity at all with some plots having their greater length along the line of the road. Some plots behind those along the street frontage appear to be 'accretions' to the earlier plots. Could this area of settlement been built on a green?

NW of the village there is the large mill pond of the Abbey, the mill standing near the bridge which also acts as a dam to the pond. The land to the N of the river was occupied by the Abbey itself with the gatehouse facing the bridge. S of the main area of settlement and along the road to the SW there are several plots which appear to be encroachment on roadside waste. A similar plot can also be seen on the SW bank of the mill pond along the road to the NW.

AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL The precinct of the Abbey is an AHAP although not shown on the accompanying maps.

The main area of C19 settlement along both sides of the main street is regarded as an AHAP within which it may, through archaeological investigation and intensive recording of existing buildings, be possible to identify the earlier medieval core. This is most probably the area on the E side of the street and the row of properties at

the N end of the village but at present there is little evidence upon which to speculate when development began on the W side of the street apart from the fact that several buildings date from the C17.

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD The present parish church was the former refectory of the Abbey which was founded in 1204 by King John and consecrated in 1246.

BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Needs Ore Cottages 8 coastguard cottages 1853 II
The Old Brickworks and kiln Origins 1790 remodelled 1855 Kiln rebuilt mid C19 II
Winepress of Abbey C13 ruin II*
Palace stable yard range II
Old Garden Cottage and carriagehouse Early C19 II
Palace Cottage Annexe Early C19 II
Dairy N of Palace Cottage Mid C19 II
Palace Cottage C17 C18 C19 II
Domus of lay frater Late C13 altered C17 I
Palace House Incorporating mid C14 gatehouse I
Beufre Fmhse Med origins as grange, rebuilt C16 and remodelled II
Barn and farm range 60m SE C16 (possibly earlier) refaced C18 II*
Beufre Cottage Once 2 Late C18 II
Dukes Bath Cottage 1760 II
Gins Fmhse Gins Lane c.1700 altered C18 or C19 II
Farm range 10m SW C18 and C19 II
Chestnut Cottage Hatchet Lane C17 C19 II
Hatchet Gate Lodge Late C18 II
The Mill House High St (E side) C17 origins altered C18 and C19 II
Dairy converted to pill box Early C19 and 1940 II
Abbey Mill Mid C18 altered C19 II*
Mill Cottage Mid C19 II
The Montagu Arms 1888 II
Abbey Store and Hidden Cottage Mid C18 altered C19 II
No 43 Jasmine Cottage Mid C18 altered C19 II
Nos 44-45 Probably C17 encased C19 II
46 Late C18 II
1-4 Buccleuch Cottages 1864 II
51 and 52 Once 1 C17 C18 Timber framed II
53-55 C18 possibly casing older building II
Estateyard and House Mid C18 C19 II
Curtle House Late C17 rebuilt C18 II
Northern Cottages High St (W side) C18 and C19 II
No 56 and 3 Northern Cottages C16 rebuilt C18 altered C19 II
Secrets of the Forest Late C17 C18 C19 II
Beaulieu Fine Arts Mid C18 II
Nos 60-1 C19 of 2 builds II
Whitehall Late C18 C19 II
Kristen Pottery Service range of house II

Old Bank House 1684 C19 II
 Old Bank Cottage and No 57 C17 C18 C19 II
 Monks Well Hilltop B3054 Late C13 II*
 Hilltop House C16 origins on site of grange remodelled c.1700 altered C19 II
 Keeping Fmhse C16/early C17 II
 Barn and stables range 30m SE C18 barn with C19 stables
 Penerley Lodge II
 Ryehill Cottage C17 C18 II
 Abbey Gate Cottages Once 3 C18 and C19 II
 Church of the Blessed Virgin and Child Originally monastic frater I
 Palace Lane Cottage C17 C18 C19 II
 1 and 2 Palace Lane Early C19 II
 Home Fmhse Late C18 altered C19 II
 Home Farm Model farm II
 Park Fmhse Park Lane C16 origins on site of monastic grange II
 St Leonards Grange On site of grange c.1700 incorporating med remains
 Granary 10m N C18 II
 St Leonard's chapel C14 I
 St Leonard's Barn C14 with C16 barn inside I
 Farmbuildings NW Early C19 II
 Beck Fmhse Sowley Mid C18 C19 II
 Barn 40m SW Mid C18 II
 Pond House Sandpit Lane Sowley Late C18 C19 II

