

<b>1.0</b>	<b>PARISH</b>	Bentley
<b>2.0</b>	<b>HUNDRED</b>	Liberty of Bentley
<b>3.0</b>	<b>NGR</b>	478400 144600
<b>4.0</b>	<b>GEOLOGY</b>	Gault

### 5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Map 2)

Modern Bentley is effectively a biparthite settlement. The parish church is somewhat isolated, standing at *c.* 117m AOD and with extensive views from the churchyard eastwards. Downhill and south of the church and at 0.3km distance, the substantial part of Bentley lies along a former stretch of the A31, the route from Holybourne (5.6km) to Farnham (5km). There is now a bypass to the south. This part of the settlement, at *c.* 95m AOD, is considerably lower than the parish church. In recent years, this lower part of Bentley has been enlarged by housing development on the north side of the former A31 at Bab's Field (see Maps 4 / 1 & 4 / 2).

### 6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION (Maps 3 / 1, 3 / 2, 4 / 1, 4 / 2, 5 / 1 & 5 / 2)

#### Isolated church + regular row

**6.1 *Isolated church*** The parish church of St Mary is attended by Church Cottage and Well Cottage but there is no good evidence that it was ever central to a settlement grouping. The place-name suggests that it was associated with a forest clearing location (*i.e.* Alice Holt) and from 1129 it was one of four estates allotted as liberties (effectively tithings) to the Archdeaconry of Surrey at nearby Farnham. The church was a dependent chapel of Farnham. Forest estates such as Bentley are unlikely to have been nucleated and it is more probable that the location of the church was determined by its position on a pilgrim route to St Swithun, Winchester and to Canterbury. Beresford's & Hurst's assertion that Bentley is a Deserted Medieval Village (1971: 188) must be treated with extreme caution.

**6.2 *Regular Row*** Settlement along the former A31 main road is principally along the north side and this was also the case at the time of the Tithe Map survey of 1840. In a sense, this is a regular row but it cannot be asserted that this was a planned medieval feature. Somerset's Cottage is cruck built and medieval (Paragraph 10.0, No. 124); Ash Cottage, Ganwell's and Grafton Cottage are said to have C16 interiors (Eggar, 1974: un-numbered). Red Lion House has C16 features according to the Hampshire Treasures survey (1882: 6, 30). However, the majority of the roadside building stock is C17-19 and this suggests a pattern of settlement that was influenced by the development of the Turnpike road (A31). Prior to this, Bentley was characterised by its 'greens' (Green Farm, South Green, Carter's Green, East Green) and this would be consistent with its forest locale. The location of a green at Bentley Green Farm on the south side of the main road (Eggar, 1974: un-numbered) might account for the paucity of settlement in this area of Bentley. A green, known as Broad Flood, still exists at the east end of

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Bentley at the junction between the main road (former A31) and School Lane (see Maps 4 / 2

& 5 / 2) and it is conceivable that there was some medieval settlement around this feature as represented by Grafton Cottage (C16 / 17). Crock's Farm (C18) defines the western limit of the linear settlement.

### 6.3 *Site visit condition:* Overcast (24.2.99)

## 7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL (Maps 5 / 1 & 5 / 2)

### 7.1 *AsAP*

**7.1.1** Notwithstanding the comments made in Paragraph 6.1 above, a large zone south of the parish church has been defined to allow for the possibility of former settlement in this area. This takes into account the locations of earthworks recorded during the site visit (Paragraph 11.0, Nos 1 to 4). However, it is probable that three of these sites (Nos 1, 2 & 4) are associated with former orchards.

**7.1.2** The settlement area along the north side of the former A31 route. Here, the cruck-built Somerset's Cottage and buildings of C16 origin may be indicative of more widespread medieval settlement along the line of the road. The AAP includes the green at the junction of School Lane and the main road.

### 7.2 *AsHAP*

**7.2.1** An area encompassing St Mary's church and churchyard, Church Cottage and Well Cottage.

## 8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

### St Mary

- Chapelry dependent upon Farnham;
- The original church structure is of Malm Stone from the nearby Perryland quarry (c. 1km north-east);
- C12 chancel & north chapel; font;
- C12, 13, 14 piscinas in chancel & chapels; c. 1200 tower & tower arch;
- C13 south chapel;
- C15 restoration of nave & chancel;
- C18 tower, top tier C18;
- 1890 nave & aisles; substantial restoration by Henry Woodyer;
- 1928 eastwards extension of churchyard.

