

1.0	PARISH	Chawton
2.0	HUNDRED	Alton
3.0	NGR	470800 137000
4.0	GEOLOGY	Lower Chalk

5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Map 2)

Chawton lies 2.5km south-south-west of Alton, set out along a straight road that once formed a section of the A32. The settlement has now been by-passed. The road that forms the approximate north / south axis of Chawton exploits the valley of the Lavant Stream. It was formerly the London to Gosport road (a King's highway) but it is known locally as The Street (see Paragraph 6.2 for further clarification). The parish church, at the south end of the settlement is situated at c. 115m AOD with little variation at the north end of The Street where it is bisected by the A32. On the west side of the A32 is Chawton Park Wood wherein are the the lines of the park pales of the Medieval Chawton Park. The Park probably dates to 1252 when the St Johns, then Lords of the manor, gained immunity from Forest Law.

6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION (Maps 3 / 1, 3 / 2, 4 / 1, 4 / 2, 5 / 1 and 5 / 2) **Church & manor house + irregular row**

6.1 Church & manor house Chawton House and the parish church stand as a group within 200m east of the south end of The Street, formerly the London - Gosport road (see Paragraph 5.0). The Lavant Stream flows south / north adjacent to the west side of the churchyard though it is frequently dry. The present Chawton House was begun soon after 1585 and was probably constructed on the site of its Medieval predecessor. There is a tradition that the former house was fronted by a moat that was filled in when rebuilding began (Willoughby, 1998: 16).

6.2 Irregular row Approximately 500m north of the Church & manor house site, the former London-Gosport road is joined from the west by what is known as Winchester Road. From the point of this intersection, the section of The Street that heads north-north-east is also known as the Winchester Road. This is not strictly correct. The Winchester Road did not pass through Chawton until 1753. The original road was nearly 1 km to the north-west where it crossed through Chawton Park in what was known as the Pass of Alton. Many of the buildings in Chawton were built or rebuilt at much the same time as the re-routing of the Winchester Road.

6.2.1 Most of the Chawton properties are aligned along the two arms of the Winchester Road. The Tithe Map shows little regularity in 1838 (Map 3 / 2). The grouping around the intersection of the present Winchester Road and the southern section of the former London-Gosport road has the look of a developing agglomeration. There was a substantial vacant plot between Baigens (once a farm) and Jane Austen's House. Baigen's is noted for its late Medieval wall paintings. On the east side of the old Gosport Road was a second undeveloped space and this remains the case today. The

most northerly members of the group in 1838 were Ivy Cottages and Rose Cottages. Prowtings

stands back from the road on the west side. This had been a farm and then a mansion but most of it was demolished in 1850 (Willoughby, 1998: 30). North of Prowtings was another agglomeration around the junction of The Street (Winchester Road) and the east bound Wolfe's Lane. Notable amongst the properties here are Denmead Cottage (C16). Alphonsus House, opposite, was once known as Denmead.

6.3 Site visit condition: Sunny; occasional showers (12.4.99)

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

7.1 AsAP

A substantial area that includes the whole of The Street front described in Paragraph 6.2 and sub-section. Sites of former buildings, visible earthworks and vacant street front plots combine to argue in favour of the archaeological potential of the demarcated zone Map 5 / 2).

7.2 AsHAP

7.2.1 The whole of the Medieval church and manor house site as described in Paragraph 6.1 and as illustrated on Map 5 / 1.

7.2.2 The Medieval site of Baigen's including the opposite street front (Map 5 / 2).

7.2.3 The apparent agglomeration around the junction of the western arm of the Winchester Road and the London-Gosport road. The buildings here include C16 structures (Map 5 / 2).

7.2.4 Denmead Cottage (C16) and grounds at the junction of the Winchester Road and Wolfe's Lane (Map 5 / 2).

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

St Nicholas

There have been several episodes of rebuilding.

- 1291, first documented: nave, chancel & west tower;
- C18 painting shows north wall entrance and porch;
- 1809 a second painting of this date shows that north porch had gone and west tower rebuilt; new entrance at west end;
- 1838 nave and tower demolished; some medieval wall paintings were destroyed in the process (Willoughby, 1998: 24). Replacement nave *etc.* built of brick and rendered;
- 1871 Medieval church destroyed by fire;
- 1872 substantial rebuilding (*architect*: Sir Arthur Blomfield);
- Masonry from earlier church in chancel;
- Monument: Sir Richard Knight † 1679. A recumbent life-size effigy in period costume.

