

NAME Bramley  
PARISH Bramley  
HUNDRED Basingstoke  
DISTRICT Basingstoke and Deane  
NGR SU 645589  
GEOLOGY Lower Bagshot

**SITE CONTEXT** The older part of the settlement lies over 1km W of the larger focus of settlement around the railway station and it sits on the W edge of a low knoll at 70m OD. The surrounding land is relatively level, especially to the N, E and W. To the S the land falls a little more steeply down to the Bow Brook at just below 60m OD.

**PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION** Irregular agglomeration/irregular row.

The road pattern of the present day village has been altered this century. The C19 road from the W came directly to the front of the Manor House forming a T-junction with the road from the S. S of the church the road curved so as to form a hair-pin bend before curving to the NE. A short length of road led N to the church.

Within the village there are two sub-groups, one immediately S of the church and one around the Manor House. Near the church the plan is best described as an agglomeration but to the S towards the Manor could be described as an irregular row with the two areas merging.

W of the church is an unusual enclosure which seems to take its N line from the N boundary of the churchyard, turns to the S for a distance then returns to the E. Purpose unknown.

The Domesday entry records three burgesses but the entry is incomplete. These burgesses were presumably paying rent on sites owned by the manor in Winchester.

To the E of this centre is Bramley Green, a common edge area of settlement with a large area of settlement between the two which grew up around the railway station.

#### AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The area of the church and the lines of settlement along the road to the S including the manor, and to the E all lie within an AHAP which covers the probable core of the medieval settlement.

**CHURCH & CHURCHYARD** St James. Norman windows in various degrees of completeness. Perp chancel E window. C13 paintings in nave.

The churchyard is irregular with a curving NE boundary and an angular SW boundary.

#### BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Church of St James I  
Gray's House C18 C19 II  
Church Fmhse C16 early C19 C20 II

Barn 35 yds E of Rectory C18 II  
 Adams Cottage Bramley Green C17 C18 II  
 Granary at Green Fm Early C19 II  
 Bull Down Fmhse C17 II\*  
 Granary Early C19 II  
 Beech Fm Cottages C16 C17 II  
 Abbots Dwell Latchmere Gn C17 II  
 Latchmere Fmhse Late C18 II  
 Granary S, stable NE, barn N and cartshed NW C18 II  
 Minchins Fmhse Minchins Lane C17 early C19 II  
 Stocks Fmhse Early C19 II  
 Granary Early C19 II  
 Tudor Cottage Stratfield Saye Rd C16 C18 C20 II  
 The Manor House The Street C16 C19 II  
 Lime Tree Cottage and barn C17 mainly mid C19 II  
 Honey Fmhse Mid C19 II  
 The Cottage and Exon House Mid C19 II  
 Old Bells House C17 mid C19 II  
 The Old Cottage Late C16 C18 C20 II  
 Middle Fmhse C16 C17 mid C19 II  
 Barefoots Fmhse Late C17 early C18 II  
 Hollycross Fmhse Early C19 II  
 Barn and outbuildings Early C19 late C19 II  
 Parkgate Fmhse C16 C17 C19 II  
 Barn C18 II

Most of the houses near the Manor were apparently estate owned (The Vyne) as they have the same type of latticed windows and are tile hung in the same manner.

#### SMR DATA

##### SU65NE

18	66405860	Med moated site
19	65605970	Possible Med moated site - field name evidence
40	65995884	Beeches Fm Cottage C16 + C17
41	65545954	Tudor Cottage C16

##### SU65NW

1	64485899	Med church
17	63945915	Roman pot
20	64005900	Med deer park. Licensed 1245 but pale unlocated.
39	64505900	Med village mentioned in Domesday Book
47	64415882	The Manor House - hall house
49	64505887	The Old Cottage C16
50	64815910	Middle Fm Hse C16
52	64535899	Church Fm Hse C16
55	64525899	Ditch of unknown date sealed by C19 burials
56	64525899	Post-med graves (22)

#### ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

1	64425891	Site of building shown on Tithe map with a second building to the E alongside the road
2	64545884	Site of building shown on Tithe map

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| 3 | 64425887 | ditto  |
| 4 | 64375886 | Course of former road shown on Tithe map   |
| 5 | 64405883 | Site of building shown on Tithe map. There is no earthwork associated with this building but along the line of the former road to the W the ground level is higher than in the rest of the paddock |
| 6 | 65145939 | Site of pound as recorded on Tithe map   |

