

NAME Burley
PARISH Burley
HUNDRED New Forest
NGR SU 210030
GEOLOGY Barton Sands and Plateau Gravel

SITE CONTEXT The combined areas of settlement including Burley Street lie at the crest of a ridge that overlooks a lower area of forest to the W. One of the highest points of within the area of settlement is at Castle Hill which is at over 90m OD. At Burley the land ranges between 60 and 90m OD with Burley Hill immediately NW of Burley reaching a height of 92m OD.

A large area of encroachment to the E of Burley, known as Bisterne Close also lies on an area of higher ground with Burley Rocks, an area of common extending along its N side some 20m lower than the crest of the slope. S of Bisterne Close the land remains fairly level for a few hundred metres before falling away into the valley of a small stream.

PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION Burley is entirely surrounded by the forest and appears as an untidy agglomeration of fields and houses spread over several kilometres. Within the overall area many separate 'islands' of occupation can be seen such as the large Bisterne Close as well as small areas of encroachment onto the common consisting of two or three fields and a house. The separate focus of Burley Street can be seen in the size of the fields surrounding it compared to the larger fields between Burley and Burley Street.

AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL There is no obvious core to the settlement of Burley - it all appears to be common-edge settlement and therefore four areas of such development have been assigned as AAPs. Included in these areas is the W end of Bisterne Closes which is shown on an C18 map in much the same state of development as it was in the later C19. Actually dating the development of these encroachments is necessary to aid the understanding of so many settlements such as this in the New Forest and elsewhere in the county.

Burley Street to the NW of Burley would, by the name Street which is usually taken to be a sign of later development, be regarded as a secondary settlement to Burley but given its location, both on higher ground and near to the hill-fort it may be that there was an earlier focus of medieval settlement there. This possibility requires more research but any development in or around that area of settlement should be closely monitored as it must be regarded as being an AAP at least.

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD St John the Baptist. 1839

BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Ramblers Burley Street Late C18 C19 II

Forest Thatch Once 2 Early C19

Forest Lodge Late C15 cruck extended C18 II

Stock's Fmhse Mid C18 II
Burley Manor hotel Mid C19 II
United Reform Church Chapel Lane 1842 II
Church of St John the Baptist II
Forest Lodge and gatepiers Lyndhurst Road
Little Pound Fmhse Pound Lane C18 II

(Un-listed)

SMR DATA

SU20SW

1	20840449	BA bowl barrow SAM 20273
3	20670197	BA bell barrow SAM 12125
6	22300420	Bank and ditch Date unknown
7	21710411	Earthwork enclosure Date unknown
11	20000240	Bank and ditch Date unknown
12	21000200	ditto
18	22130410	2 Elizabeth I coins
22	23770283	Boiling mound
23	23670283	Burnt flint
30	23550266	BA bell barrow SAM 20280
31	23460268	BA bowl barrow SAM 20279
32	22703020	Prehist flint tool
34	21640304	Roman coin
35	21950365	Neo flint tool
38	22280264	Enclosure Date unknown
39	20220267	Post med beacon

ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

No new sites recorded

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES 110M89/P43 C18; OS 1st Edition 6" map 1871; OS 1:10,000 SU 20 SW

BIBLIOGRAPHY

PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

Domesday Under the entry for Ringwood: On the 4 hides which are in the Forest dwelt 14 villagers and 6 smallholders with 7 pl; a mill at 30d; woodland at 189 pigs from pasturage. Value of what the King has, £7 10s at face value.

It is thought that this reference may refer to Burley.

Subsidy Rolls

1334	1. 9. 4
1524	0. 16. 6 (4 taxpayers)

Manorial Documents

Hearth Tax

1665 76 hearths chargeable (44 houses)
 20 hearths not chargeable (20 houses) Total 64 houses

PLACE NAME 1178 *Burgelea* OE *Burhleah* 'fort wood/clearing' but if the 4 hides mentioned in Domesday under Ringwood are at Burley then burh may mean 'borough, town' making the name mean 'clearing/wood of the town' (ie Ringwood).