## 9.0 BUILDINGS (Maps 4 / 1 & 4 / 2)

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
*	Hill Farmhouse	C17, 19	II
*	Hill Farmhouse: barn 30m south of	C18	II
*	Northbrok: The Lodge, Alton Road (A31)	early C19	II
*	Marsh Cottages, Bentley	C16, 17, 18, 19	II
*	Prestons, Bentley Green (main road)	C17, 18, 20	II

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*	South Green, Rectory Lane	C18
*	Green Farmhouse, The Drift	C18

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*	St Clement's Cottage (St Clements), The Drift	C17, 18	II
*	Perrylands, Broad Hatch Lane	early C19	II
*	Perrylands: granary 40m NE of	early C19	II
*	Church of St Mary	C12, 13, 15, 1890	II*
*	Table tombs south of nave	C18	II
*	1-4 South Farm Cottages, Crondall Road	C18, 19	II
*	Meadowview Cottage, East Green	C16, 19	II
*	Jenkyn Place, Hole Lane	early C18, 19	II
*	Jenkyn Place: boundary wall east of	C19	II
*	Coldrey Farm (Coldrey House)	C16, 17	II*
*	Coldrey Farm: stable block 10m NW of	1800	II
*	Ash Cottage, A31 main road	C18	II
*	Cedar Cottage, A31 main road	C19	II
*	Crocks Cottages, A31 main road	C18, 19	II
*	Crocks Farm Cottages, A31 main road	C17, 19	II
*	Crocks Farmhouse, A31 main road	C18	II
*	Ganwells, A31 main road	C18	II
*	Greystones, A31 main road	C18	II
*	Lime House, A31, main road	C19	II
*	Marelands, A31 main road	C17, 18, 19	II*
*	Marelands: barn 30m north-west of	C17	II
*	Milestones: A31 main road	1825	II
*	Northbrook, A 31 main road	early C19	II
*	Northbrook: stables 20m north of	early C19	II
*	Northbrook Cottages, A31 main road	c. 1840	II
*	1 & 2 Northbrook Farm Cottages, A31 main road	C16, 19	II
*	Northbrook Farm Cottages: barn 20m north of	1680, C19	II
*	Red Lion House (The Red Lion), A31 main road	C17, 18, 20	
II			
*	Star Cottage, A31 main road	C17, 18, 19	II
*	1, Somerset Cottages, A31 main road	C16, 17, 18	II
*	2, Somerset Cottages, A31 main road	C17, 18	II
*	Tanners, A31 main road	C17, 18	II
*	The Bull Inn, A31, main road	C17, 19	II
*	Fox Hall & Fox Hall Cottage, School La.	C18, 19	II
*	Grafton Cottage, School Lane	C18, 19	

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**NB** The 'main road' is no longer a part of the A1

## 10.0 SMR DATA SW 478000 143500, NE 479500 145500 (Maps 4 / 1 & 4 / 2)

SU 74 SE	No.		
	11A	475410 144700	Medieval. Parish Church.
	11B	475410 144700	Medieval. C13 pottery find, probably from Bentley kiln; also 1 x sherd of <i>Ship Lane Ware</i> .
	11C	475410 144700	Post-Medieval. C18 coffin fittings.
	18	478500 144500	Mesolithic. 4 x flint cores, 2 x scrapers, 6 x microliths. Basingstoke Museum.
	36	478500 143500	Bronze Age. Flanged Axe. Hampshire County Museums Service Acc. No. A1982.11.
	49A	479300 143900	Post Medieval. Country House (Marelands).
	49B	479300 143900	Post-Medieval. Barn.
	49C	479300 143900	Post-Medieval. Garden at Marelands.
	49D	479480 143180	Post-Medieval. Ice-house.
	50	478400 144700	Domesday settlement of <i>Berelege</i> . Conjectural location.
	60	478000 144000	Iron Age. Worked bone handle with incised zig-zag pattern.
	62	478400 143900	Iron Age. 2 x coins.
	63A	478250 144350	Post-Medieval. Country House C18, 20 with core dated to 1637.
	63B	478250 144350	C19 boundary wall.
	63B	478250 144350	Undated. Formal garden.
	63D	Unknown	Undated. Well; perhaps <i>Janknes's well</i> of Domesday Book.
	65	479100 144580	Undated. Garden at Broadhatch House.
	101	478200 143700	Neolithic. Polished axe find.
	104	479290 144150	Roman road.
	123	479050 144150	Medieval. Rectangular timber building.
	124	478300 143950	Medieval. Cruck-built hall.