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

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PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
13088	Chawton Park farmhouse	late C17	II
13091	Pond Cottages (3 units)	C16, 18	II
14060	Orchard Cottage	C18, 19	II
13092	Malthouse Cottages (3 units)	C18	II
13095	Chawton Glebe & Rectory Cottage	C18, 19	II
13097	The Manor House (stables at Chawton House)	C15, 1593, C17	II*
13098	Store (former dovecot & barn).	C18, 20	II
13099	Home Farmhouse	C18, 19	II
13100	Home Farm Barn	late C17	II
1266	Parish Church of St Nicholas	1871	II
7883	Chawton House	c. 1580, c. 1655 C18, 19	II*
	NB The <i>Old Manor</i> was formerly part of stable range of Chawton House and was not the old manor house.		
13101	Elm Cottage Winchester Road	C18, 19	II
13102	Vincent's Cottage, Winchester Road	C17, 18, 19	II
13103	Alphonsus House, Winchester Road	late C18, 19	II
13104	Denmead Cottage, Winchester Road	C16, 17	II
13105 & 6	1 & 2 Springfield, Winchester Road	C18, 19	II
13107	The Dower House, Winchester Road	C18, 19	II
13108	Ivy Cottage, Winchester Road	C17, 18	
II			
13109-12	Content, Stencott, The Cottage, The Village, Winchester Road	late C18	
II			
145	Clinkers (formerly 2 units), Winchester Road	C17, 19	II
146	Jane Austen's House, Winchester Road	C18	I
13113	Bakehouse & stables 20m north of 146	early C19	II
13114	Chawton Lodge, Winchester Road	C18, 19	II
13115	Thatch Cottage (formerly 2 units), Winchester Road	C18, 19	II
13116	Baigens, Winchester Road	C16, 19	II
13117	Pound Farmhouse, Winchester Road	early C18, 19	II
13118	Pound Farmhouse: granary 10m east of	C18	II
13119	Pound Farmhouse: barn 30m north of	C18	II
NB	Prowtings, Winchester Road	C17, 18, 19, 20	

10.0 SMR DATA SW 470000 136500, NE 471500 138000
SW 470500 136700, NE 471200 137200 (Maps 4 / 1 & 4 / 2)

SU 73 NW No.
**m 8 470800 137030 Medieval. Parish Church (see 8.0).

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	61	470800 137100	Medieval. Domesday settlement reference.
	64B	471000 136970	Post-Medieval. Early C19 walled garden.
	64G	470850 136990	Post-Medieval. C17 formal garden.
	69A	470500 137780	Prehistoric. Flint debitage (East Hants Survey).
Hants	69B	470500 137780	Prehistoric. Burnt flint (East Hants Survey).
	69C	470500 137780	Post-Medieval / Modern. Pottery (East Survey).
	70A	470000 137850	Prehistoric. Flint flake scatter (East Hants Survey).
	70B	470000 137850	Prehistoric. Burnt flint finds (East Hants Survey).
Hants	70C	470000 137850	Post-Medieval / Modern. Pottery (East Survey).
	71A	470000 137700	Prehistoric. Worked flint scatter (East Hants Survey).
	71B	470000 137700	Prehistoric. Burnt flint finds (East Hants Survey).
	71C	470000 137700	Post-Medieval. Pottery finds (East Hants Survey).
	130	470810 137100	Post-Medieval. Dovecote.
	131	470850 137120	Post-Medieval. Dovecote.
	134A	470100 138000	Prehistoric. Flint debitage (East Hants Survey).
	134B	470100 138000	Prehistoric. Burnt flint (East Hants Survey).
	179A	470280 137550	Medieval. Single sherd of pottery.
	179B	470280 137550	Post-Medieval. Pottery finds.
	180A	470280 137550	Prehistoric. Struck flint finds.
	180B	470280 137550	Prehistoric. Burnt flint finds.
	187	470030 136940	Bronze Age. Ring ditch. AP ref.: 7036/4/37-40.
	200	470700 137560	Medieval. C16 timber-framed building, reclad early C19.
	200B	470700 137560	Medieval. Wall painting inside Elizabethan building.
of	201	470960 137810	Medieval. C16 timber-framed house. Part it was a 2-bay medieval hall.
**m	202	470800 137030	Medieval. C15 stone manor house.
	222	470880 136630	Undated. Quarry.
	223	471000 137200	Prehistoric. Flint scatter.

