

1.0 PARISH	Crofton (formerly Titchfield)
2.0 HUNDRED	Titchfield
3.0 NGR	455110 104190
4.0 GEOLOGY	Brickearth

5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Map 2)

Crofton (c. 11.7m AOD) is 100m east of the modern B 3334 at the northern outskirts of Stubbington. To the north (300m) is the confluence of two tributaries of the river Meon. The shoreline of the River Solent is 2.5km south of Crofton. In recent years the topography of the settlement has been much changed. The Titchfield Road (B 3334) has been redirected westwards leaving one loop in the former road as a quiet suburban drive whilst another is little more than a lay-by alongside the new road (Maps 3, 4, and 5; Paragraph 11.2). Modern suburban housing has engulfed the Tithe Map settlement, and this process continues on land that formerly comprised Crofton Manor Farm.

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

Church & manor house

6.1.1 The C13 church of the Holy Rood and the C17 Manor House stand adjacent. The latter is probably a replacement for an earlier, medieval building. The 1837-8 Tithe Map shows few other buildings other than those of Crofton Manor Farm (immediately west of the Manor House) and Anker Cottage with its attendant barn. The close proximity of the confluence of two river Meon tributaries is a topographical feature that might have determined the location of the settlement. There is no evidence to suggest that Crofton was ever much bigger than it was in the early C19. A well-defined bank and ditch boundary that connects the old course of Cuckoo Lane to the river Meon is significant as a constituency boundary today (Paragraph 11.1; Maps 3 and 4).

6.1.2 Cuckoo Lane, now diverted at Crofton (compare Maps 3 with Map 4) is a route southwards from the manorial centre to Stubbington and Hill Head. *Cuckoo-* place-names tend to be associated with squatter activity and in this case its use almost certainly refers to squatter occupation of land at Stubbington (*cf.*) Newlands Farm, 1km north-east of Holy Rood, is another indicator of squatter occupation of the wastes of the manor. For a discussion of *cuckoo-* place-names see Hewitt and Wilkes 2001.

6.2 *Site visit conditions:* hazy sun / cloud (3.4.2001)

7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL (Map 5)

7.1 *AsAP*

7.1.1 A small area of green on the south side of Titchfield Road, opposite Holy Rood church. There is no reason to suppose that this was ever a part of the Crofton Green but its proximity to the manorial centre suggests that it has Archaeological Potential.

7.1.2 A widening of the old Titchfield Road at this point indicates the probable site of the Crofton Green.

7.1.3 The C17 or earlier Anker Cottage and its remaining grounds.

7.1.4 The grounds of No.123 Titchfield Road. The Tithe Map shows this as a plot with associated buildings that have been since demolished (Map 3).

7.2 *AsHAP*

The Manor House and Holy Rood Church within their surviving grounds. This area would, until recently, have been extended into the adjacent east-north-east grounds (formerly Crofton Manor Farm) wherein Modern housing is under construction.

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

Holy Rood

- Mentioned in Domesday. Probably served as a chapel of ease to Titchfield (VCH 3: 232).
- Situated on an eminence above the Meon tributaries;
- Originally dedicated to St Edmund, King and Martyr;
- Simple whitewashed interior;
- C14 chancel, south chapel & north transept ('leper' squint in north wall west of the vestry);
- C15 nave, not on the same axis as the chancel;
- C18 brick west wall, probably the same date as the dividing wall between the church and the Manor House;
- C19 south transept
- Sarsen stones were found in the foundations of church;
- There is an ivy-covered table tomb c. 30m east of the church.

9.0 BUILDINGS (Map 4)

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
6253	Anker Cottage	C17	II
6254	Holy Rood Church (originally dedicated to St Edmund, King & Martyr)	C13, 16	II*
6255	Crofton Manor	C17 or earlier	II
6258	House	C17, 18, 19	II

10.0 SMR DATA SW 454700 103900, NE 455300 104500 (Map 4)

SU 50 SE No.

**m 10 455110 104200 Medieval. Parish church of Holy Rood (see 8.0)

10.1 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

Hants No. NGR Parish NAR / NMR Nos

None.