## 10.2 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

Hants No.	NGR	Parish	NAR / NMR Nos
141	477910 145820	Bentley	SU74NE6 / 243745
143	479390 146270	Bentley	SU74NE9 / 243764
149	477040 143610	Bentley (& Froyle)	SU74SE5 / 243939
154	478000 143000	Bentley	SU74SE34 / 244002

## 10.3 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

SAM No.	NGR	Site
None		

## 11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (maps 4 / 1 & 4 / 2)

1	478545 144530	Earthworks (possibly associated with former orchard)
2	478590 144530	Earthworks (possibly associated with former orchard)
3	478500 144490	Site of building represented on the Tithe Map of 1840
4	478640 144530	Earthworks (possibly associated with former orchard)
5	478710 144350	Earthworks of building represented on the Tithe Map of 1840
6	478680 144070	Earthworks (field system?)
7	478400 143900	Earthworks

## 12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/17/2 (1840 / 1841)
- GSGB 284 Basingstoke
- OS 1: 2500 SW 477730 143560, NE 478600 144160  
SW 478230 143820, NE 478830 144735
- OS 1: 25000 Pathfinder 1224 (SU 64/74), Lasham & Alton (North).

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*Proceedings of the Hampshire Field Club and Archaeological Society* 32: 71-5
- Beresford M & Hurst JG 1971 *Deserted Medieval Villages* Guildford & London, Lutterworth Press
- Eggar M 1974 *The Church & Village of Bentley St Mary in Hampshire* Bentley, the Parochial Church Council
- HTS 6: 27-33
- VCH 4: 27-30

## 14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

### 14.1 Domesday Book

2, 25 The Bishop (*of Winchester*) himself holds Bentley. [It is] of the Bishopric. Before 1066 it answered for 10 hides; now for 8 hides. Land for 10 ploughs. In lordship 2 ploughs; 17 villagers and 5 smallholders with 8 ploughs. 4 slaves; a mill at 10s; meadow, 10 acres; woodland for fencing. Osbern holds 1 hide and 1 virgate of this land from the Bishop; William 1½ hides. 2 ploughs in lordship; 3 villaagers with 1 plough. Meadow, 1 acre; woodland, 2 pigs. The value of the Bishp's lordship is and was £12; Osbern's 50s; William's 20s.

### 14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£2.0.4	
1524	1st survey	Not listed.	
	2nd survey	£0.6.10	(7 taxpayers)

### 14.3 Manorial Documents

Bentley was dependent upon the Bishop of Winchester's Liberty of Farnham and effectively a tithing of that place. Other manor recorded: Pury (Perryland).

### 14.4 Hearth Tax

1665	132 hearths chargeable (44 houses)	
	9 hearths not chargeable (6 houses)	Total: 141 houses.

### 15.0 PLACE NAME

963 x 975 (*aet*) *beonetleh*; 973 x 974 (*to*) *beonetlegæ* (*gemære*); 1167 *Benetlea*; 1208 *Benetlega*; 1272 *Bunetlye*; 1341 *Bienteleg*. OE *beonetleah* 'bent grass clearing' or, less likely, 'meadow'.

### 16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

### 17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS

#### 17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters

- King Edward to Winchester Cathedral; confirmation of land at.....Bentley, Hants. (164 / **382**)
- AD 963 x 975. King Edgar to the church of Winchester; restoration of land at....Bentley, near Alton, Hants. (260 / **823**).