(Un-listed)

SMR DATA

SU30SE

2	38740229	Post-med tidemill
9	39200315	Meso flint tool and burnt flint
10	39200315	Prehist flint tool
11	39200315	Med pot
22	39730307	Well house C13 SAM 344
48	39100200	Meso flint tool
60	38870252	Med Abbey
61	38700220	Pillbox
62	38600230	ditto
63	38600230	ditto
64	38600230	ditto
65	38600240	ditto
66	38520263	C19 ice-house
70	39210319	C19 building material
71	39210319	Burnt flint
72	38730243	Med gatehouse and hunting lodge
73	38800280	Early Georgian formal garden
74	38800280	Canal
75	38800280	Victorian garden

St Leonards Grange

SZ49NW

7 40559815 Med monastic grange, C13 chapel SAM 341, Barn C13
SAM 342

ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

No additional sites recorded

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES OS 1st Edition 6" map 1868; OS 1:2,500 SU 3802-3902, 3801-3901.

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PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

Domesday Not mentioned

Hugh son of Osmund holds 1 hide in Hartford from the King. Ælfric held it jointly. Then it answered for 1 hide; now for nothing, because it is in the Forest. The land was for 4 pl. The value was 25s.

Thorbert Hunter had 1 hide in Otterwood; it answered for as much. Now it is in the Forest. Land for 2 pl. The value was 21s.

Ælfric and 2 freeholders had 1 hide and 1 virgate in Otterwood; it answered for as much. Now it is in the forest. Land for 3 pl. The value was 30s

Subsidy Rolls

1334	Not recorded
1524	6. 19. 6 (62 taxpayers)

Manorial Documents

Hearth Tax

1665	150 hearths chargeable (47 houses) 41 hearths not chargeable (41 houses) Total 88 houses
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PLACE NAME 1205 (*de*) *Bello Loco* AN 'lovely place'.

PHOTOGRAPHS

OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

In 1220 the Abbey was given permission to mark the limit of the Abbey land with a dyke. In 1300 licence was granted to inclose 8 a of waste of their own soil at Black Down near Holbury. In 1324 there was a grant to hold 223.5 a of waste land in the S of the bailiwick of the forest for which they received no charter. The land was to be

inclosed by a dyke and a small hedge but this was resisted by the locals. The abbot's men were so badly beaten in Nottle so that he lost their services for some time. The dykes were filled in and the hedges uprooted (VCH IV, 650).

There were chapels of Boverey, Trougham and St Leonards (SZ 405982) and granges at Herfords Otterwood, Bocklodginge and St Leonards. Only at St Leonards are there visible remains. There is a site of a chapel near Park Farm (VCH IV, 650).

Also a chapel at Park Farm (SZ 399967)

Other settlements in the parish include:

Beck Farm First recorded 1538

Bovery/Beufre Monastic grange

Colgrims First recorded 1210

Hartford First recorded in 1086. Location at Hartford Farm (DMVRG AR 1961)

Otterwood First recorded 1086 Monastic grange and barn

Oxelei A DMV in the NMR at SU 398018

Sowley

St Leonards Grange first recorded 1210

Througham First recorded 749 Name means water pipe/channel farm. This is now Park Farm. The charter of 749 granted 5 *mansae* to the church of Winchester.

