

# Chilcomb

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>PARISH</b>	Chilcomb
<b>2.0</b>	<b>HUNDRED</b>	Fawley
<b>3.0</b>	<b>NGR</b>	450705 127905
<b>4.0</b>	<b>GEOLOGY</b>	Lower Chalk

## **5.0** SITE CONTEXT (Map 2)

Chilcomb is 3.8m east of Winchester at *c.* 65m AOD. The settlement is in a natural bowl with higher ground to the north (76m AOD), east (132m AOD), and south at Deacon Hill (144m AOD). Westwards the land drops away into the valley of the river Itchen *c.*2km distant, and in this direction there are excellent views of St Catherine's Hill, Winchester. A military range is located within 0.5km west and south. The parish was reduced in size when it was divided into two components in 1894. Chilcomb Within (Winchester) included St Catherine's Hill, Bar End, Highliffe and St Giles' Hill. Chilcomb Without comprised the rump of the rural parish including the present church and hamlet.

## **6.0** PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION (Maps 3, 4 and 5)

### **Church & hamlet**

- 6.1** The *hamlet* of Chilcomb is just above a valley, perhaps not quite as the place-name describes it (paragraph 15.0). Here, the pattern of lanes is sub-circular and these define a plot of land of *c.* 350m<sup>2</sup> within the north-west corner of which most of the ancient buildings are situated. Amongst these are Chilcomb Manor (C17?), St Kildas, and Thatched Cottage (C17). Outside of the sub-circular plot, and immediately to the north of it, are the remaining outbuildings of what was once known as Chilcomb Farm (now Manor Farm). This group includes a C18 house that is known as The Manor House, and this is probably a replacement for the C17 Chilcomb Manor (see above).
- 6.2** *The parish church of St Andrew* is *c.* 300m south of the hamlet. About a half of this distance is a gentle walk down-slope to Rookery Cottages, and from there a steeper uphill walk to a point where the church is situated, on the west of the lane. The churchyard provides an excellent vantage point from which there are fine views to the north and north-west.
- 6.3** The 300m divide between hamlet and church makes it difficult to associate the two. The church fabric is C12, possibly earlier, but this does not necessarily make it the same building on the same site as the one that is listed in Domesday. However, settlement drift is also a possibility and if this model is to be preferred then a pre-Conquest settlement may have been arranged around the site of St Andrews, an arrangement that seems to have prevailed at Boarhunt.

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**6.4** *Site visit conditions:* generally overcast (17.4.2002).

## **7.0** ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL (Map 5)

### **7.1** *AsAP*

**7.1.1** The SMR for Chilcomb hamlet contains references to buildings only. Evidence for the early layout of Chilcomb is poor and for this reason an AAP has been defined that includes the Manor House grounds and much of the present settlement.

### **7.2** *AsHAP*

**7.2.1** The isolated location of the C12 parish church of St Andrew requires explanation. For

this reason the extended churchyard (south) and the field to the north have been designated an AHAP. However, extant boundaries are not good indicators of the limits of archaeological potential, and opportunities for Briefs and Evaluations would be of value within at least 100m radius of the church.

## **8.0** CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

### **St Andrew**

- The estate of greater Chilcomb had nine churches according to Domesday Book. Seven of these are likely to have been situated in sub-manors of Chilcomb plus the parish church of St Andrew, and a dependant chapel on St Catherine's Hill (see paragraph 14.3). In this case, St Andrew might be regarded as Mother Church to the other eight.
- Walls of flint and rubble;
- Fabric generally in the range c. 1130-40;
- C15 glazed tiles in the chancel floor;
- C12 north doorway is of Binstead stone but is superimposed upon an earlier entrance, probably of C11 / C12 date. The north door is blocked by C18 brickwork;
- On the west side of the north door is a C11 / C12 window. A similar but lower and probably later window is situated east of the doorway. A third window of this type is in the north wall of the chancel
- C15 west window;
- C19 restorations.