#### 17.2 Other parish settlements include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>Map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
Bentley Castle	230	479300 146200	1327
Cheeks Farm	231	480300 145900	1333
Floods Farm	232		1327
Hole House	233		1292
Inwoods Farm	234		1236
Locks Farm	235	478000 145000	1292
Marrlands	236	479300 148800	1350
Marsh House	237	479800 144500	1218
Pax Hill	238	477600 144300	1334
Perryland	239	479500 145000	1334

#### 17.3 Enclosures

*Parliamentary:*

<i>NEP no.</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
14013		1851	1859	Bentley Green, Carters Green, East Green, Slade Green
14014	1810		1814	Forest of Bere within which Bentley had rights

continued.....

*Formal Agreements:*

<i>NRP no.</i>	<i>Agreement</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
None.			

## 17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

Broad Flood

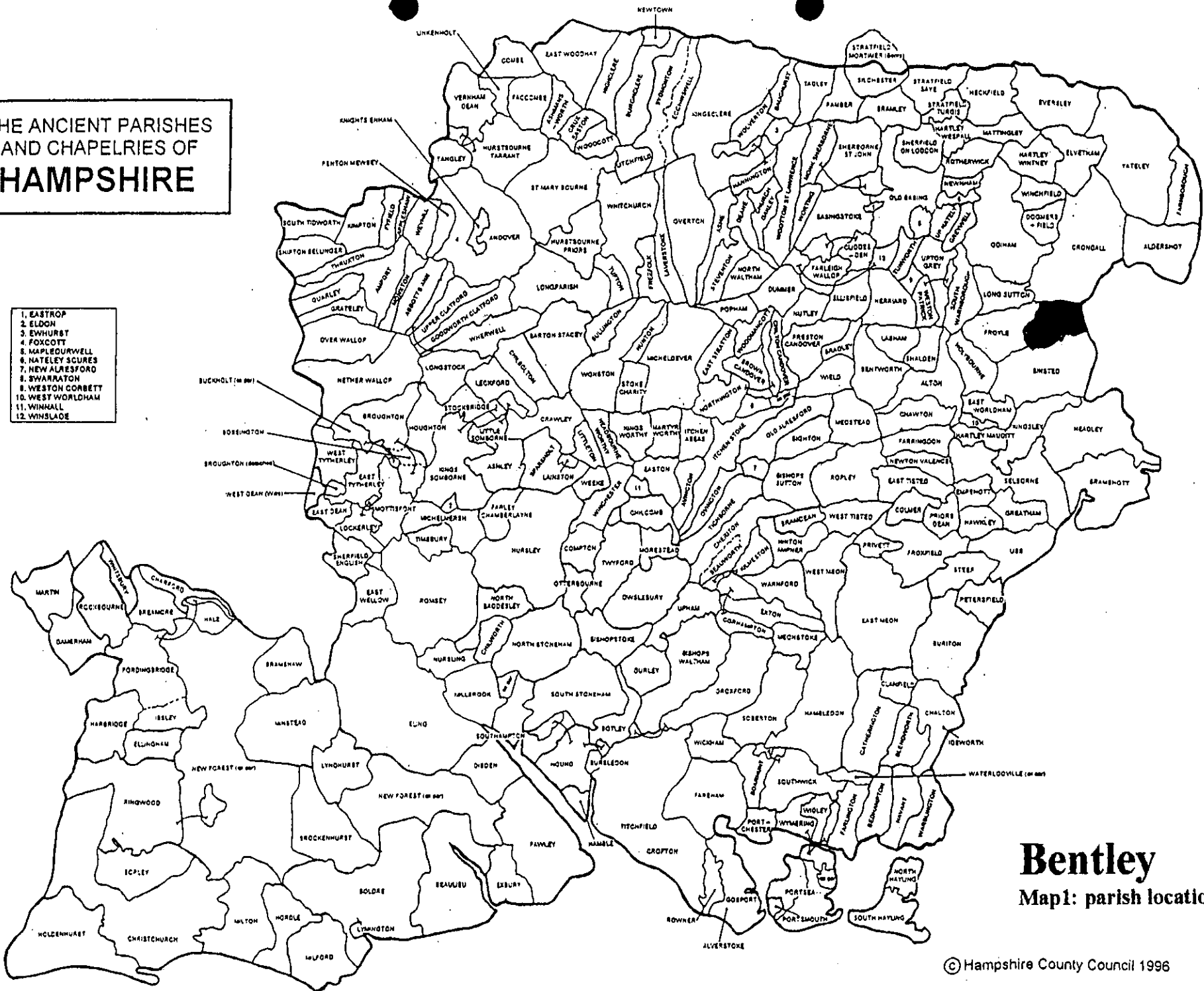
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THE ANCIENT PARISHES  
AND CHAPELRIES OF  
**HAMPSHIRE**

