

1.0	PARISH	Bentworth
2.0	HUNDRED	Odiham
3.0	NGR	466600 140200
4.0	GEOLOGY	Gault (clay and marl)

5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Map 2)

Bentworth is situated on a south-west / north-east ridge. The settlement is at an intersection of road routes. From Medstead (3km south) Holt End Lane passes through Bentworth as the principal road, but it forks before reaching the church. The northern branch (Church Lane) forms a gentle arc, terminating at Bentworth church but it continues eastwards as a public right of way. The other branch of the road (Village Street) heads eastwards and then north in a wide loop to Ham Farm before resuming a northern course towards Lasham. Two hundred metres north of the parish church (178.18m AOD) is an east-west road (Ashley Road / Drury Lane) that crosses the chalk downs at c.165m AOD. Eastwards (1.5km) this road joins with an unadopted drove road.

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

Polyfocal: Manor house & farm + church & irregular agglomeration

Bentworth comprises two distinct elements:

- a manor house, Hall Farm, and associated farm;
- the parish church and a cluster of buildings in and around Church Lane and Village Street.

Hall Farm is at the east end of Holt End Lane, its attendant farm and cottages illustrated as a discrete grouping on the Tithe Map of 1840. St Mary's Church is almost 400m to the north-east and the Tithe Map shows unoccupied spaces in Holt End Lane between the two settlement groups. The north side of the Lane is an extension of the green (see Paragraph 6.2) and this would account for absence of settlement. These spaces have been filled by late C19 and C20 development.

6.1 *Manor house and Farm* (Maps 4 / 1 & 5 / 1) Bentworth is not mentioned in Domesday Book but Hall Farm and its chapel are C14. It had been a Royal manor (note King's Barn) and was gifted to the Archbishop of Rouen during the reign of Henry I (VCH 3: 68-71). The Weller's Place Farm complex and Ivy Cottage opposite (north-west) Hall Farm are C18, C19 but it is possible that these buildings occupy the site of the demesne farm. Traces of earthworks described in Paragraph 11.0, No. 16 are sited at a fork in Holt End Lane c. 100m south-west of the Hall. This is possibly the site of a house though none is shown here on the Tithe Map.

6.2 *Church & irregular agglomeration* (Maps 4 / 2 & 5 / 2) The parish church of St Mary stands on the northern fringe of this group, thus demonstrating a degree of isolation. Within 150m south-west of it there is what remains of a rectangular green which is the focus for a number of buildings set out around the north, east and south

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perimeter. Of these, Hunt's Cottage is *c.* 1600. The rest are C18 or later but earthworks can be seen

to the north and west (Paragraph 11.0, Nos 11 & 12) and these might indicate the positions of lost buildings of earlier origin. Between the church and Drury Lane (Map 4 / 2) are a number of unrecorded earthworks and house / building plots (see Paragraph 11.0). These features include a hollow-way, and it is possible that settlement was once more extensive in this area. The remaining members of this group (C18 or later) are all along the northern edge of Ashley Road / Drury Lane, a route that is connected by a straight road to Church Street (*c.* 150m long). This connecting road is probably of post-medieval date.

6.3 Site visit condition: Overcast; showers (2.3.99)

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

7.1 AsAP

7.1.1 An area that includes the greater part of Bentworth: Hall Farm and Weller's Place Farm grouping; the parish church and adjacent buildings; the section of Holt End Lane between Hall Farm and the church.

7.1.2 North of the parish church site inspection has revealed a number of earthworks. These can be related to buildings plotted on the Tithe Map in some cases but this says nothing of their date / origin and relationships.

7.2 AsHAP

7.2.1 Hall Farm is of C14 or earlier origin and Weller's Place Farm (opposite) is possibly the site of the demesne farm.

7.2.2 An area that includes the parish church of St Mary (C12) and its churchyard extending south-westwards to include Hunt's Cottage (*c.* 1600) and other properties and earthworks north and east of the rectangular green.

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

St Mary

Probably built under the patronage of the Bishops of Rouen (see Paragraph 6.1)

- C12 / 13 nave (transitional Norman arcades to north & south aisles);
- C13 chancel; font;
- C14 south porch;
- 1608 substantial restoration after a fire;
- C19 top tier of tower.