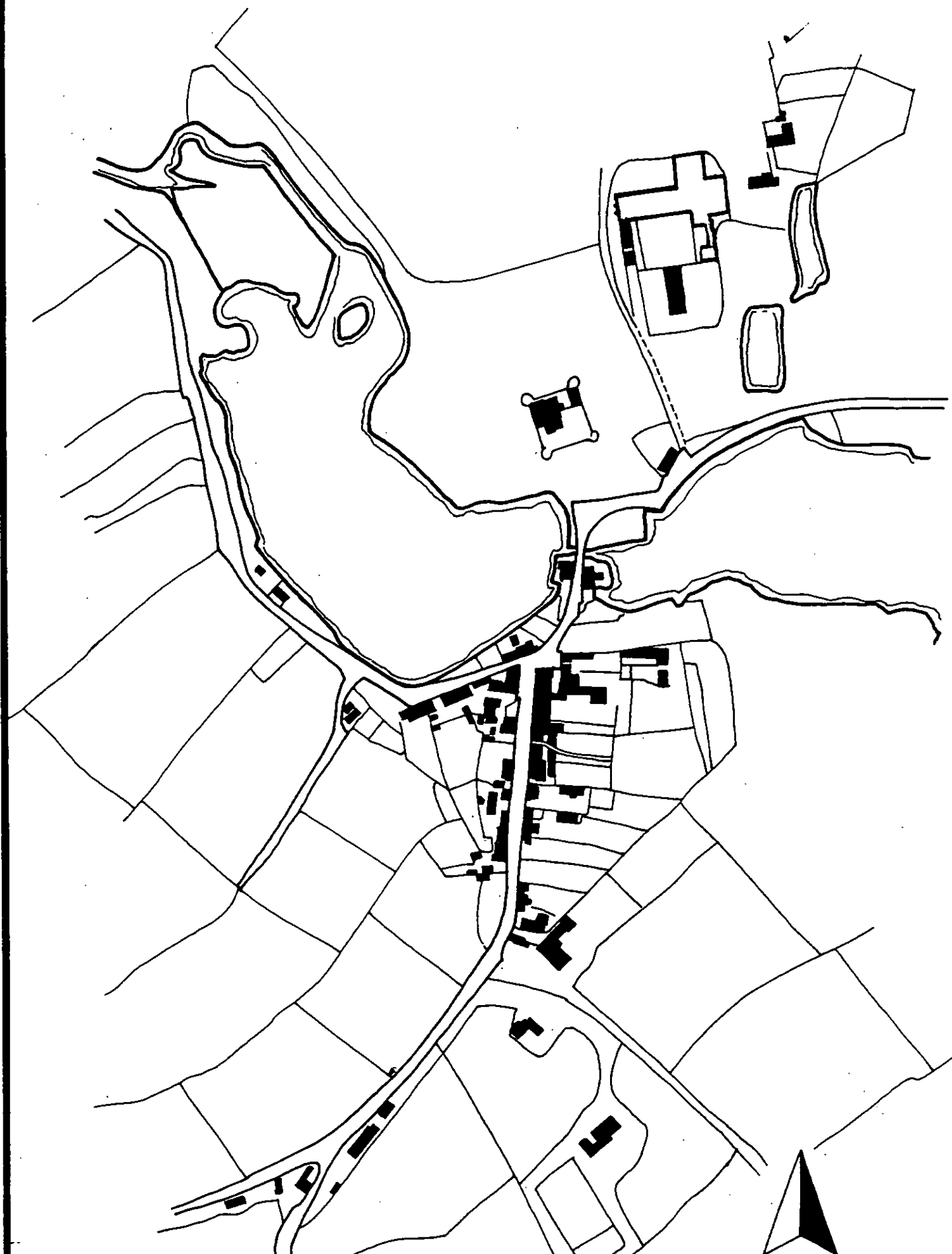
Another charter recording the grant of 7 hides to the church of Winchester by King Edgar in 959x975 at *Thucam* may also be this place.

The charter of 749 (above) also records the grant of 1 *mansae* at *Eppellhyrst*.

Applehurst is a lost name which was also recorded in a Brockenhurst charter of 1339.