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## 9.0 BUILDINGS (Map 4)

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
9470	Milestone 200m east of entrance to Magdalen Hill cemetery	early C19	II
9471	The Manor House: barn 6m north of	C18	II
9475	The Manor House	C18	II
9476	The Manor House: kitchen garden wall south and west sides of	C18, 19	II
9477	Comlyns	C17, 18, 19	II
9478	St Kildas (formerly the rectory)	C16, 17	II
9472	St Kildas: barn attached to the east end of	C17	II
9473	Thatched Cottage	C17	II
9474	St Andrews Church	1120-40, C15, 17, 19	I

## 10.0 SMR DATA SW 450630 I27880, NE 451010 I28490 (Map 4)

SU52NW	No.		
	14	450710 I27920	Medieval. Parish church of St Andrew (see paragraph 8.0).
	34	450800 I28200	Medieval. Chilcomb first documented in AD 856.
	40	450780 I28290	Medieval. St Kildas. Late C16 timber-framed building.

## 10.1 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

Hants No.	NGR	Parish	NAR / NMR Nos
None known.			

## 10.2 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

SAM No.	NGR	Site
152	450000 I29400	Magdalen Hill round barrows
12140	451510 I29070	Bowl barrow at the east end of Magdalen Hill Down
12160	452150 I28150	Bowl barrow on Telegraph Hill

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## 11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Map 4)

- |   |                                |   |
|---|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 | 450680 128400                  | Earthworks.   |
| 2 | 450690 128290                  | House platform. Site of building within enclosure shown on OS 10,560 map of 1872.   |
| 3 | 450930 128220<br>450915 128170 | Hollows: possibly chalk pits. VCH (3: 315) mentions lime works to the west of the <i>village</i> whereas these pits lie to the east.<br>This suggests that these workings were more extensive. Alternatively, this could be yet another example of VCH getting its east / west bearings wrong; the OS 10,560 map marks lime works to the east of Chilcomb only. |

## 12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/48/2 (1838 / 1839)
- GSGB 299 Winchester
- OS 1: 2500 SW 450630 127880, NE 451010 128490
- OS 1: 25000 Explorer 132: Winchester, New Alresford & East Meon
- OS 1: 10,560 450499 128499

## 13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Coates R 1984 Remarks on pre-British in England *Journal of the English Place-name Society* 16: 1-24.
- Coates R 1989 *The Place-names of Hampshire* Southampton, Ensign
- HTS 1: 47-50
- VCH 3: 314-6

## 14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

### 14.1 Domesday Book

- 3,1 Bishop Walkelin himself holds *Chilcombe*. Before 1066 and now it answered for 1 hide. Land for 68 ploughs. In lordship 12 ploughs; 30 villagers and 115 smallholders with 57 ploughs. 9 churches; 20 slaves; 4 mills at £4; meadow, 40 acres; from grazing 23s 5d; woodland 30 pigs from pasturage.

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Of this place William holds land for 3 ploughs; Manno held it. Chipping holds land for 1 plough; he held it himself. Walter holds land for 1 plough; Alfhere held it. Hugh Mason holds land for 2 ploughs; Gerard held it. Thurstan Red holds land for 1 plough; Aelmer held it. Osbern holds land for 1 plough; Godwin held it. Thurstan Small holds 30 acres; Alfheah held it. The holder of these lands before 1066 could not withdraw their land to another lord; the present holders have in lordship 7 ploughs; 7 villagers and 30 small-holders with 2 ploughs. 11 slaves; meadow, 4 acres. Value of the whole manor before 1066 £73 10s; later the same; now, what the monks hold £80, what the men hold £24. 6 hides were attached to this manor before 1066 which Ralph of Mortimer now holds, but he does no service to the Church.

## 14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£0.6.6	
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	£1.12.2	(15 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£1.8.0	(13 taxpayers)

## 14.3 Manors

Chilcomb, and formerly Barton & Buddlesgate, Winnall, Morestead, St Faith (or St Catherines), Compton, Weeke, Littleton and Sparsholt. These apparently account for the 9 churches listed under Chilcomb in the Domesday Book. The eight sub-manors are probably those listed in the second part of the Domesday entry as being held by William, Chipping, Walter, Hugh Mason, Thurstan Red, Osbern, Thurstan Small, and Ralph respectively (paragraph 14).