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

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
*	Strawtop, Drury Lane	C17, 18, 20	II
*	Church of St Mary, Bentworth	C12, 13, 1841, 1849	II*
*	Penton Cottage, Church Street	C18	II

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*	Lindsay (Linzey) Cottage	C18, 20	II
*	Hunt's Cottage	c. 1600, C17, 18, 20	II
7773	Holt Cottage, Holt End Lane	C17, 19	II
3127	Ivall's, High Street	C18, 19, 20	II
*	Ivall's Cottage, High Street	C18, 20	II
*	Hall Farmhouse (Hall Farm), High Street	C14, 17, 19	II*
*	Chapel (west of Hall Farmhouse)	C14, 19	II*
*	Hall Farmhouse: cartshed 35m north of	C19	II
*	Ivy Cottage, High Street	C18, 19	II
*	Black Meadow, High Street	C19, 20	II
*	Weller's Place Farmhouse: barn 45m north-east of	1767	II
*	Weller's Place Farmhouse: stable block 40m north of	C19	II
*	Weller's Place Farmhouse: ½ barn 30m north of	C18	II
*	Manor Lodge, High Street	C19	II
*	Manor Lodge: service block attached	C19	II*
	Manor Lodge: granary 20m north-west of	C19	II
*	Summerly, Sun Lane: barn 55m south-west of	C17, 19	II
*	Greensleeves (East End Farm Cottages), Village Street	C17, 18	II
*	Parsonage Farmhouse, Village Street: barn 20m south-east of	C18	II
*	Mulberry House (Rectory), Village Street	1818	II
*	Hooker's Place, Village Street	C17, 19	II
*	Ivall's Farmhouse (Ivall's Farm Cottage)	c. 1600, C18, 20	II

10.0 SMR DATA SW 465500 139000, NE 467500 141000 (Maps 4 / 1 & 4 / 2)

SU 63 NE	No.		
	1A	466330 139900	Medieval. Manor house (Bentworth Hall).
	1B	466330 139900	Medieval. Former chapel (C14).
	2	466480 139950	Roman. Bronze coin of Valentinian. Alton Museum (1956).
	3A	465820 139180	Iron Age. Pit.
	3B	465820 139180	Iron Age. Faunal remains.
	3C	465820 139180	Iron Age. C1 pot sherds.
	39	466500 139100	Undated. Garden at Bentworth Hall.
SU 64 SE			
	14	466450 140290	Medieval. Parish Church.
	18	466000 140000	Roman. Coin at Bean Cottage; Vespasian. Alton Museum (1956).
	19	466000 140000	Iron Age. Coin finds: Verica (gold; Mack 121); Epaticus (gold; Mack 262).

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| 20 | 466000 140000 | Iron Age. Coin find (1879): Verica (gold; Mack 121). |
| 21 | 466000 140000 | Neolithic. Basalt axe-head. Alton Museum (Oct. 1935). |

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25	467000 140300	Neolithic? Barbed-and-tanged arrowhead. Found: Simmerley's Hop Garden. Hampshire County Council Museum Service.
29	466000 140000	Prehistoric (unclassified). Flaked flint axe. Newbury Museum Acc. No. S103.
49	467500 140360	Undated. Linear feature. Hampshire County Council AP ref.: run 16e 125.

10.2 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

<i>Hants No.</i>	<i>NGR</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>NAR / NMR Nos</i>
None listed.			

10.3 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

<i>SAM No.</i>	<i>NGR</i>	<i>Site</i>
None		

11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Maps 4 / 1 & 4 / 2)

1	466590 140520	Site of building & curtilage present on the Tithe Map of 1840
2	466470 140475	Site of building present on the Tithe Map of 1840
3	466600 140450	Site of buildings complex & enclosure present on the Tithe Map of 1840
4	466540 140410	Reference point on hollow-way that runs approximately north-west / south-east from this point
5	466470 140380	Earthworks of uncertain nature
6	466370 140390	Earthwork (former field boundary?)
7	466340 140350	Earthwork (former field boundary?)
8	466565 140360	Remains of ditched boundary, probably one marked on the Tithe Map of 1840
9	466560 140320	Point on former church yard boundary
10	466830 140360	Earthworks of uncertain nature
11	466410 140190	Earthworks of uncertain nature
12	466380 140130	Reference point on a north-east / south-west earthwork that runs beneath the later C19 immediately south-west
13	466415 140070	Ivall's Cottage garden. Reduced boundary shown on Tithe Map of 1840
14	466440 140010	Ivall's Cottage garden: earthworks (horticultural?)
15	466420 139990	Farm Cottage garden: earthworks (formerly part of the grounds of Hall Farm)
16	466200 139920	Earthworks.

12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/18/2 (1840/1841)
- GSGB 300 Alresford
- OS 1: 2500 SW 465875 138350, NE 466460 140250 and
SW 466070 139960, NE 466970 140560
- OS 1: 25000 Pathfinder 1224 (SU 64/74), Lasham & Alton (North).

13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

- HTS 6: 35-42
- VCH 3: 68-71

14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES**14.1 Domesday Book**

Not mentioned. Possibly included in Odiham.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£2.19.6¼	
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	Not listed.	
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£4.12.0	(49 taxpayers)

14.3 Manorial Documents

Manors: Bentworth & sub-manor known variously as Bentworth Hall, Bentworth Hall Place or The Hall; Bentworth or Bentworth juxta Alton; Burkham.

14.4 Hearth Tax

1665	107 hearths chargeable (43 houses)
	24 hearths not chargeable (17 houses). Total: 60 houses.