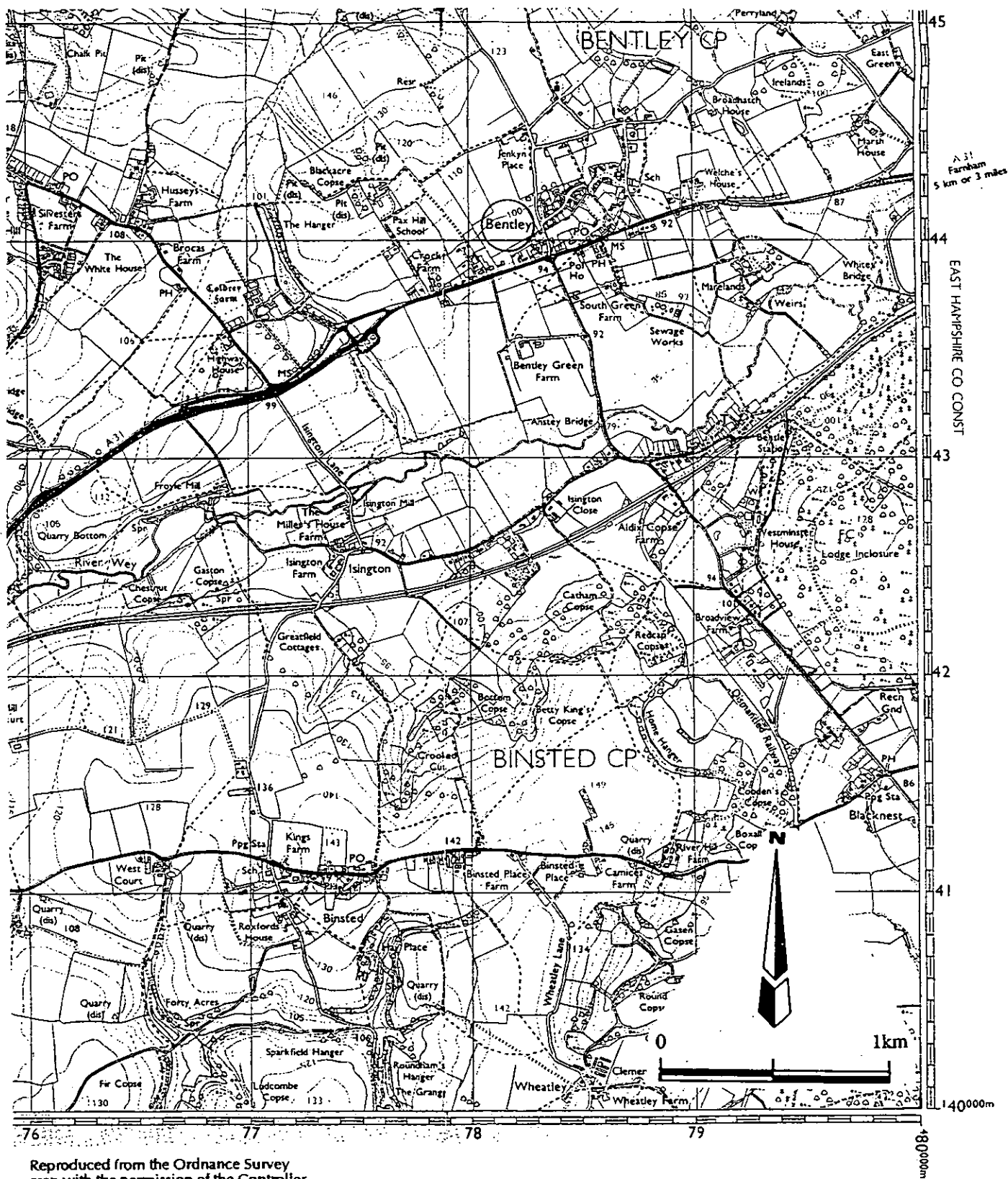
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7. NEW ALRESFORD
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10. WEST WORLDHAM
11. WINNALL
12. WINSLADE