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)

SAM No.
None

NGR

Site

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

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|---|---------------|--|
| 1 | 470880 137690 | Earthwork (former boundary?) |
| 2 | 470820 137530 | Site of building represented on the Tithe Map of 1838 |
| 3 | 470910 137625 | Site of building represented on the Tithe Map of 1838 |
| 4 | 470630 137510 | Site of building within curtilage represented on the Tithe Map of 1838 |
| 5 | 470735 137000 | Dry watercourse of the Lavant Stream. Chawton house was possibly a moated site |

12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/45/2 (1838 / 1840)
- GSGB 300 Alresford
- OS 1: 2500 SW 470500 136700, NE 471200, 137200 and SW 470530 137200, NE 471130 138000
- OS 1: 25000 Pathfinder 1244 (SU 63/73), Alton & Four Marks.

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- VCH 2: 496-50
- Willoughby R 1998 *Chawton: Jane Austen's Village* Greywell, private publication

14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES**14.1 Domesday Book**

23, 23 (Land of Hugh of Port, Neatham Hundred). Odo held it from King Edward in freehold. There were 10 hides but King Edward put it for service and tax at 4 hides and 1 virgate. Land for 8 ploughs. In lordship 4 ploughs; 19 villagers and 8 smallholders with 5 ploughs. 6 slaves; meadow, 6 acres; woodland at 50 pigs. Value before 1066 £10; later £10; now £12.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£1.10.2	
1524	1st survey	£5.15.0	(37 taxpayers)
	2nd survey	£4.15.2	(40 taxpayers)

14.3 Manorial Documents

Manor recorded: Chawton was a single manor

14.4 Hearth Tax 1665

86 hearths chargeable (21 houses)
14 hearths not chargeable (11 houses). Total: 32 houses.

15.0 PLACE NAME

1086 *Celtone*; 1167 *Cautona*; c. 1195 *Chalton*; 1242 *Chauton*. Either OE *cealftun* 'calf

farm' or *chealctun* 'chalk farm'.

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>
Lumbry Farm	597	471800 137700	

17.3 Enclosures

Parliamentary:

<i>NEP no.</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
14029	1741		1741	South Field, North Field, Ridge Field,

Whitedown, Winstreet Field, Upper East Field, Lower East Field, Chawton Common.

Formal Agreements:

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

17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

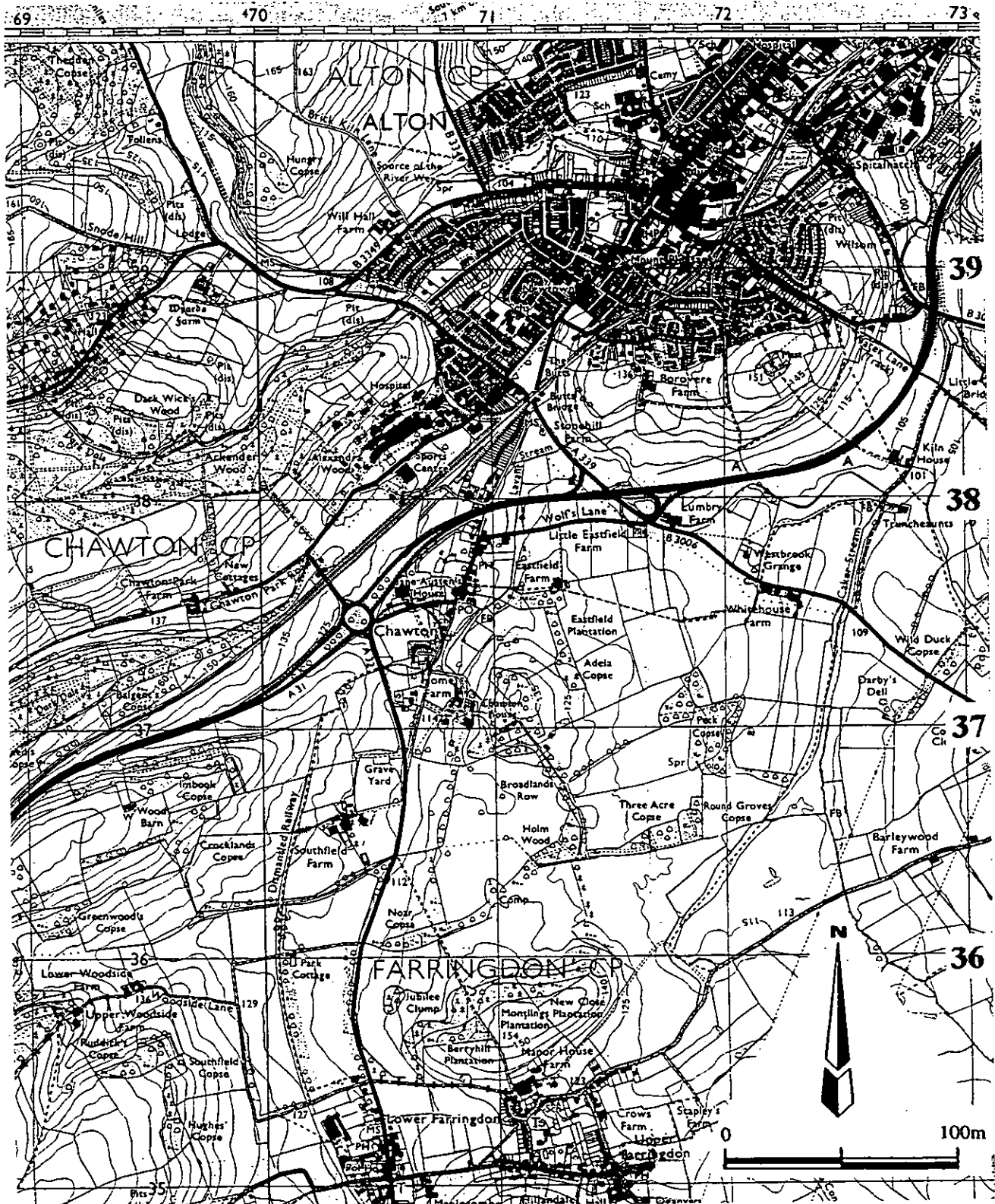
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18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