## 14.4 Hearth Tax 1665

29 hearths chargeable (7 houses)  
0 hearths not chargeable (0 houses). Total: 7 houses.

## 15.0 PLACE NAME

In the time of Æthelwulf (C12) *ciltacumb*; 909 (?C11 / C12) *ciltancumb*; 963 x 975 (C12) (*of ciltancumbe*; 1171 *Chiltecumbe*. OE ‘valley below the steep slope’, or ‘valley below *cilta*’ where this is a word in a pre-English language meaning ‘slope’, surviving to English times as aname. The element is fully discussed in Coates, 1984a. The slope is the abrupt scarp of Deacon Hill, or of Magdalen Hill Down, or both (Coates, 1989: 53).

## 16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

- View of parish church from the north;
- View of parish church from the south.

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## 17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS

### 17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters

- Undated. Æthelwulf, king, to (Winchester Cathedral); confirmation of the beneficial hidation of Chilcomb, Hampshire. *English* (151 / **325**).
- AD 909 King Edward to Frithestan, bishop of Winchester; confirmation of the beneficial hidation of Chilcombe, Hampshire. *Latin with English bounds* (163 / **376**).
- AD 937 King Athelstan to the church of SS Peter and Paul, Winchester; confirmation of the beneficial hidation of Chilcomb, Hampshire. *Latin* (177 / **439**).
- AD 963 X 975 King Edgar to Old Minster, Winchester; renewal of the freedom of Chilcomb, Hampshire. *Latin and English versions* (258 / **817**).
- AD 963 X 975 King Edgar to the bishopric of Winchester; confirmation of land at Chilcomb, Hampshire' and restoration of land at Downton, Wiltshire; Taunton Somerset; Alresford, *Clere*, Tichbourne, Worthy, Hampshire; Fonthill, Wiltshire; Bishopstoke, Hampshire; and at Farnham, Surrey. *Latin* (259 / **818**).
- AD 963 X 975 King Edgar to the church of Winchester; restoration of land at Downton, Wiltshire, and at *Etdrethecumb*, Isle of Wight and renewal of the liberty of Chilcomb, Hampshire. *Latin* (259 / **821**).
- AD 984 X 1001 Writ of King Æthelred declaring that the the land at Chilcomb, Hampshire, is now to be assessed for the discharge of all the obligations upon it at one hide, as had been established by his ancestors. *English* (285 / **946**).
- AD 871 X 899 King Alfred to the church of Winchester; concerning Chilcomb, Hampshire. *English* (475 / **1812**).
- Undated. List of lands belonging to Chilcomb, Hampshire. *English* (476 / **1820**).

### 17.2 Other parish settlements include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>NGR / map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
None recorded.			

### 17.3 Enclosures

#### *Parliamentary:*

<i>NEP No.</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
None.				

#### *Formal Agreements:*

<i>NEP No.</i>	<i>Agreement</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
14509	1882	1884	417.94 acres actual. All pasture.

**NB** The common fields of the parish were enclosed by informal means.

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## 17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