15.0 PLACE NAME

Reign of Henry I *Bintewrde*; 1130 *Binteworda*. OE *bintanworð* 'Binta's curtilage'.

16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS**17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS****17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters**

None.

17.2 Other parish settlements include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>Map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
Bentworth Hall	242	466500 139100	1407
Burkham House	243	465300 142700	1111
Gadwick	244		1460
Holt End /			
Bentworth Green	2739	466200 139500	1327
Ashley Green	240	464900 140200	
Wivelrod	245	467500 138300	1236

17.3 Enclosures*Parliamentary:*

<i>NEP no.</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
14014	1810		1814	Forest of Bere within which Bentworth had rights.
14088	1798		1799	Cogdell Field, Roundwood Field, Ridge Field, Wivelrod Field.

Formal Agreements:

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

17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

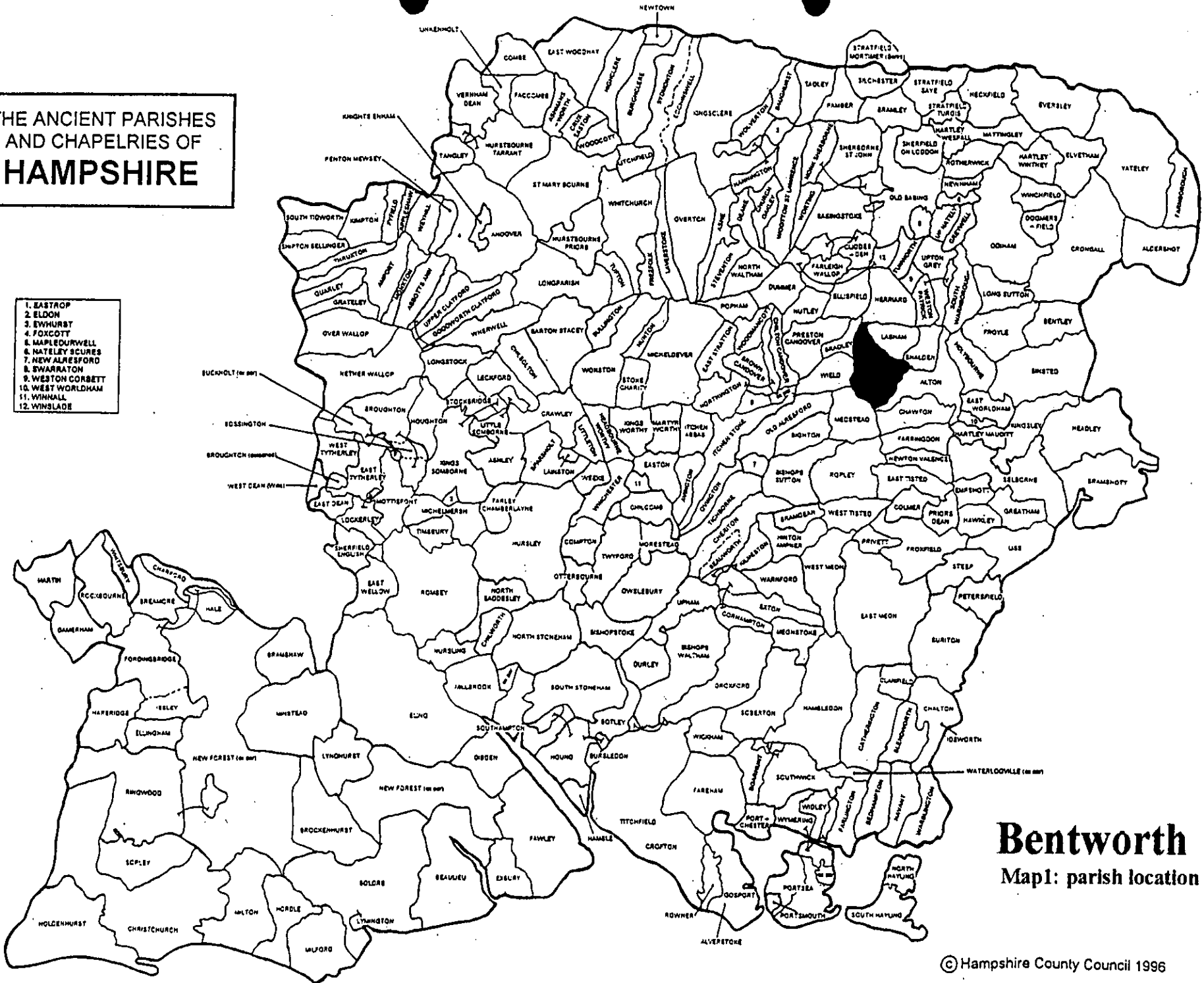
Note comments under 6.2. This feature extended along the north side of Holt End Lane (HTS 6: 42).