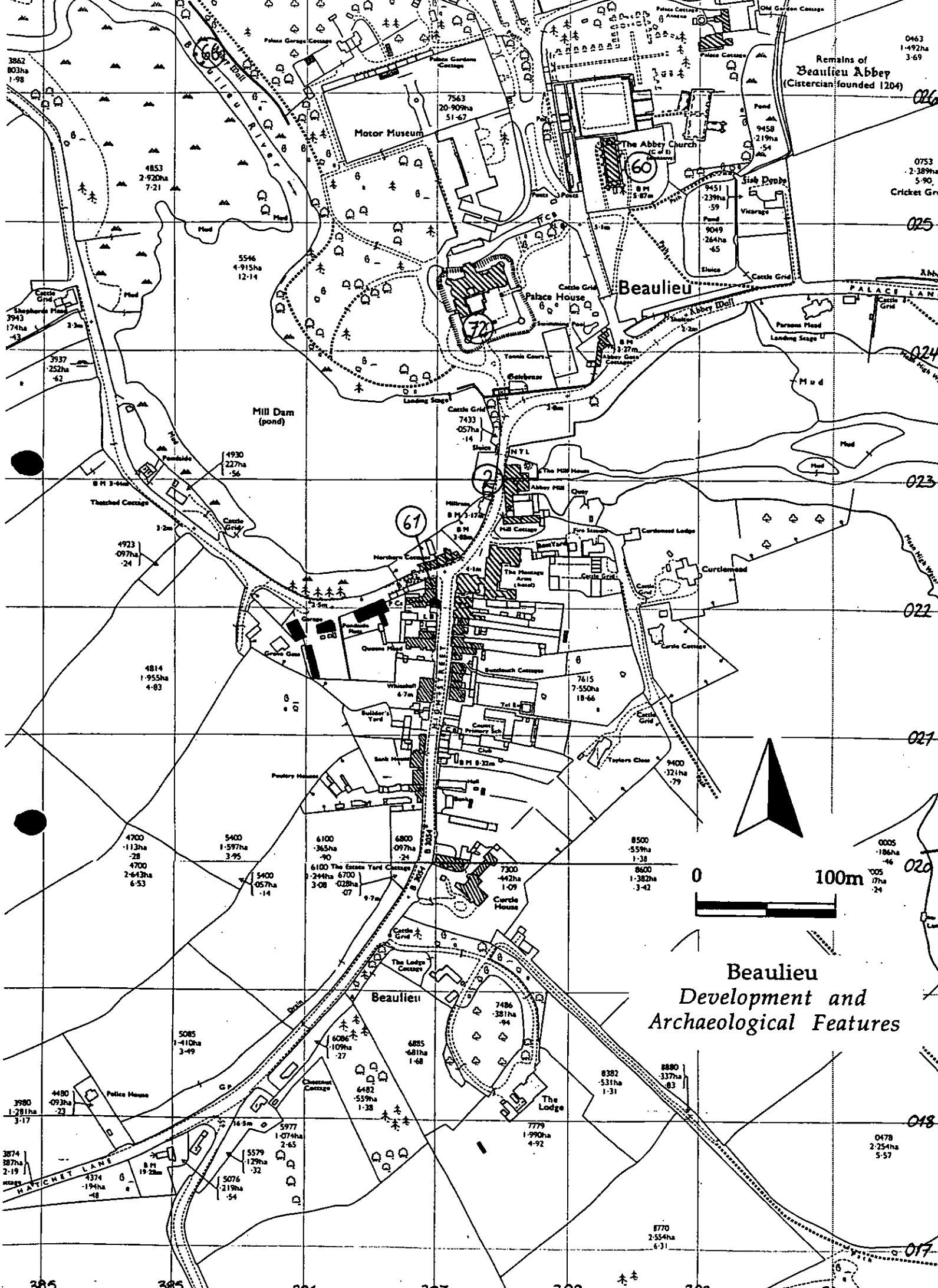
A market was recorded here in 1468 but it was inside the close of the Abbey (Hughes, 1976).

Research has shown that there was settlement outside the Abbey from the C16 (Bartlett, 1973). This is evident from the date of some of the surviving buildings in the village.



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Based on OS 1st Edition 6"
map of 1868