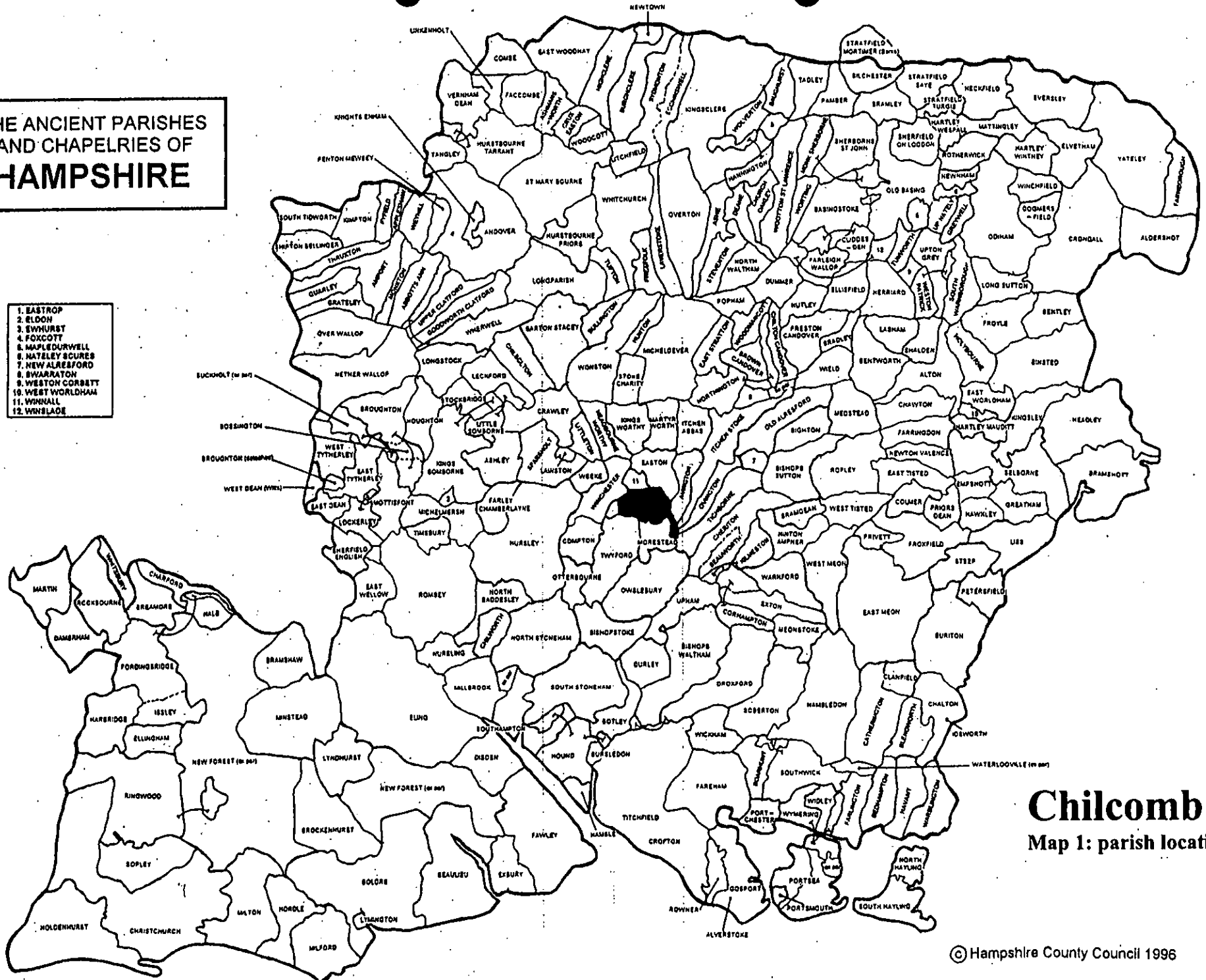
- There is a triangular area of land at a road junction between Chilcomb Manor and Chilcomb Manor House (*c.* 450720 128350). This feature is possibly a green.
- North of the B 3404, at the edge of the parish, is a plot called No Man's Land.

## 18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

- 1 Map 1: Parish location (not to scale)
- 2 Map 2: General (settlement) location at 1: 25000
- 3 Map 3: The OS First Edition County Series transcribed at 1: 2500, reduced to 71%
- 4 Map 4: Development & archaeological features at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 5 Map 5: Areas of archaeological potential at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%