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- 2 Map 2: Settlement location at 1: 2500
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- 4 Map 3 / 2: 1838 Tithe Map transcription (north) at 1:2500 reduced to 71%
- 5 Map 4 / 1: Development & archaeological features (south) at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 6 Map 4 / 2: Development & archaeological features (north) at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 7 Map 5 / 1: Areas of archaeological potential (south) at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 8 Map 5 / 2: Areas of archaeological potential (north) at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%

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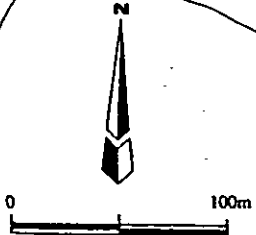
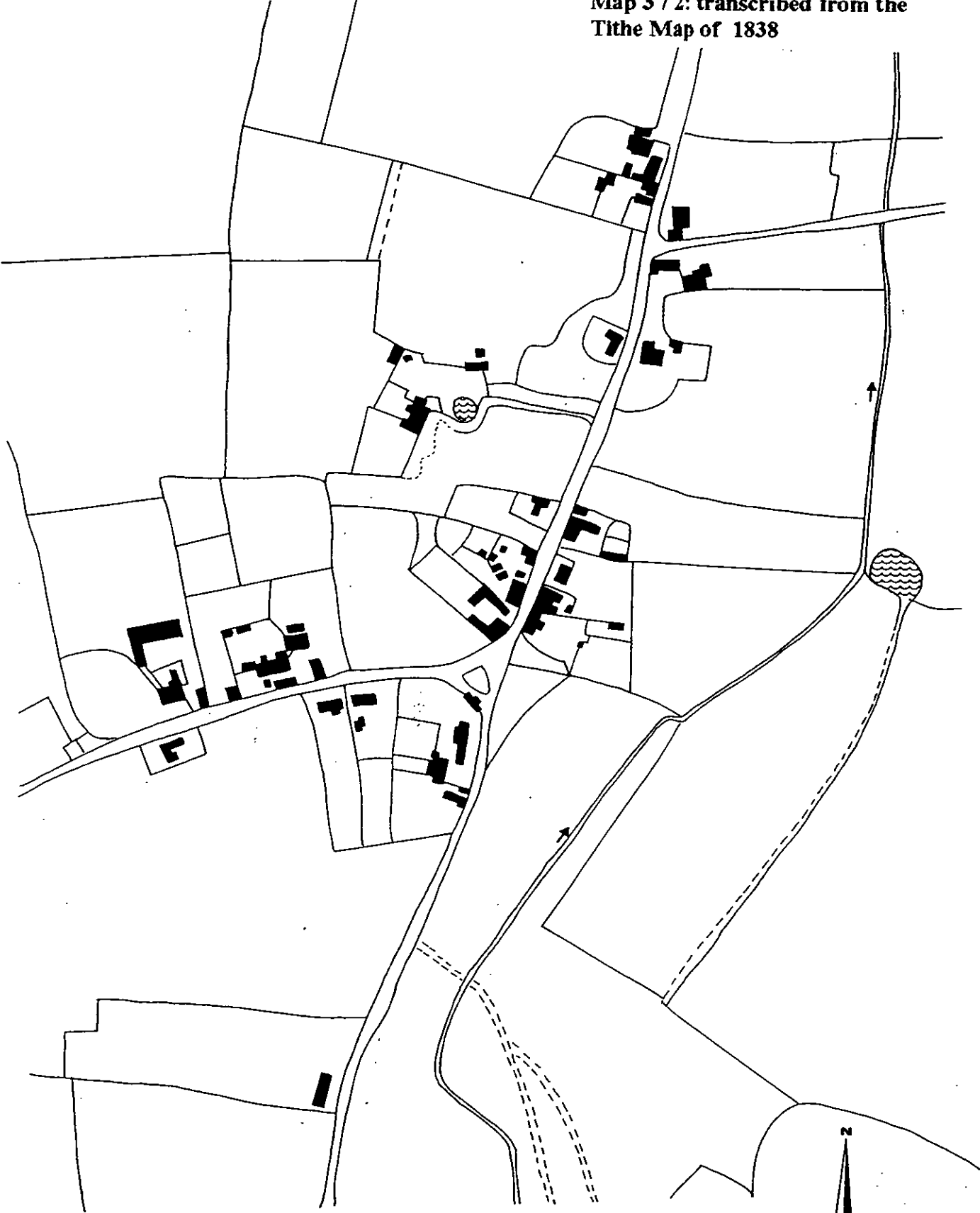
Map 2: general location