18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

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- 7 Map 5 / 2: Areas of archaeological potential (north) at 1:2500 reduced to 71%

**THE ANCIENT PARISHES
AND CHAPELRIES OF
HAMPSHIRE**

1. EASTROP
2. ELDM
3. BWHURST
4. FOXCOTT
5. MAPLEDURWELL
6. NATELEY SCURES
7. NEW ALRESFORD
8. BARRATON
9. WESTON CORBETT
10. WEST WORLDHAM
11. WINNALL
12. WINSLADE



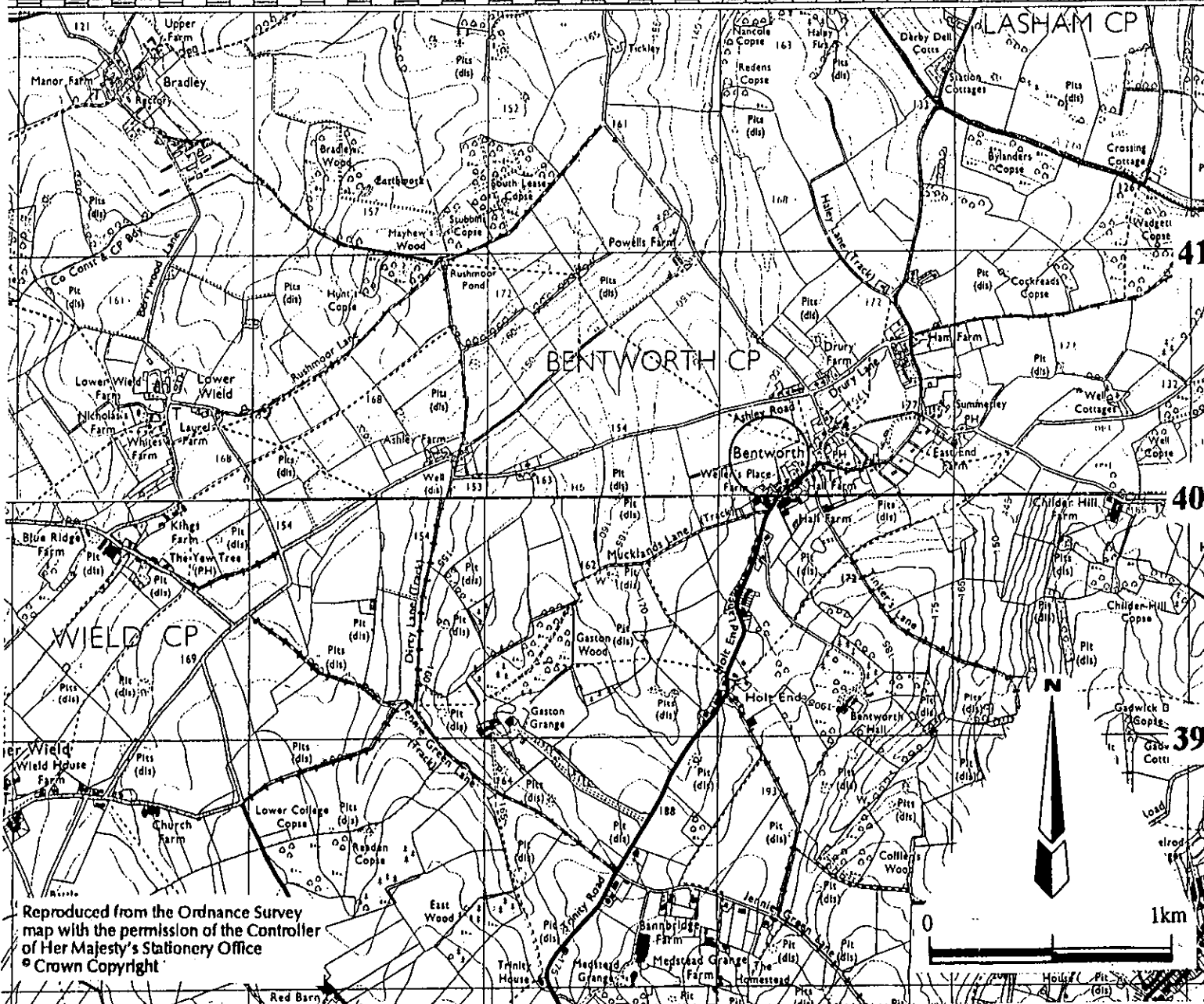
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Map 1: parish location