**Bentley**  
Map1: parish location

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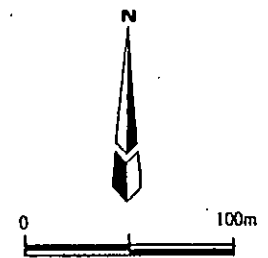
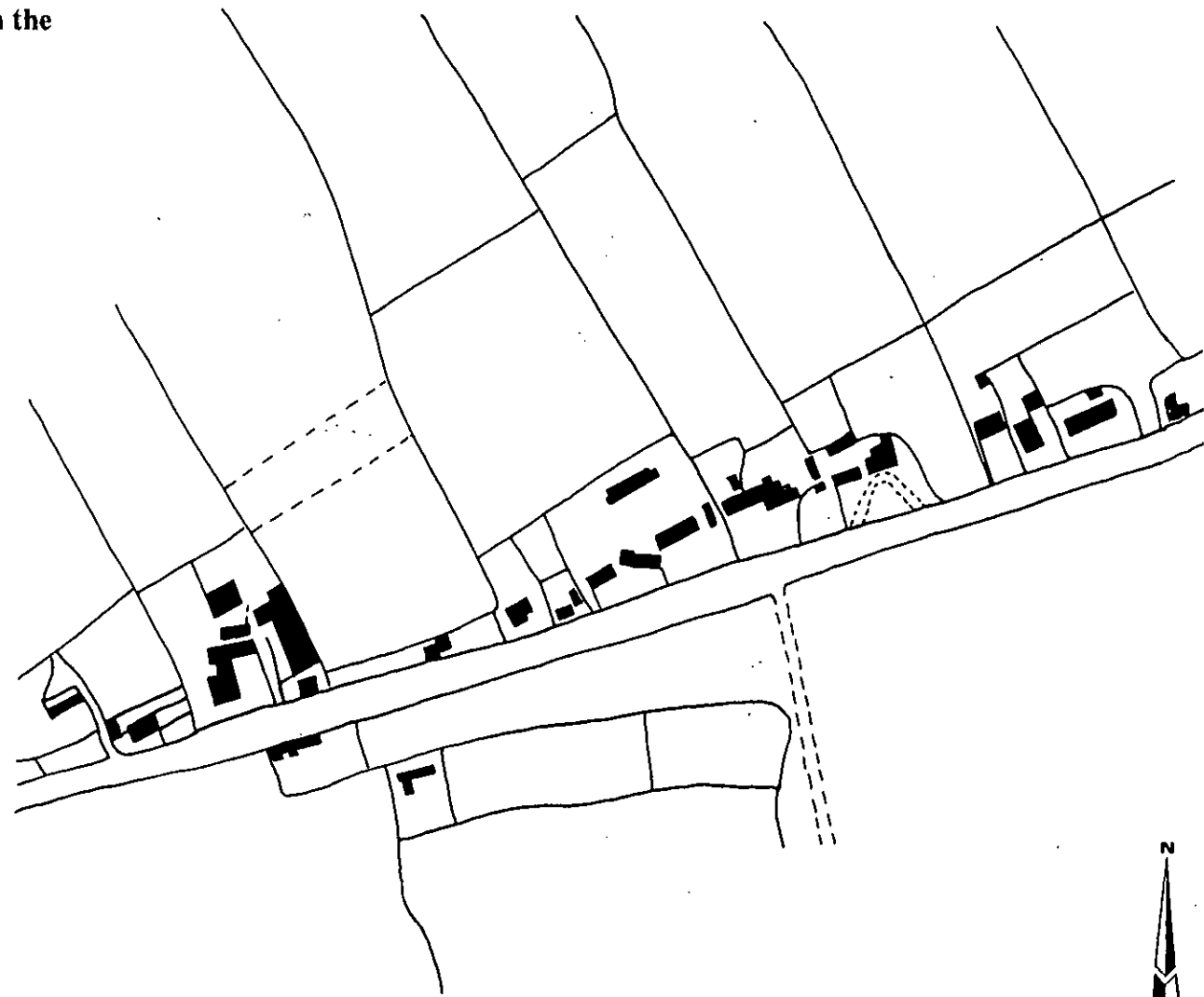
Map 2: general location



