

NAME Cliddesden  
PARISH Cliddesden  
HUNDRED Basingstoke  
DISTRICT Basingstoke and Deane  
NGR SU 632492  
GEOLOGY Upper Chalk.

**SITE CONTEXT** The main street through the village lies in the bottom of a dry valley at approximately 155m OD, sloping down to the NE. The sides of the valley rise gently either side of the village to 120-130m OD. There is no apparent surface water course in the village but there is a large pond in the centre of the settlement. The church is sited on the SE side of the valley at 120m OD.

**PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION** Irregular row.

The majority of the settlement is strung along the N-S road with a few plots near the junction of the road to the W. The church stands alone near the road to the E on the periphery of the settlement.

Near the centre of the village is a staggered cross-roads where there is a pond and possibly a small green. A few buildings on the S side of the 'green' face it rather than the road.

#### AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The AHAP runs the full length of the village on both sides of the road to cover the building lines facing the street and it also covers the first part of the road to the W where there is at least one house of the C17. An extension of the AHAP takes in the plots on the N side of the road to the E, the church which is sited away from the main core of the village, and the unoccupied land on the S side of the road to the E.

Around the E extension of the AHAP is an AAP to cover the possibility that there was an area of settlement around the church at some time. As churches often form the focus for settlement, a church sited away from existing settlement should be closely investigated as the existing settlement pattern may be the result of shift away from the church. At Cliddesden there has been a significant development to the N of the church which will probably have caused extensive damage to any archaeological deposits but small scale excavation in this area should be undertaken where possible to assess whether there are any deposits and their condition.

**CHURCH & CHURCHYARD** St Leonard. Blocked Norman doorway on N side but otherwise almost entirely 1889.

#### BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Jolly Farmer PH Cliddesden Rd Late C18 II  
Old School House C17 early C19 II  
Thatches C17 II  
Yew Tree Cottage C17 C20 II  
Granary at Church Fm Early C19 II

Church Of St Leonard II  
Well House Farleigh Rd C17 II  
Cliddesden Down House C18 early C19 II  
1, 2 and 3 Rectory Row C16 C17 II  
4, 5 and 6 Rectory Row C17 II  
Manor Farm House Early C19 II  
The Laithe House C17 II  
Barn C18 II  
10 Woods Lane C18 II  
Audley's Wood c.1880 II

(Un-listed)

#### SMR DATA

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|----|----------|--|
| 1  | 63304907 | Med church                             |
| 45 | 63204920 | Med village mentioned in Domesday Book |

#### ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

|   |          |                                      |
|---|----------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | 63284947 | Site of building shown on Tithe map  |
| 2 | 63094922 | ditto                                |
| 3 | 63084915 | Site of buildings shown on Tithe map |
| 4 | 63004896 | Site of building shown on Tithe map  |
| 5 | 63154912 | ditto                                |
| 6 | 63064907 | ditto                                |

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES OS 1:2500 SU 6248-6348, 6249-6349, Tithe map 21M65/F7/53/2 (1842)

#### AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY

#### PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

**Domesday** Durand of Gloucester from the King and Ralph from him. 2 brothers held it from King Edward; they could go whither they would. Then and now it answered for 2 hides. Land for 5 pl. In lordship 1 pl; 6 villagers and 10 smallholders with 2 pl. A church; 9 slaves. Value before 1066 £4; later and now £3.

#### Subsidy Rolls

|      |                         |
|------|-------------------------|
| 1334 | 1. 10. 5                |
| 1524 | 3. 16. 0 (23 taxpayers) |

#### Manorial Documents

#### Hearth Tax

|      |  |
|------|--|
| 1665 | 56 hearths chargeable (21 houses)<br>5 hearths not chargeable (5 houses) Total 26 houses |
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PLACE NAME 1086 *Cleresden*, 1194 *Cledesdene*. OE *clyde* deriving from *clud* 'lump, mass'. Alternatively it is from an old place-name now lost, viz. *Cludi* which would make the present name mean the valley of the fossilized place-name.

#### PHOTOGRAPHS

#### OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

Hatch, a detached portion, was a parish until the end 1380 when it was united with Cliddesden due to depopulation and poverty. In the time of Ed III 300 acres were lying untilled and there was a plea to pay no tenth as there was no one living in the parish. Again During the reign of Richard II there was a petition to exempt from paying a tenth as the church was in ruins and no one could be found to serve the cure as the living was too small

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Based on Tithe Map of 1842