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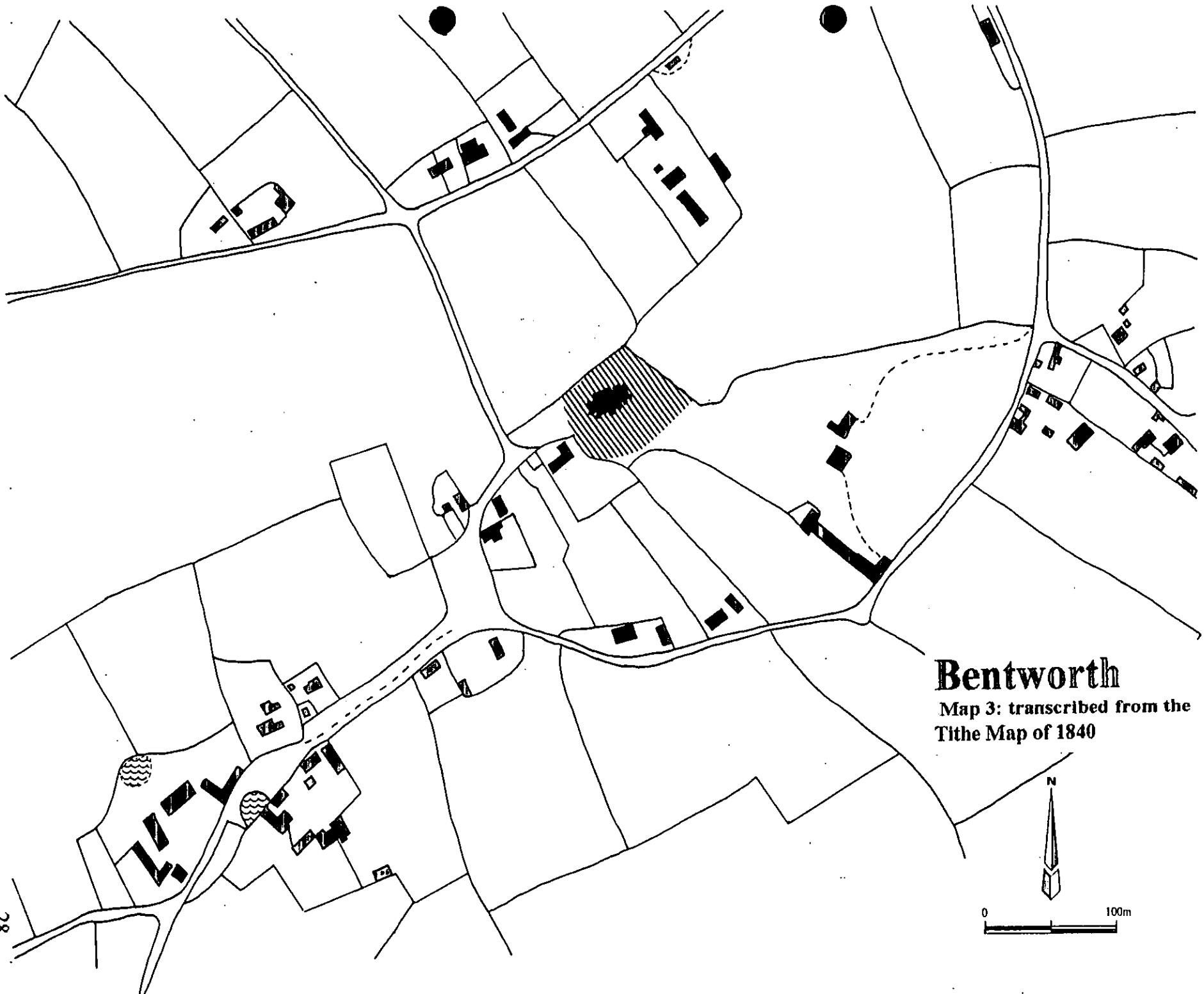
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Map 2: general location