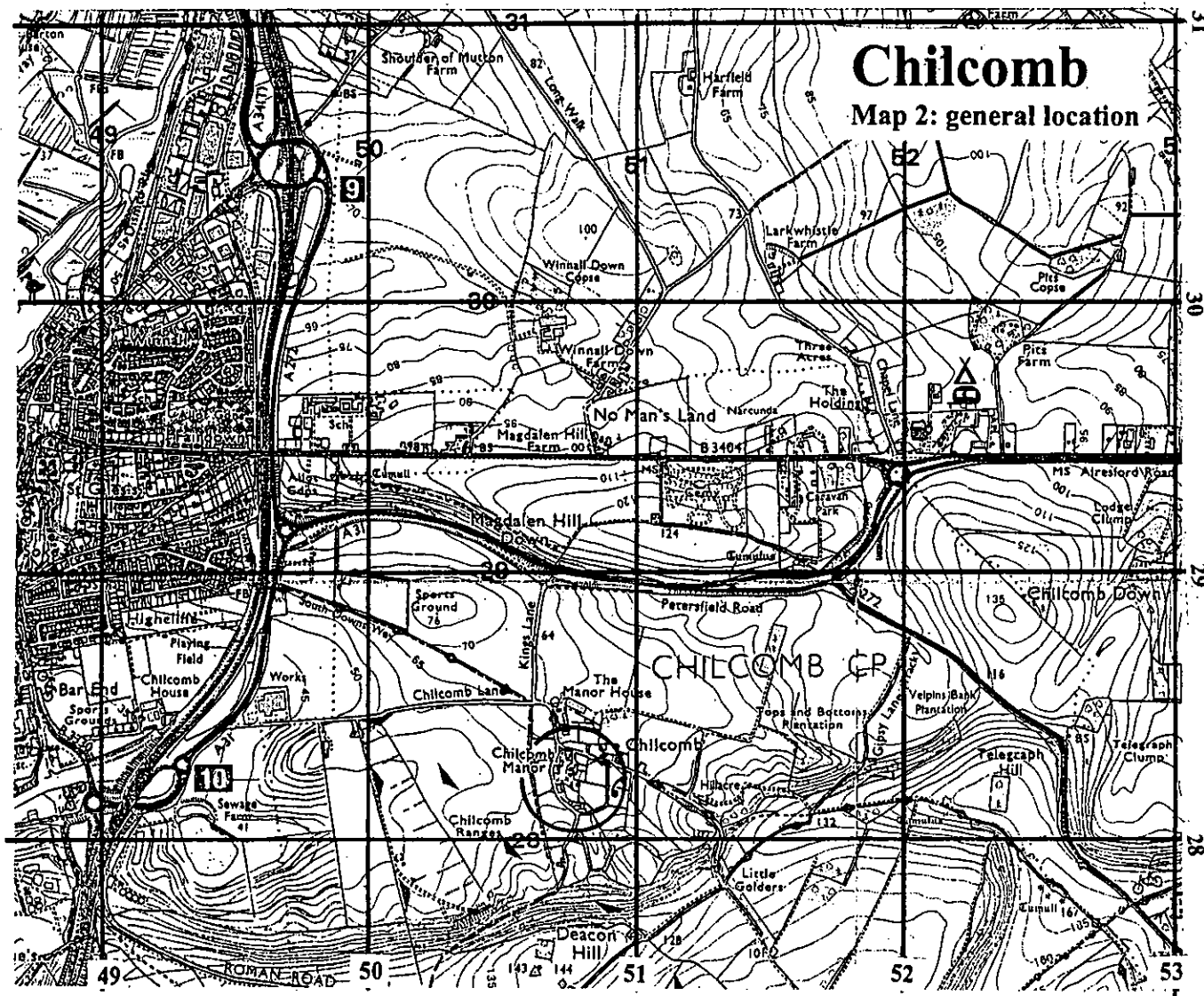
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AND CHAPELRIES OF  
HAMPSHIRE**

- 1. EASTROP
- 2. BLOON
- 3. SWHURST
- 4. FOXCOTT
- 5. MAPLEDURWELL
- 6. NATELEY SCURES
- 7. NEW ALRESFORD
- 8. SWARRKATON
- 9. WESTON CORBETT
- 10. WEST WORLDHAM
- 11. WINNALL
- 12. WINSLADE