10.2 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

SAM No. NGR Site

None.

11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Map 4)

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| 1 | 454900 104070 | Curvilinear bank and ditch boundary. |
| 2 | 455090 104000 | Sample points on former course of Titchfield Road. |
| | 455130 104125 | |
| | 454880 104290 | |
| 3 | 454970 104160 | Sample point on the former course of Cuckoo Lane that survives as a footpath. |

12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/234/5 (1837-8 / 1839)
- GSGB 331 Portsmouth
- OS 1: 2500 sw 454700 103900, NE 455300 104500
- OS 1: 25000 Explorer: Meon Valley, Portsmouth, Gosport & Fareham.

13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- Hewitt I and Wilkes E 2001 Roman forts at East Holton, Wareham St Martin, Dorset: a journey to Cuckoo-land *Garden Archaeology and Designed Landscapes in south-west England* In Press.
- VCH 3: 221, 226

14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES**14.1 Domesday Book**

18,1 Count Alan holds *Crofton*. Wulfward held it; he could go with this land whither he would. Before 1066 it answered for 7 hides; now for 3 hides less ½ virgate. Land for 5 ploughs. In lordship 1 plough; 11 villagers and 2 smallholders with 4½ ploughs. A church; 4 slaves; a mill at 12s 6d; a fishery with 2 salt houses at 100d; meadow, 24 acres; woodland at 5 pigs. Value before 1066 £8; later 100s; now £4.

18,2 The Count (Alan) himself holds *Funtley*. Wulfward held it from Earl Godwin; he could not go whither he would. Then and now it answered for 1 hide. Land for 3 ploughs. A mill at 10s; meadow, 3 acres. Value before 1066 and later 40s; now 30s. Aldred and the men of the Hundred testify that this manor does not belong to *Crofton*.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£3.15.6	
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	£5.9.4	(29 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£6.9.4	(28 taxpayers)

14.3 Manorial Documents

Crofton was a manor of Rowner (C14) but followed the descent of Titchfield from C16.

14.4 Hearth Tax 1665

65 hearths chargeable (30 houses)
5 hearths not chargeable (4 houses). Total: 34 houses.

15.0 PLACE NAME

1086 *Crofton(e)* A farm of one smallholding, or with a smallholding attached. The Domesday entry (14.1) suggests that the latter is the more feasible interpretation.

16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

None.

17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS

17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters & Writs

None.

17.2 Other parish settlements include (in this case for Fareham District):

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>NGR / map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
Abshott	1281	449800 106200	Edward I
Alders Farm	0913	Not given	1430
Burn Farm	2064	Not given	Richard II
Brook	1287	450000 106200	1350
Brownwich Farm	1282	451900 103600	1086
Burridge Farm	2066	451270 110770	1315
Cams Hill	0918	458900 105700	1242
Catisford House	0919	454720 106160	1233
Chilling	1283	450900 104100	Edward I
Cocker Hill	0920	458080 110060	1316

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Fern Hill Farm	2364	453900 106500	
Edward III			
Fleet End	1284	450700 105700	982
Funtley	N/A	456200 108150	1086
Foxbury Farm	0706	457110 103680	1339
Heathfield	0923	455600 106020	1499
Hollam Hill Farm	0925	454400 105110	1246
Hook	1285	450900 105200	1086
Hook House	0926	449530 104950	1218
Locks Heath	2068	451000 107000	1327
Meon	2366	453000 103000	1086
Newland Farm	0709	456100 104380	1315
New Town	1286	449300 105200	1363
Great Postbrook	2368	453600 105030	1202
Sarisbury	2071	450200 108600	Edward I
Swanwick	2072	451500 109300	1185
Warsash	1288	449100 106200	1272
Wicor Farm	0934	460140 105110	1400

17.3 Enclosures*Parliamentary:*

<i>NEP No.</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
		1861		31 acres of Crofton Shore
14141		1859	1867	38.23 acres (actual) and 10 acres (Order & award) including shore marshes.