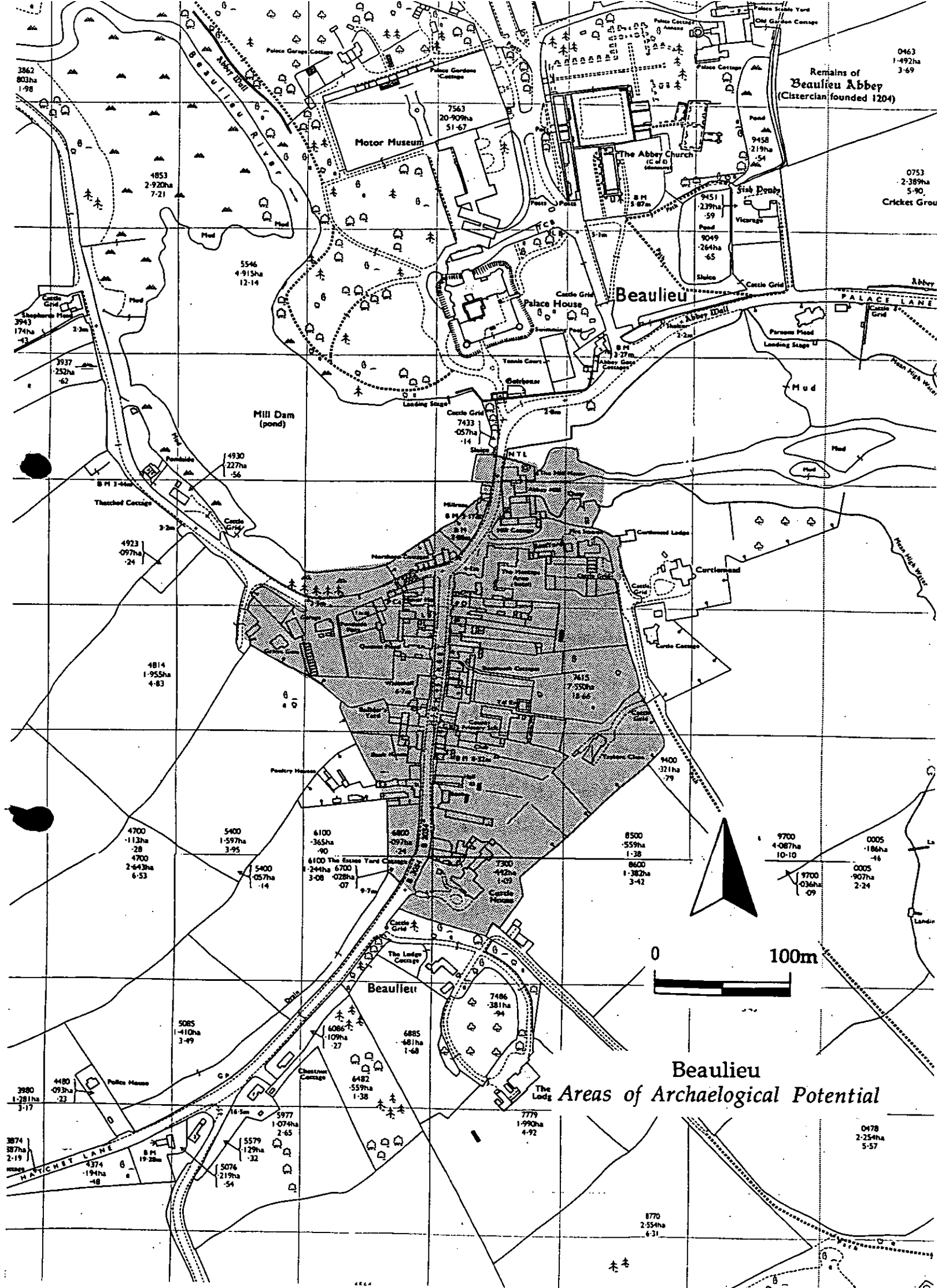




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Remains of Beaulieu Abbey (Cistercian; founded 1204)

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Areas of Archaeological Potential

0463
1-492ha
3-69

0753
2-389ha
5-90
Cricket Ground

3862
803ha
1-98

4853
2-920ha
7-21

5546
4-915ha
12-14

3943
174ha
-63

3937
252ha
-62

4930
227ha
-56

4923
097ha
-24

4814
1-955ha
4-83

4700
113ha
-28

4700
2-643ha
6-53

5400
057ha
-14

6100
365ha
-90

6100 The Essex Yard Cottages
2-244ha 6700
3-08 028ha
07

6820
097ha
-24

8500
559ha
1-38

8600
1-382ha
3-42

9700
4-087ha
10-10

9700
036ha
09

0005
186ha
-46

0005
907ha
2-24

3980
1-281ha
3-17

3874
387ha
2-19

4374
194ha
-48

5579
129ha
-32

5076
219ha
-54

6086
109ha
27

6482
559ha
1-38

7486
381ha
-94

7779
1-990ha
4-92

8770
2-554ha
6-31

0478
2-254ha
5-57