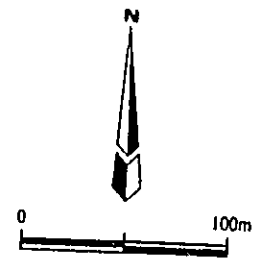
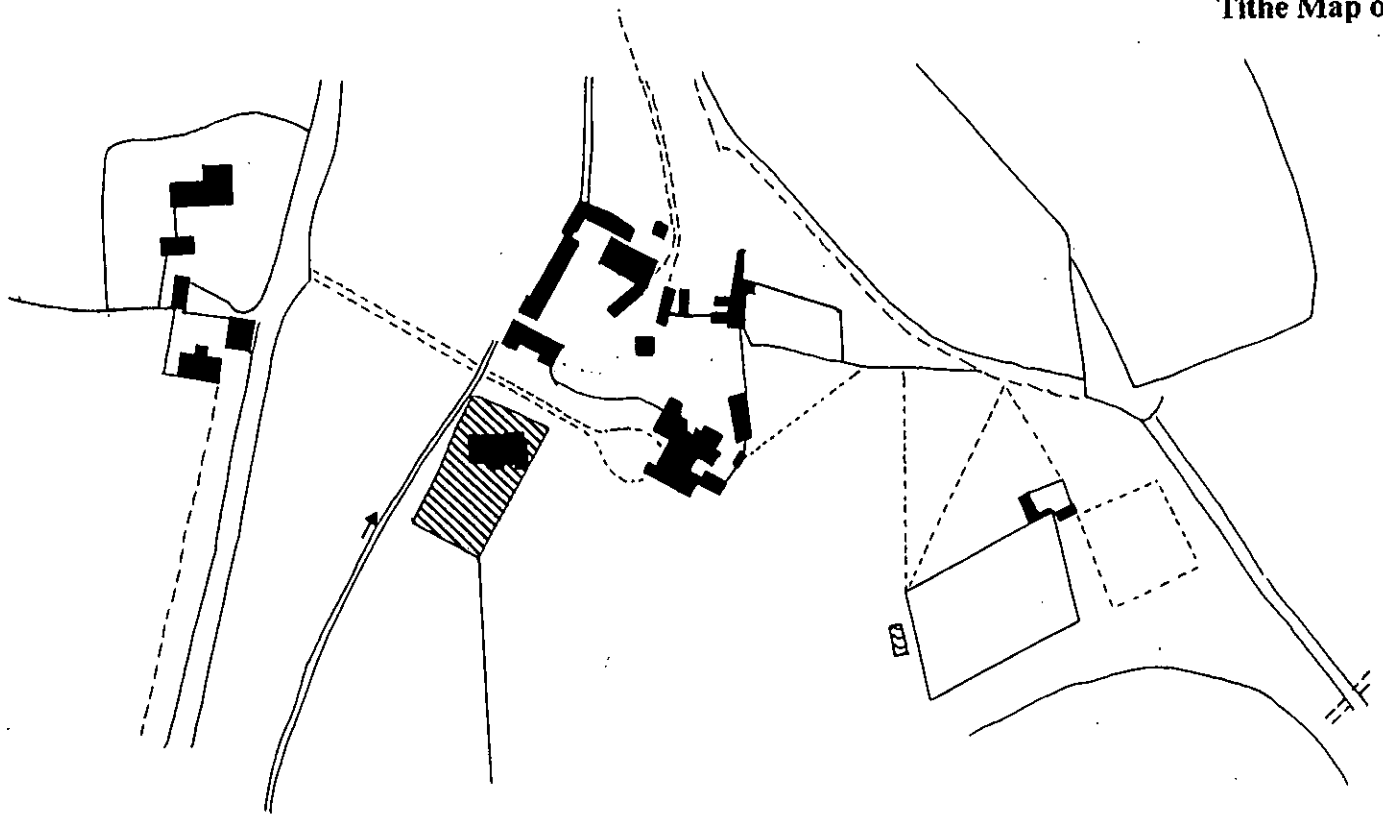