Formal Agreements:

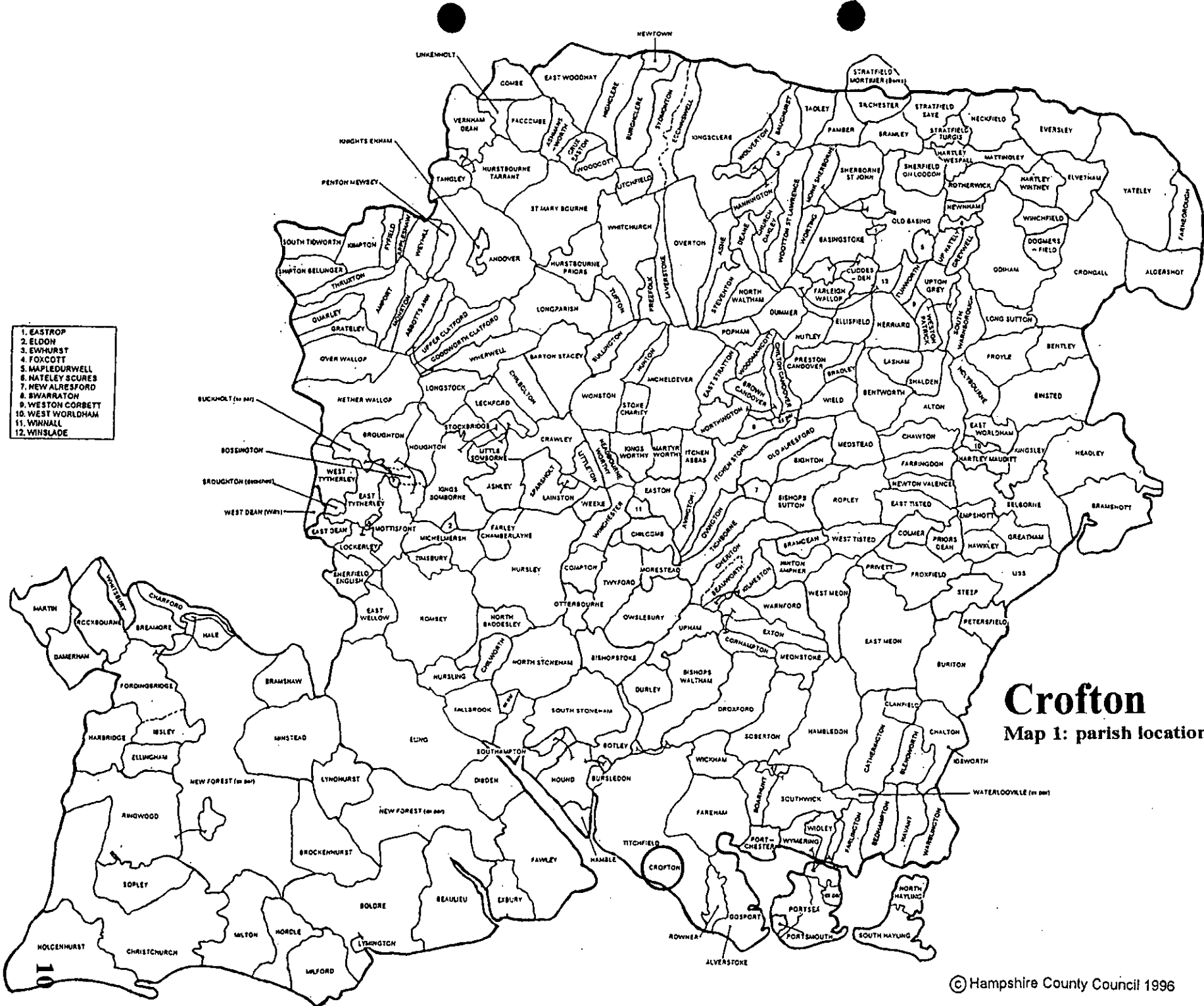
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None known.			

17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

VCH 3: 221 mentions a green at Crofton, and a windmill on Peel Common. The latter is now a small, modern settlement at a route intersection 2.5km south-east of Crofton church (*i.e.* close to the boundary with Rowner).