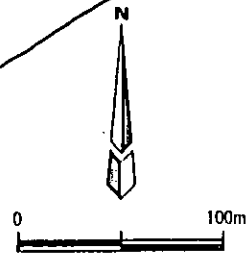


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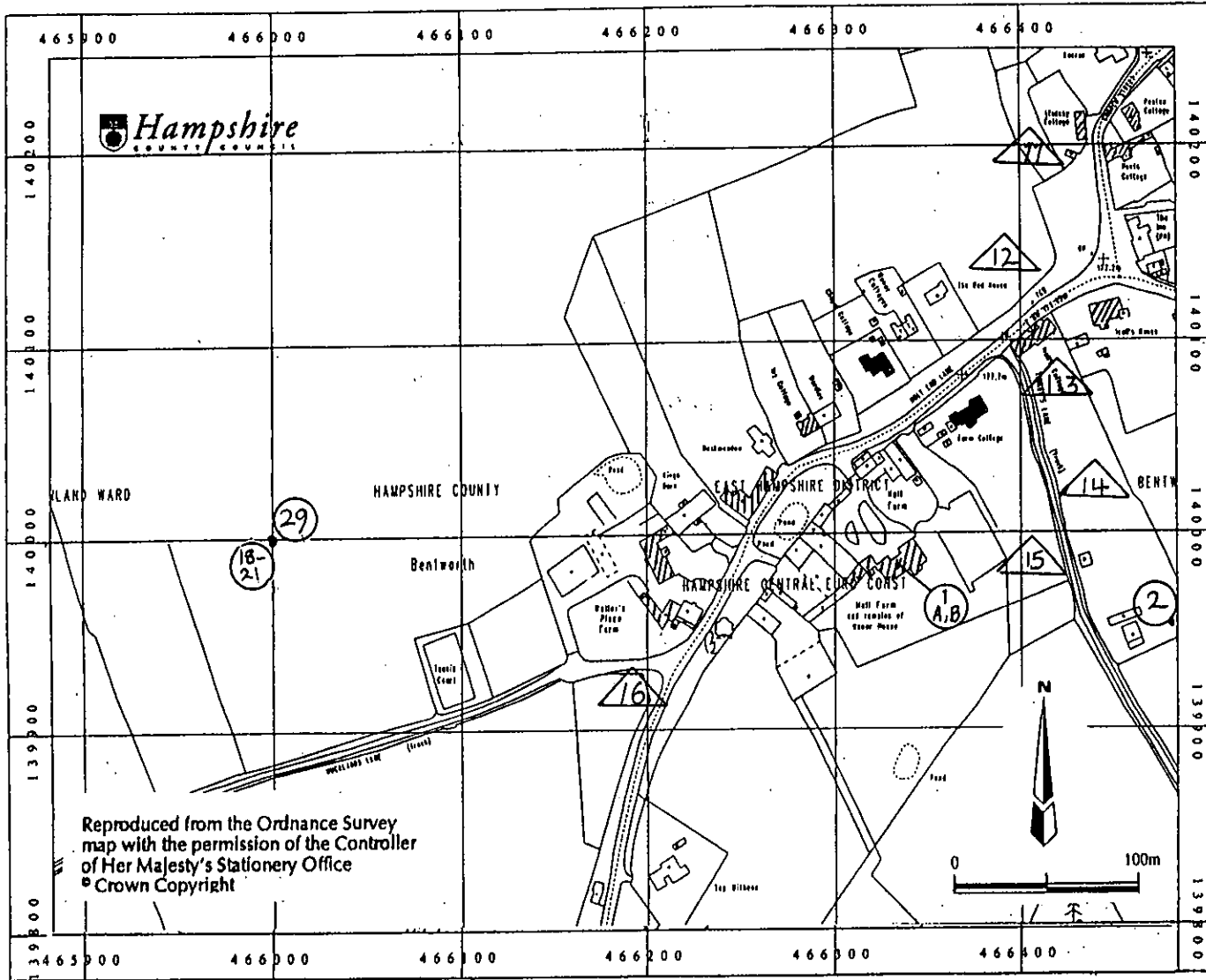