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# Bentley (west)

Map 3 / 1: transcribed from the  
Tithe Map of 1840





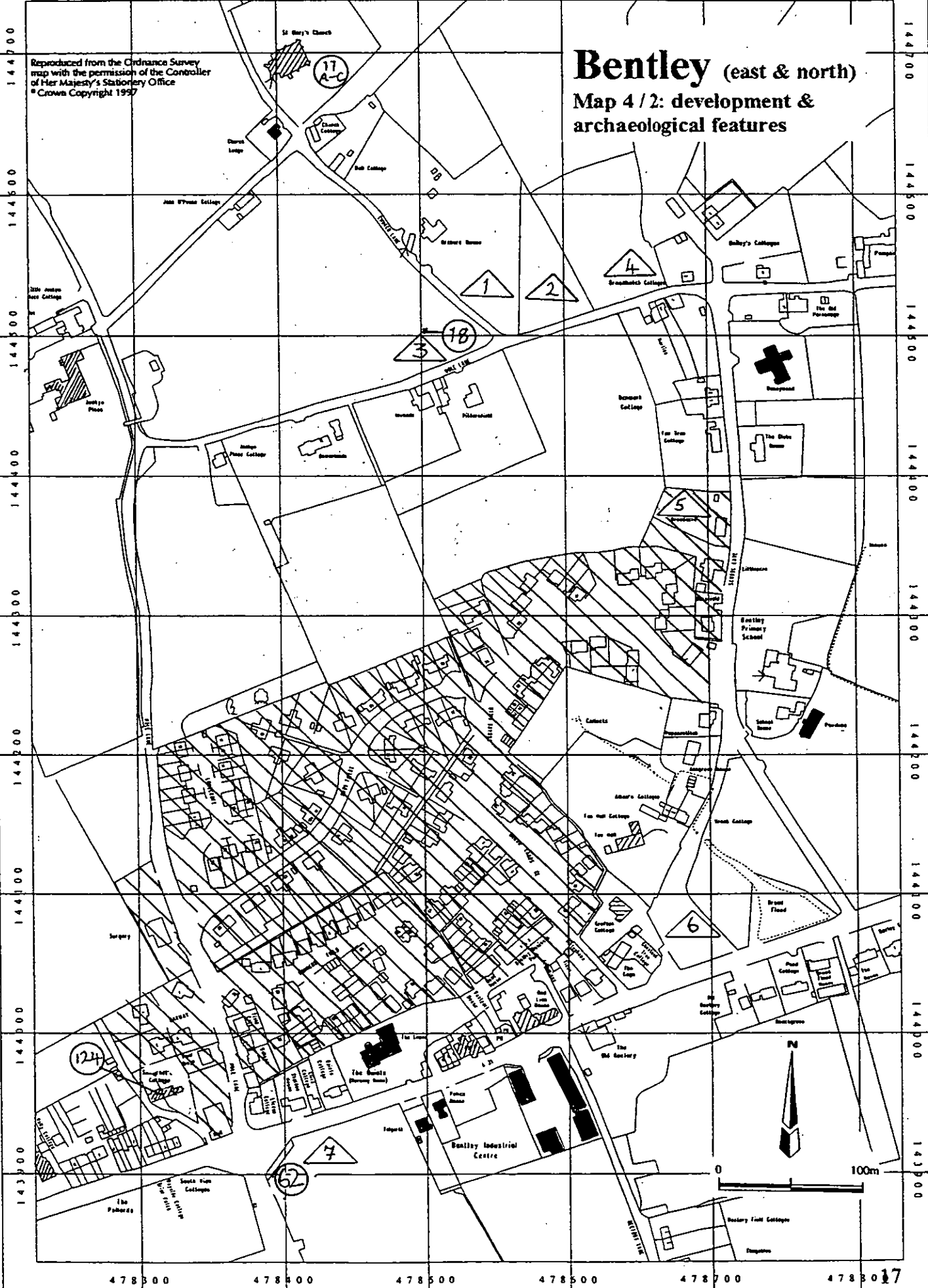


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# Bentley (east & north)

## Map 4 / 2: development & archaeological features



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