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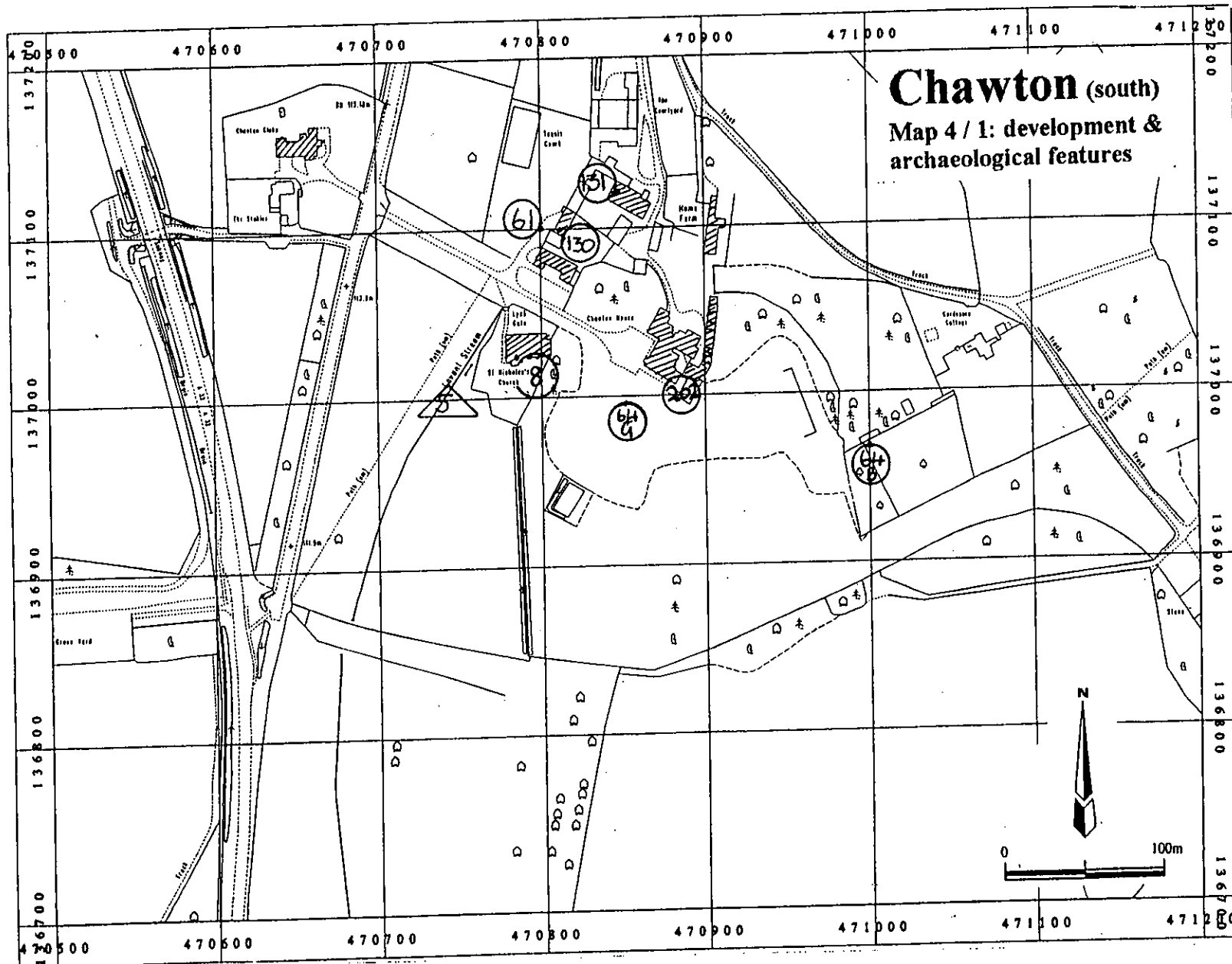
Chawton (north)