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Map 3: transcribed from the
Tithe Map of 1840



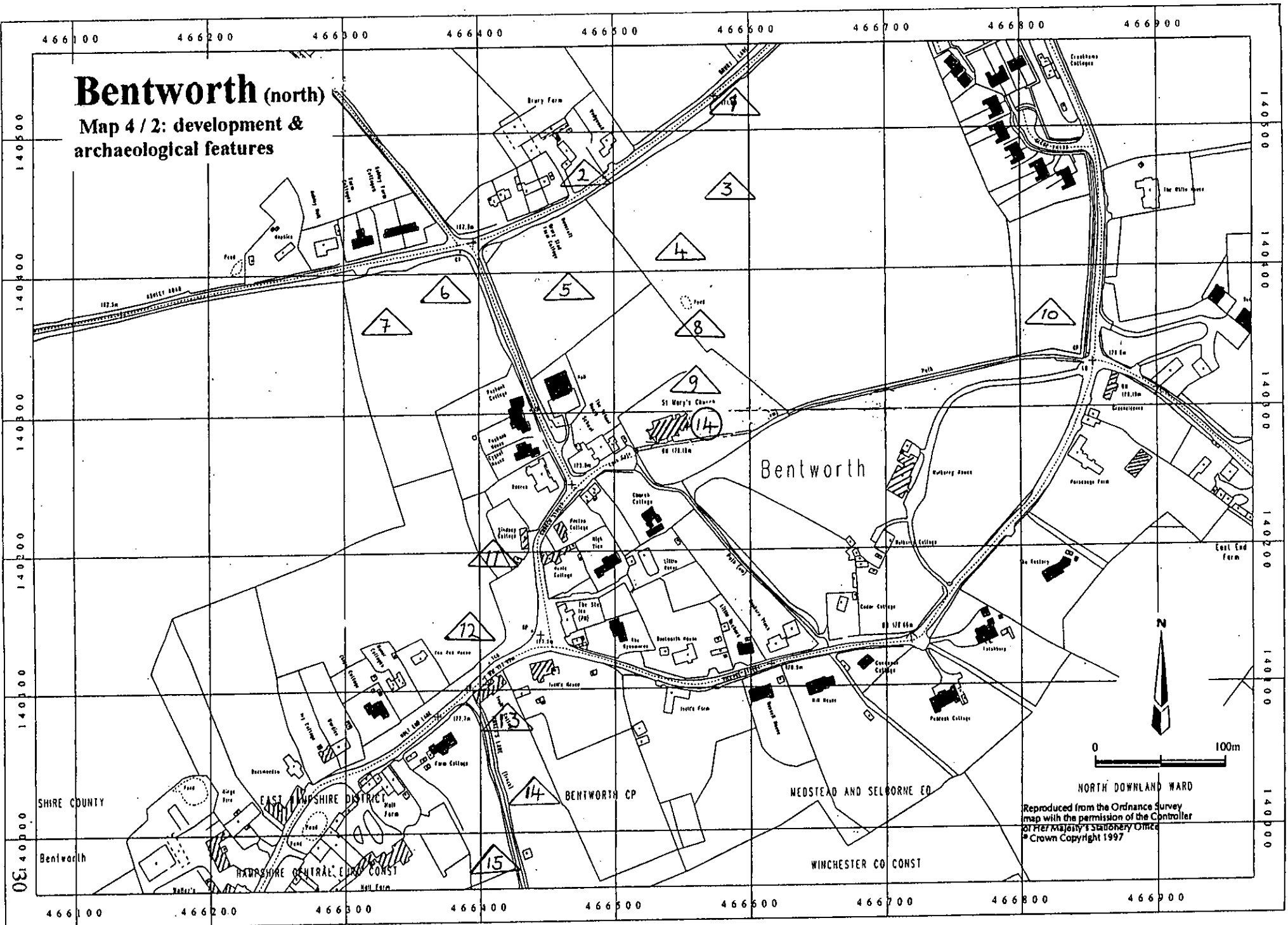
Bentworth (south)