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES OS 1:250 SU 6458-6558, 6459-6559, Tithe map 21M65/F7/31/2 (1832)

#### AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY

#### PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

**Domesday** Hugh of Port. Ælfric held it from King Edward; he could go whither he would. Then it answered for 5 hides; now for 2.5 hides. Land for 8 pl. In lordship 2; 14 villagers and 14 smallholders with 11 pl. A church; 8 slaves; 2 mills at 20s; meadow, 2 acres; woodland at 80 pigs; 3 burgesses. . . who pay 22d. Value before 1066, 100s; later £7; now £9; however it pays £12.

#### Subsidy Rolls

1334	3. 4. 6
1524	3. 19. 8 (38 taxpayers)
1586	2. 5. 0 (12 taxpayers)

#### Manorial Documents

#### Hearth Tax

1665	110 hearths chargeable (37 houses)
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PLACE NAME 1086 *Brumelai*. OE *Bromelega* 'broom clearing'.

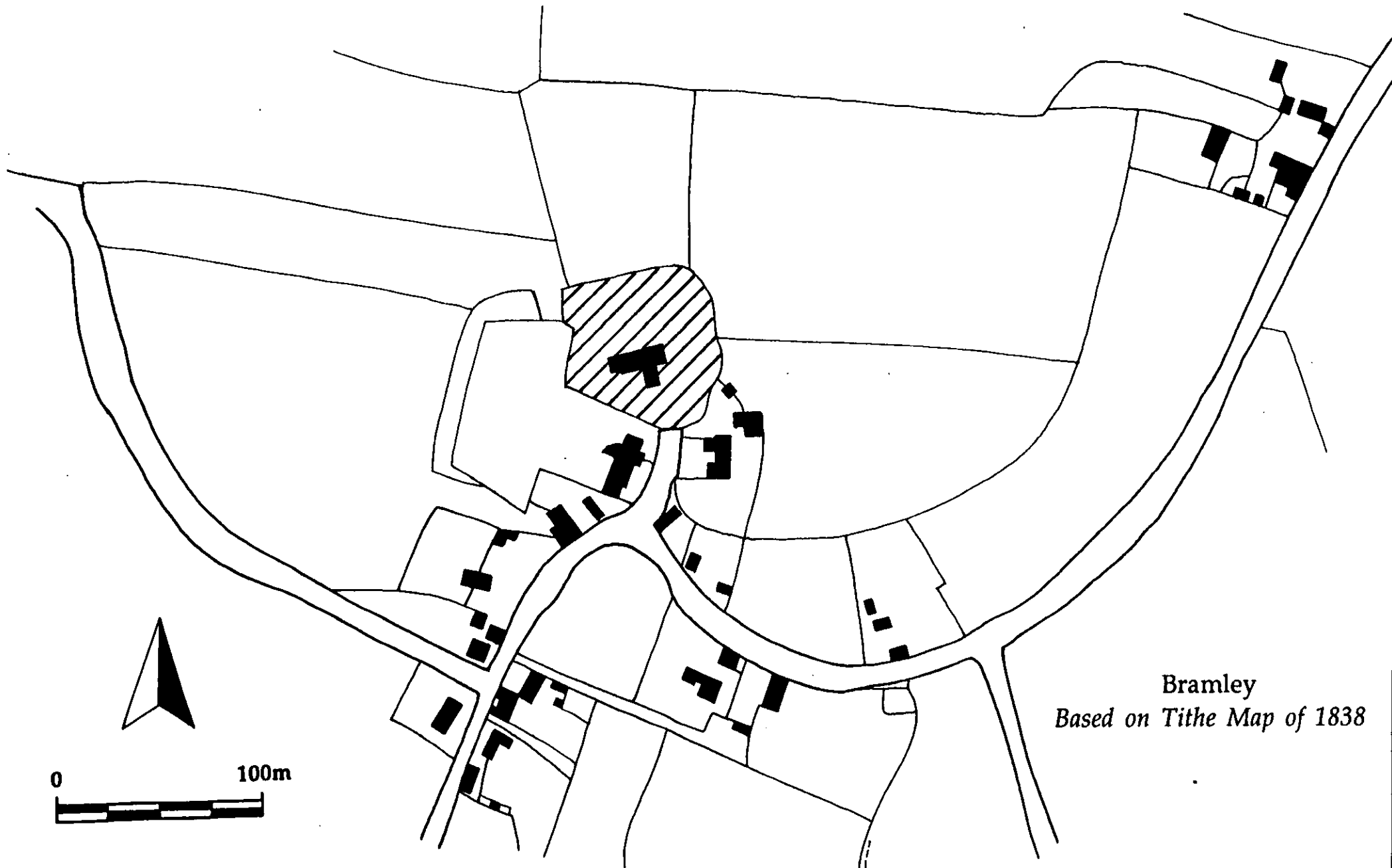
#### PHOTOGRAPHS

#### OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

1245 Licence to inclose wood of Bramley within the metes of the forest of Pamber.

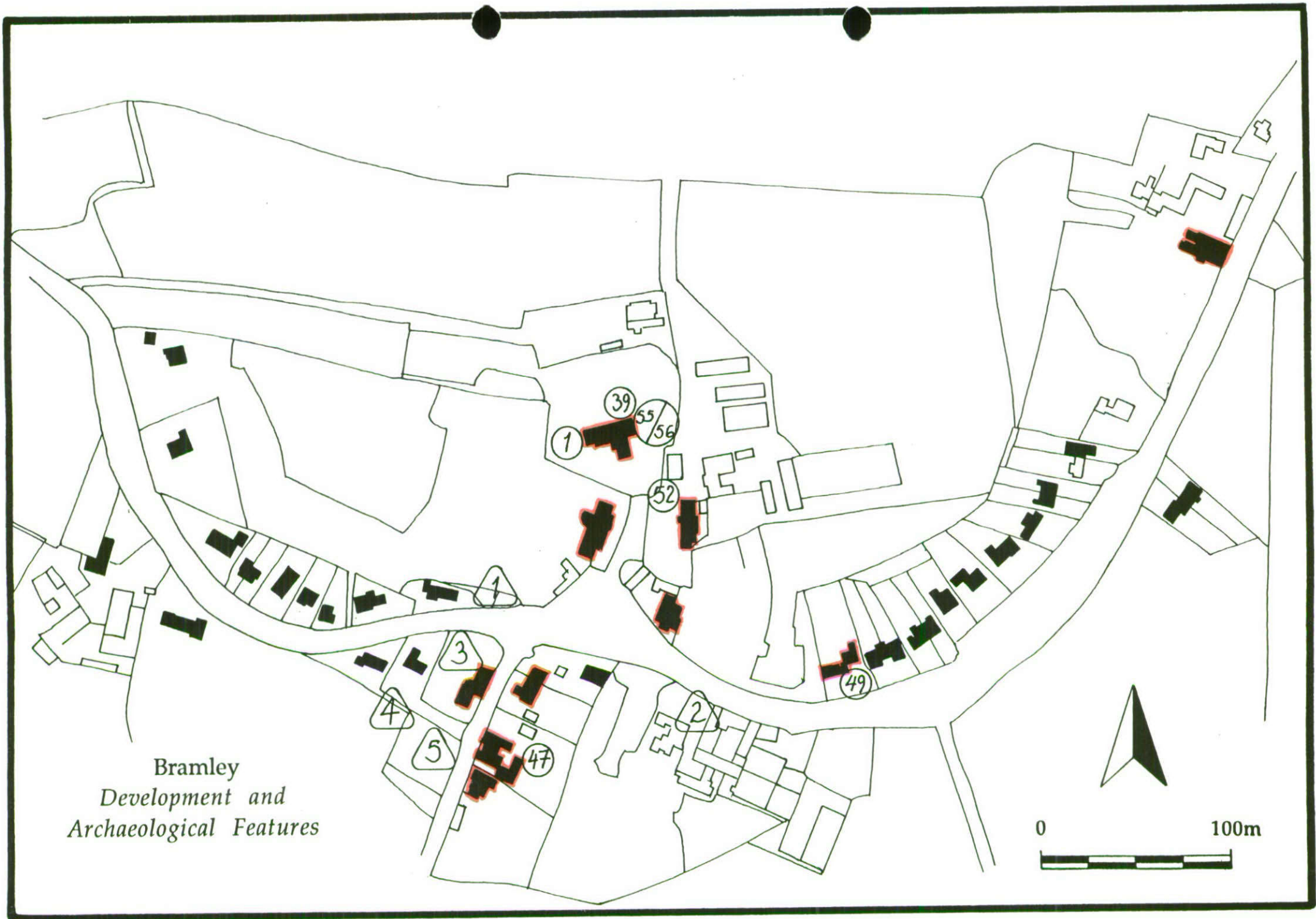
2 mills recorded from medieval times upto C18.