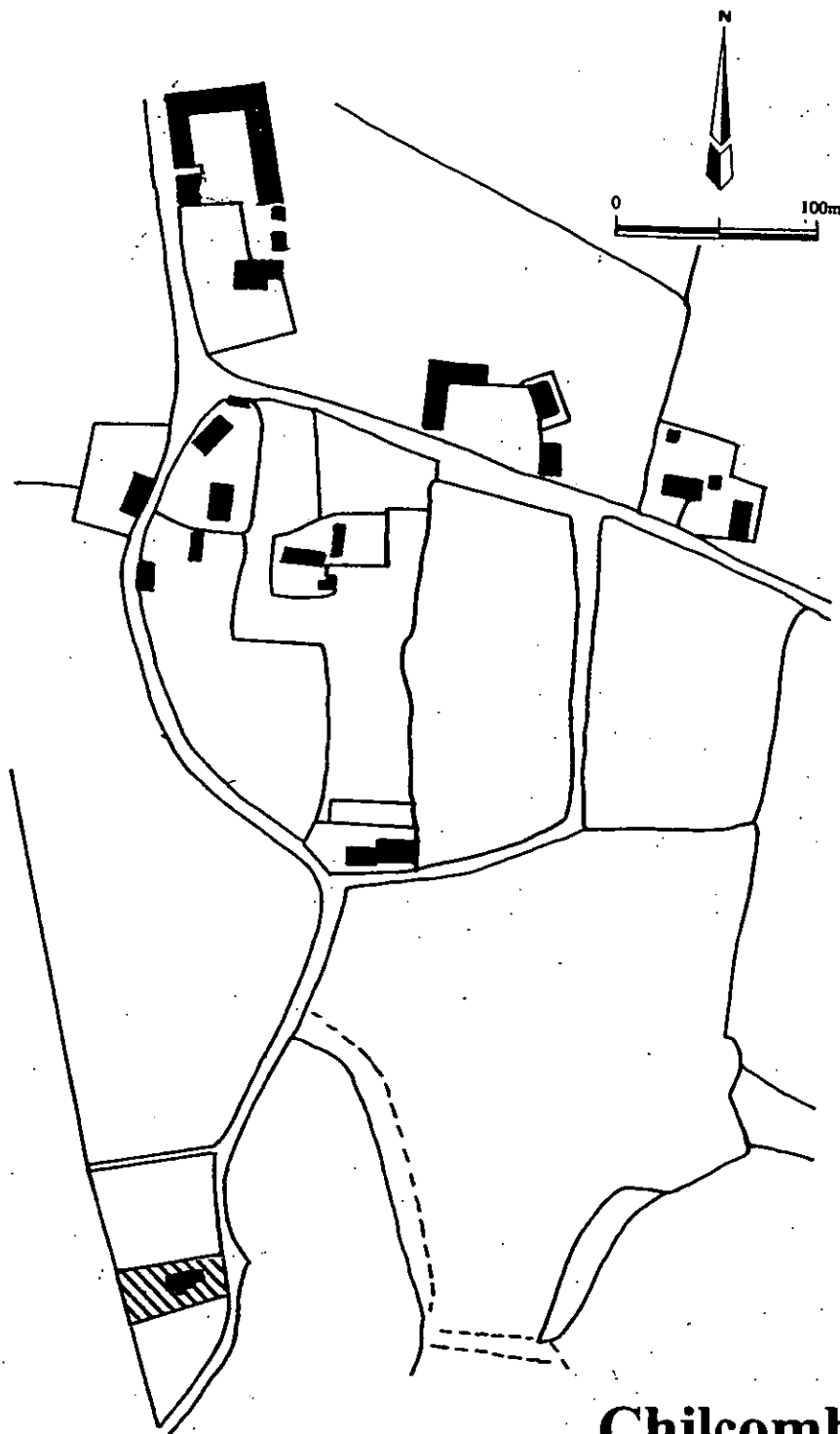


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Map 1: parish location