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Chawton (south)
Map 3 / 1: transcribed from the
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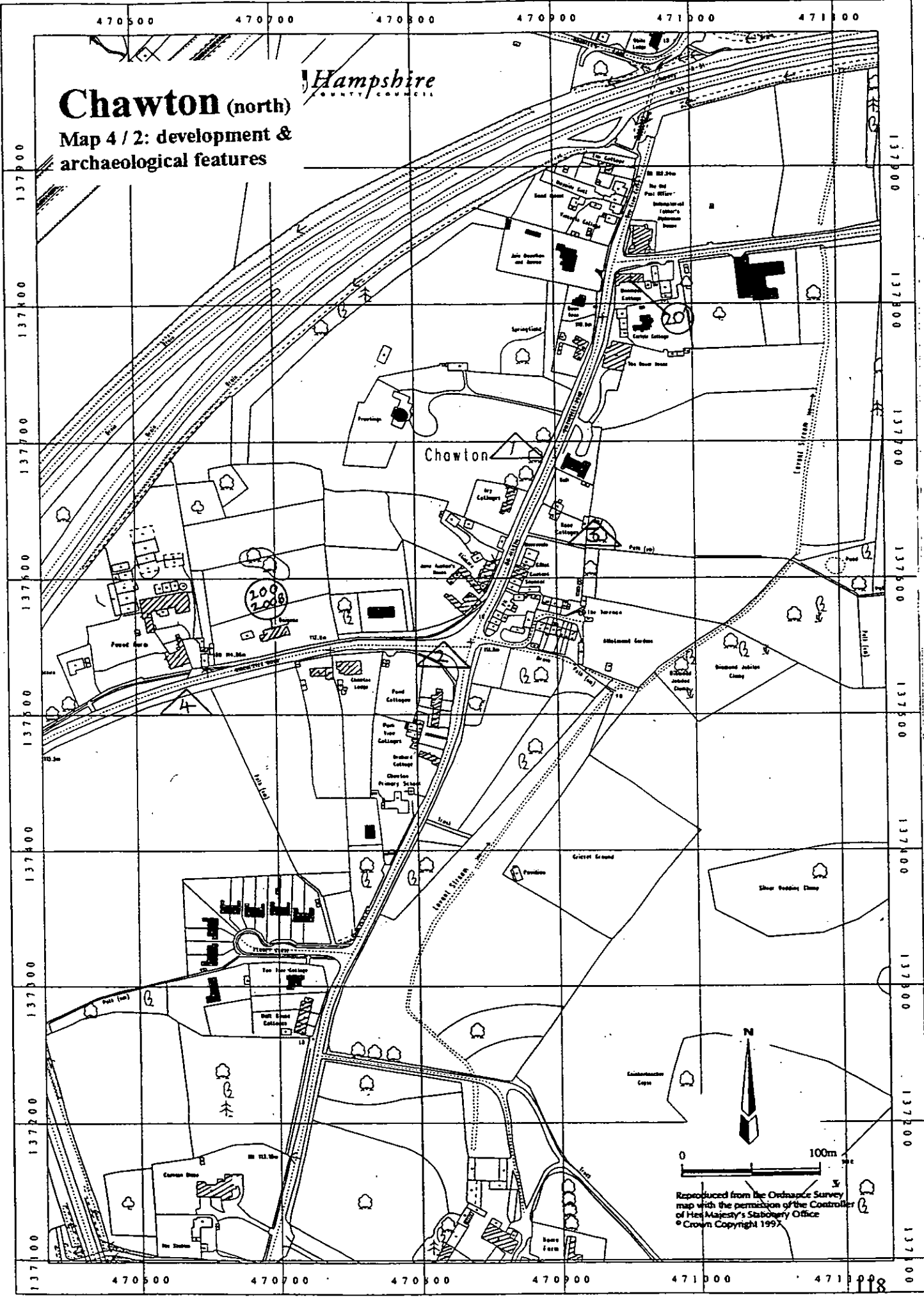