A mid C16 building near the church is the old manor house (VCH Vol IV p 140).



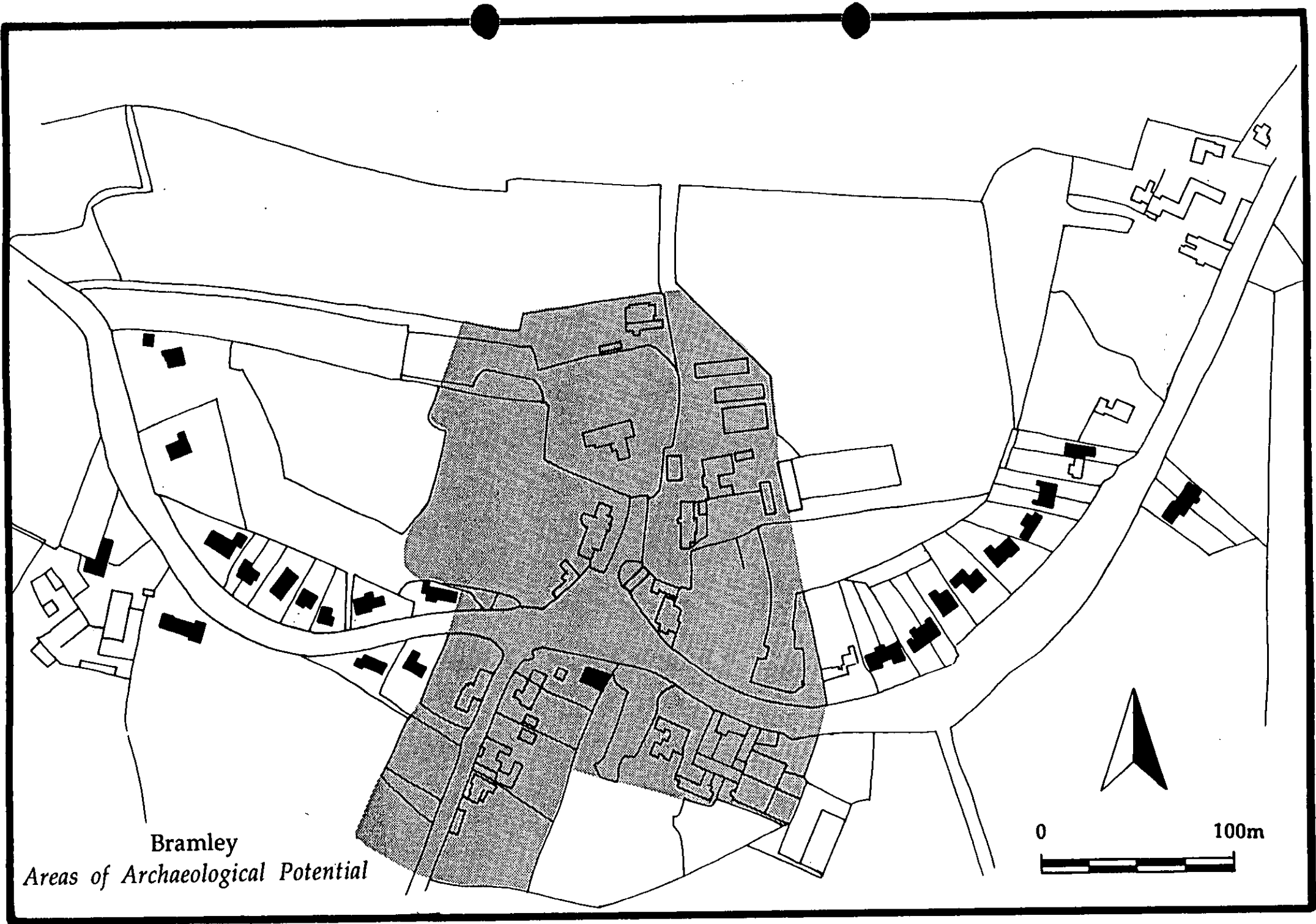
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*Based on Tithe Map of 1838*





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*Areas of Archaeological Potential*