There is a hillfort at Burley Street which may be the burh of the place-name.

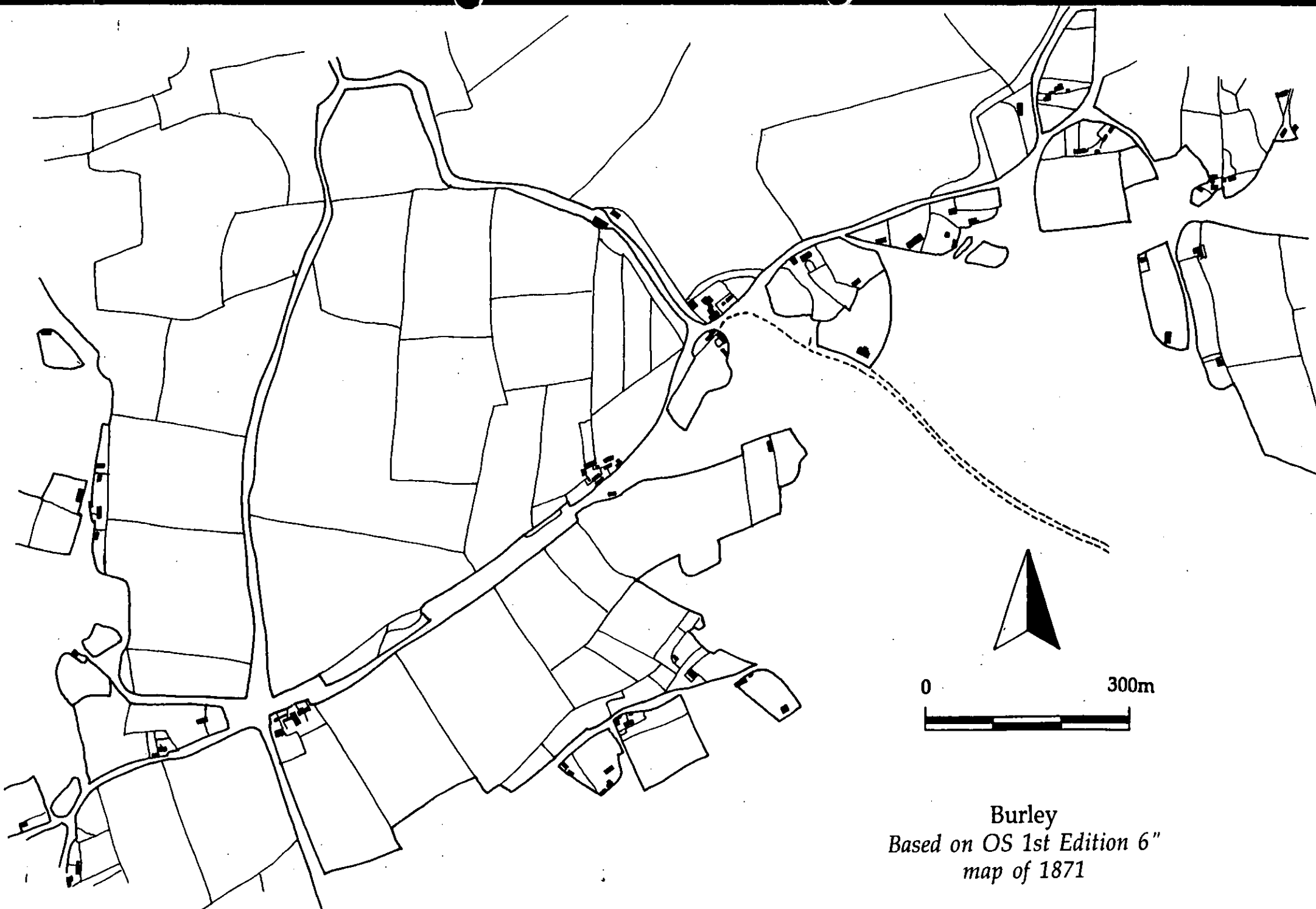
PHOTOGRAPHS

OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

Other settlement in the parish includes:

Burley Street

Moorhill House First recorded 1327 (home of Roger atte Moure)



Burley
Based on OS 1st Edition 6"
map of 1871

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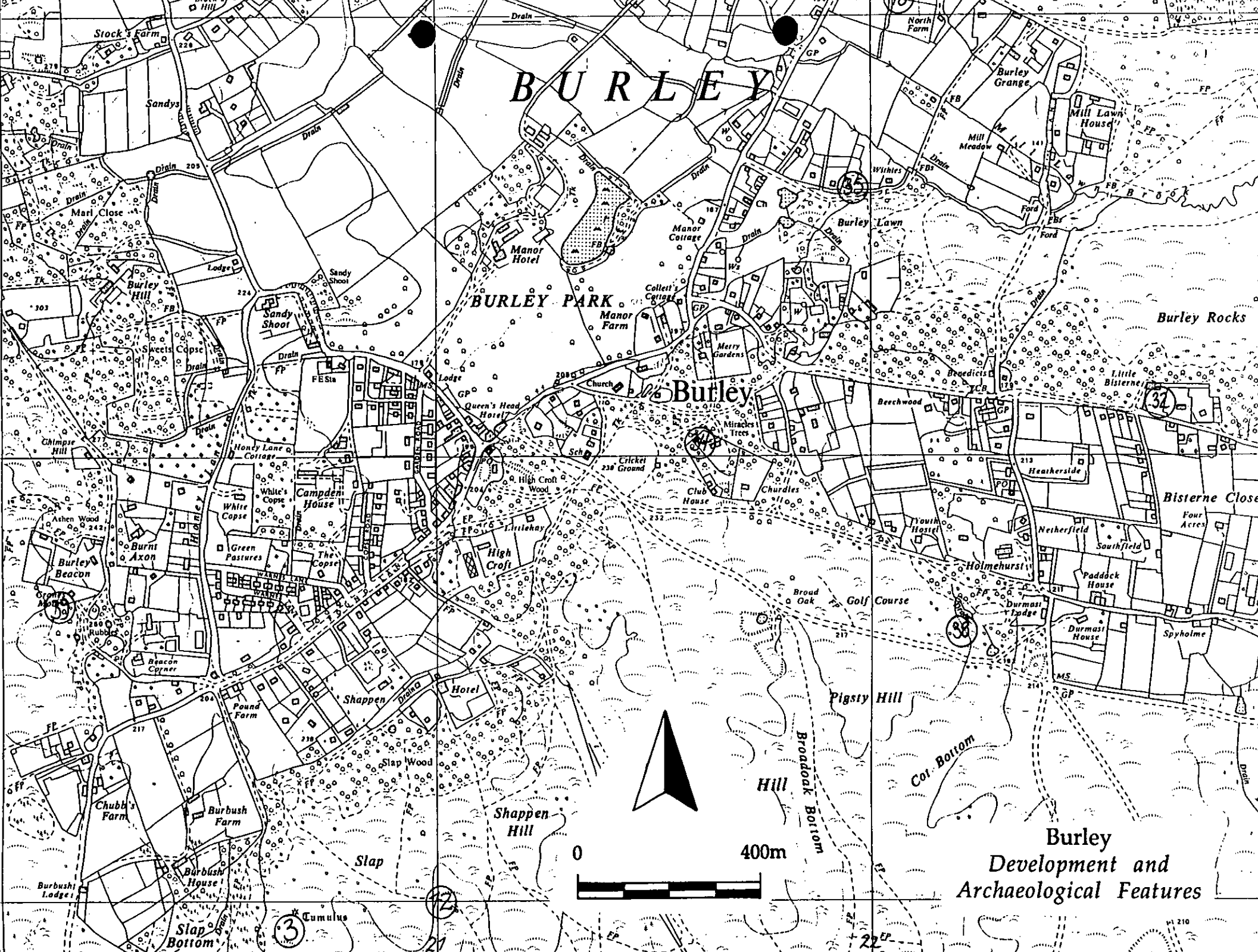
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Burley Development and Archaeological Features