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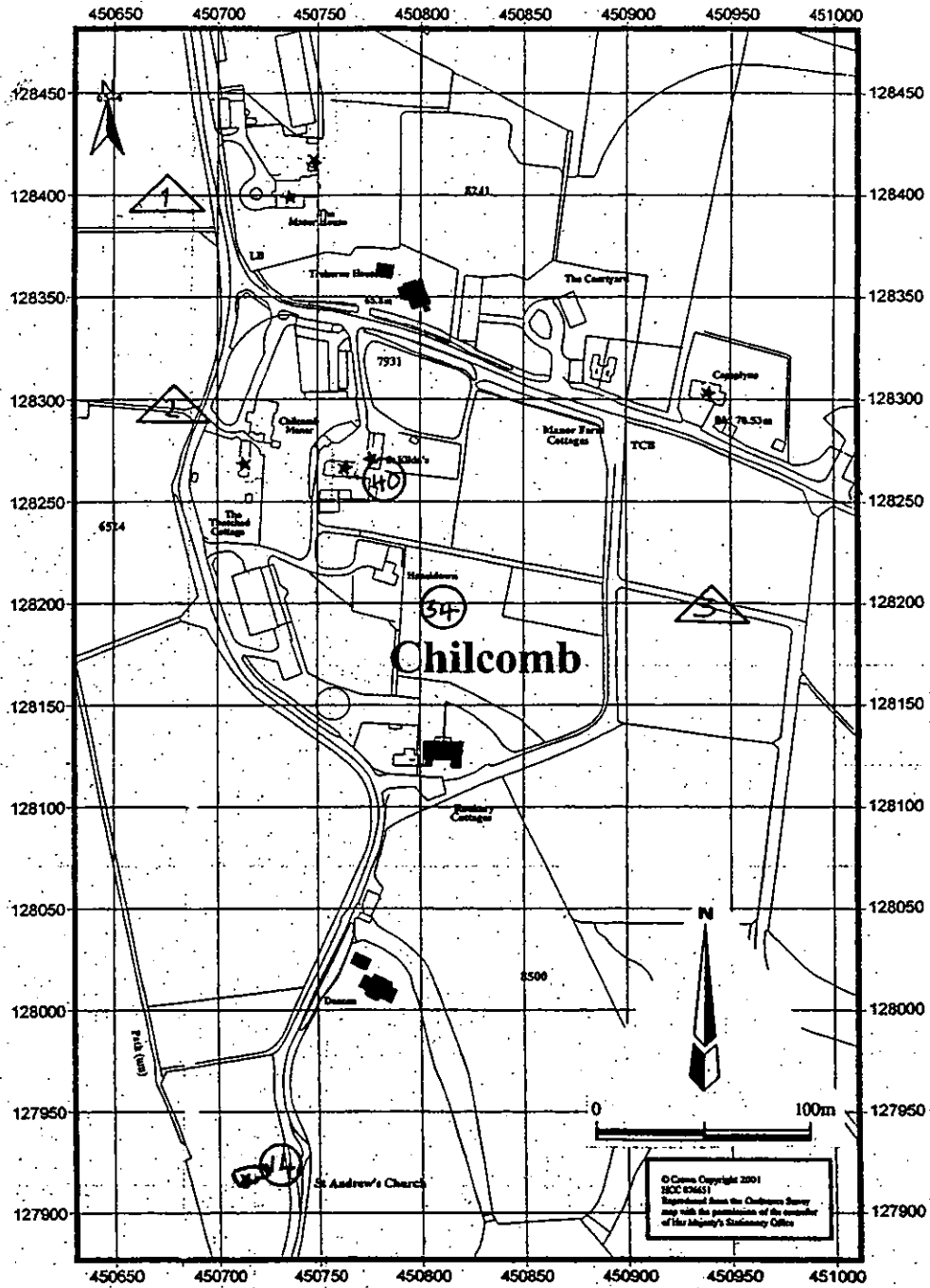
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**Map 3: OS 1: 10560**