Chawton (north)

Map 4 / 2: development & archaeological features

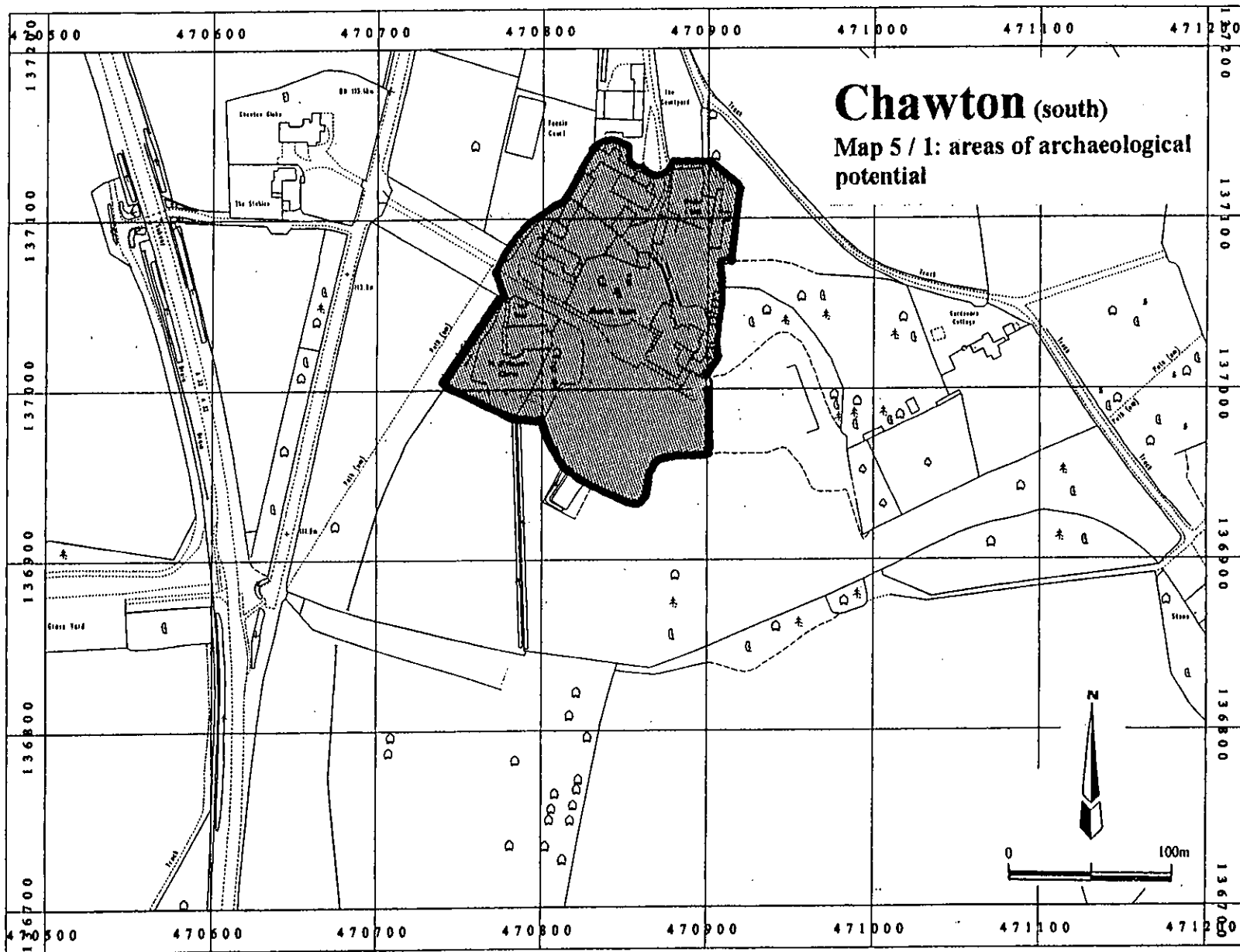
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Chawton (north)

Map 5 / 2: areas of archaeological potential