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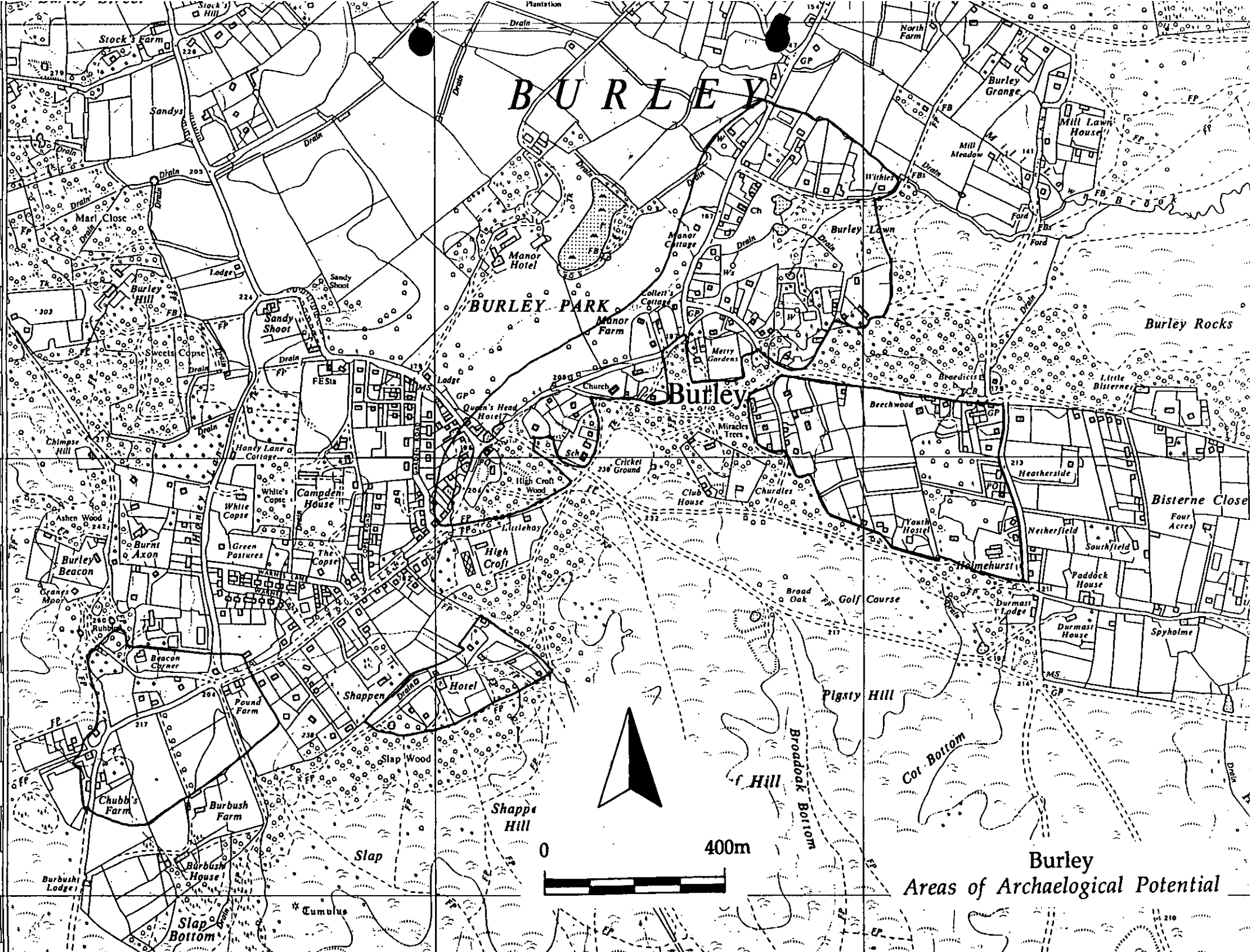
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