Map 4 / 1: development & archaeological features



Bentworth (north)

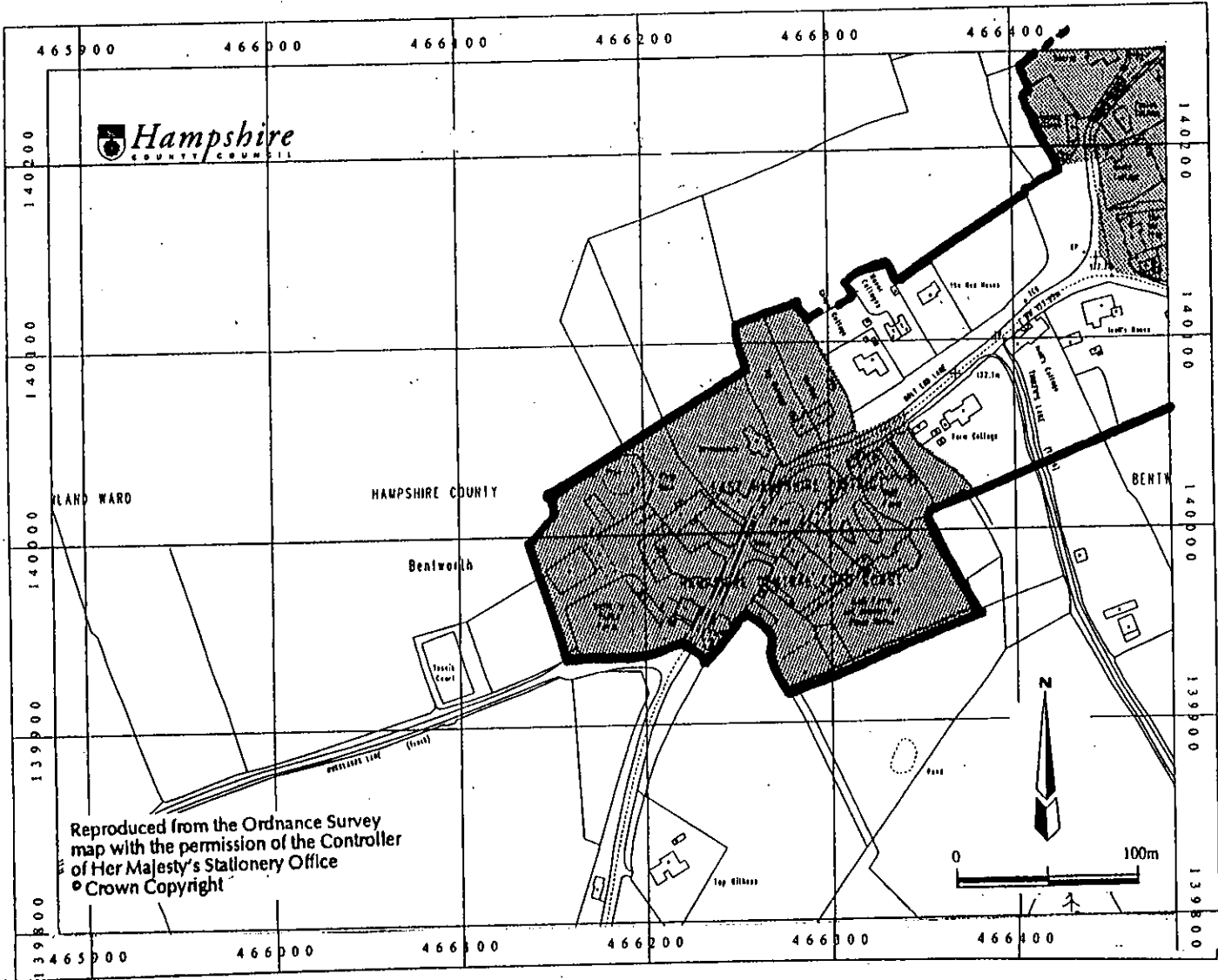
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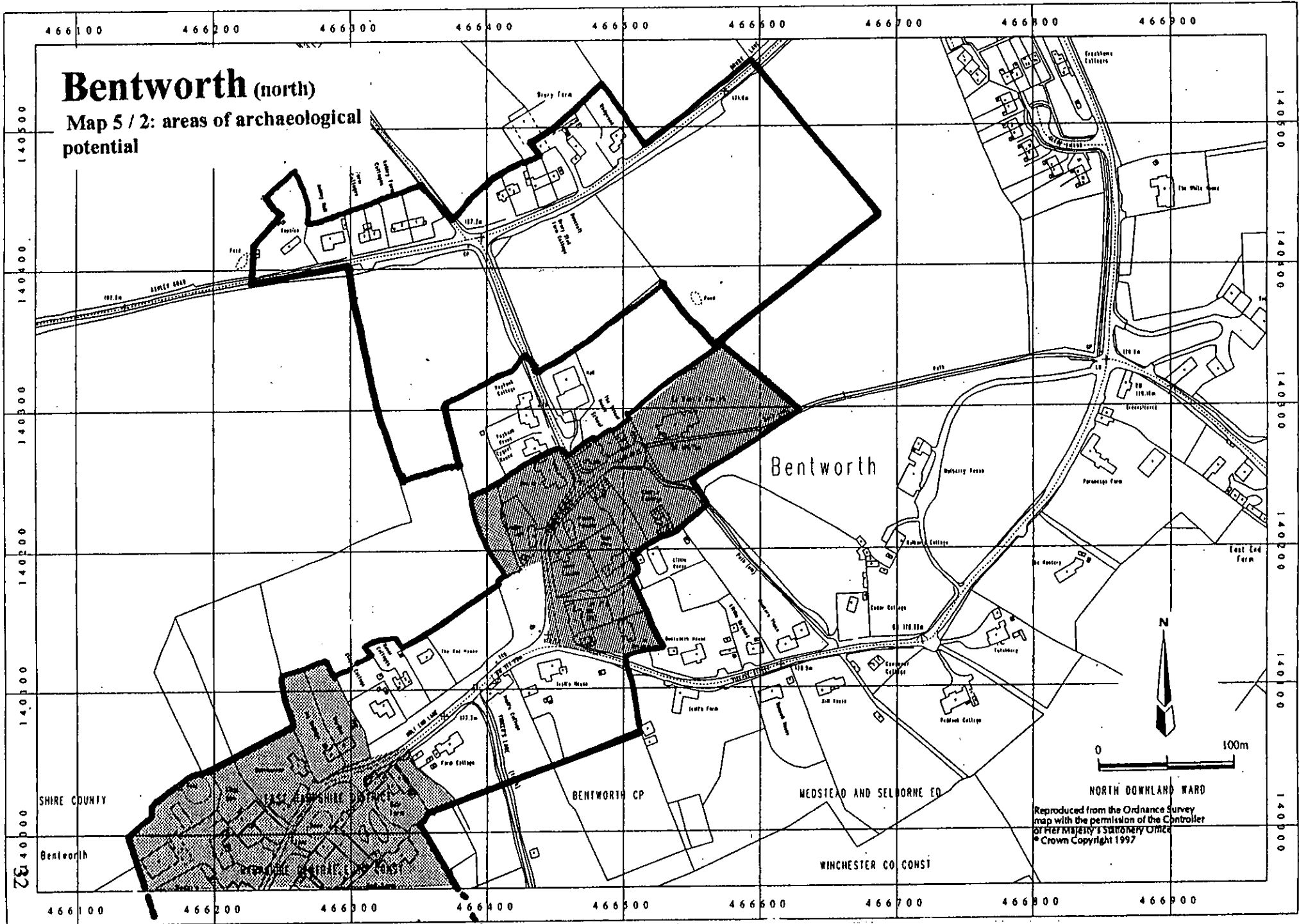
Bentworth (south)

Map 5/ 1: areas of archaeological potential



Bentworth (north)

Map 5 / 2: areas of archaeological potential



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