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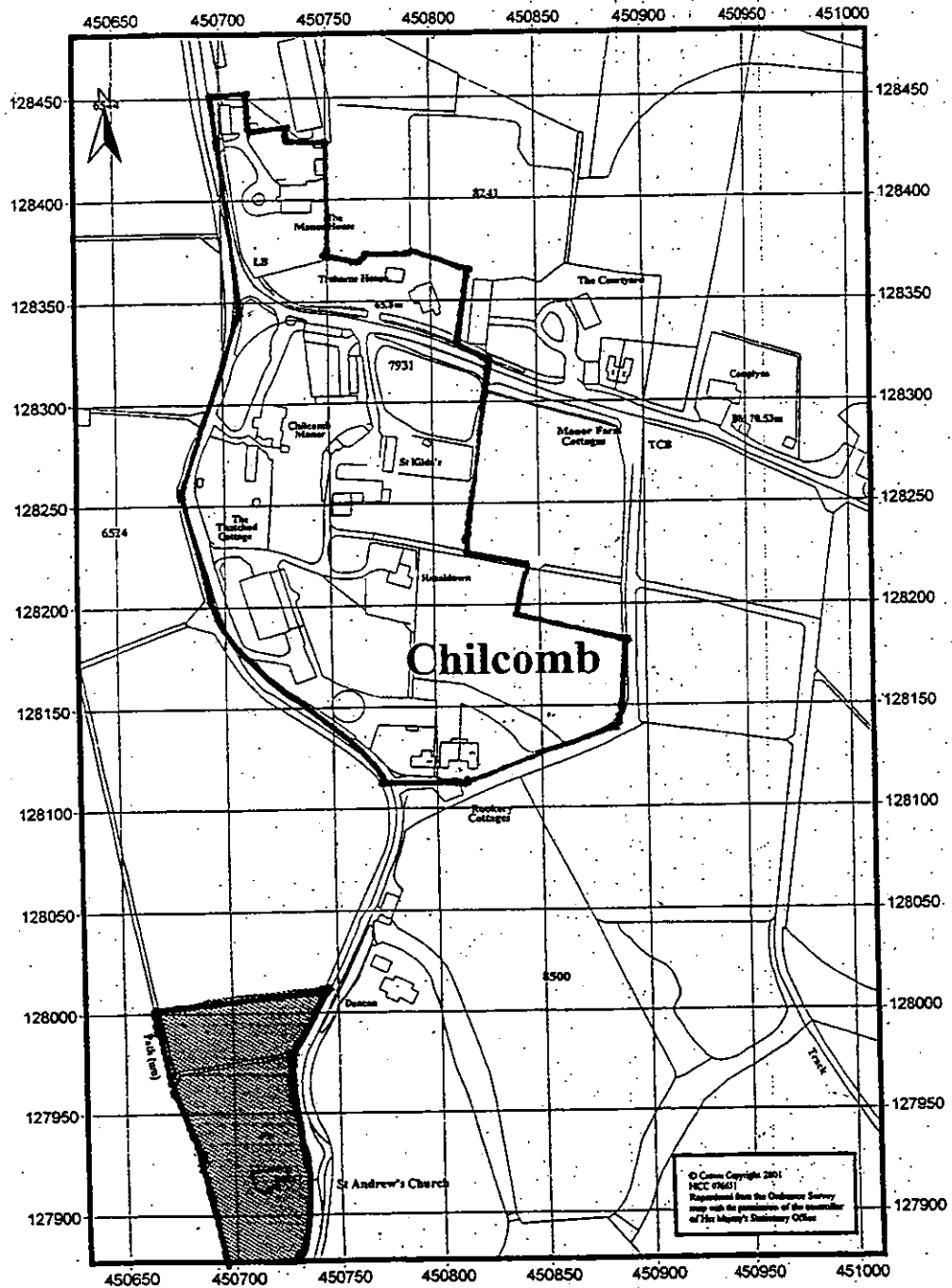
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Map 4: development & archaeological features



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**Map 5: areas of archaeological potential**