18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

- 1 Map 1: Parish location (not to scale)
- 2 Map 2: Settlement location at 1: 25000
- 3 Map 3: 1837-8 Tithe Map 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%

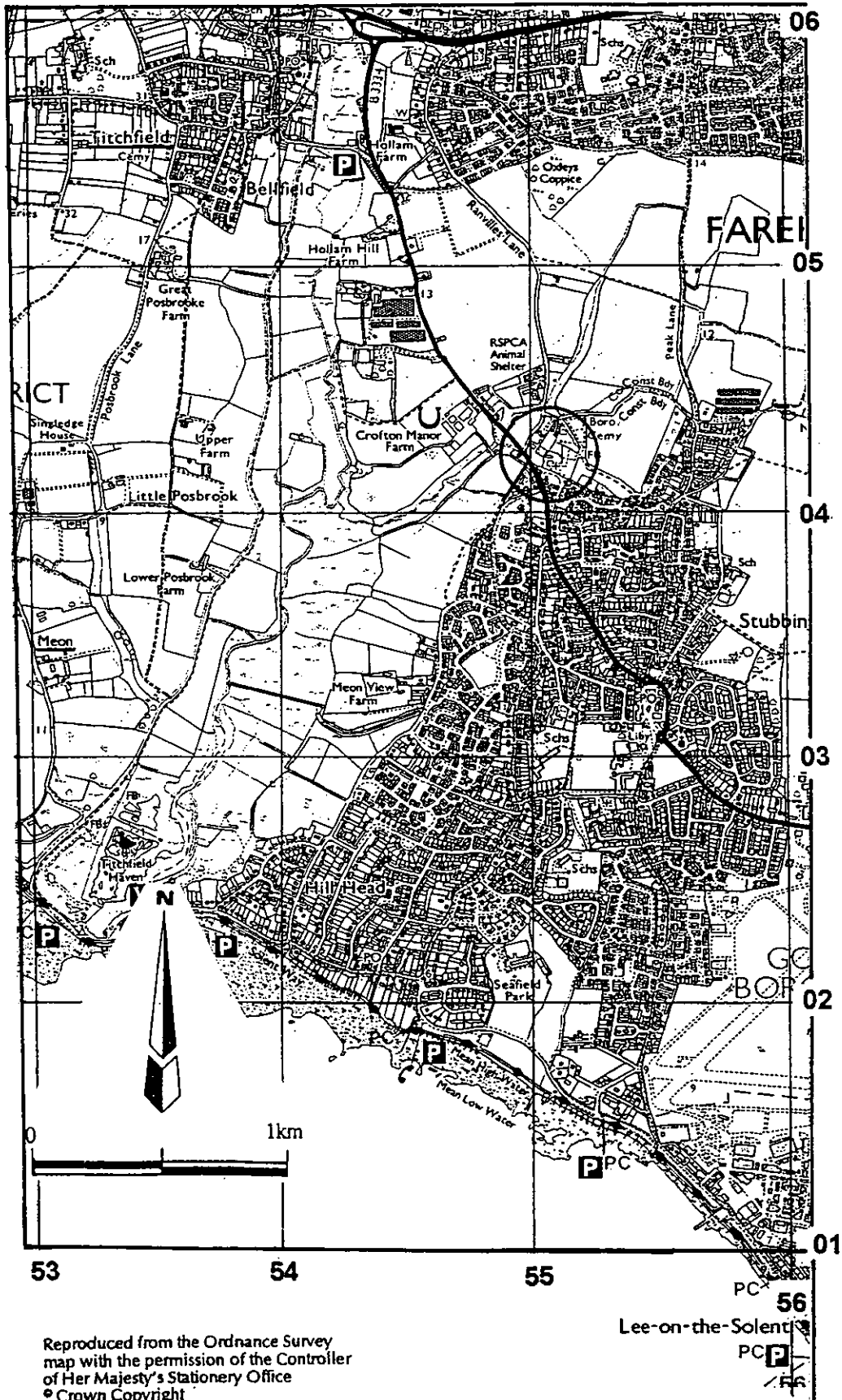


- 1. EASTROP
- 2. ELDON
- 3. EWHURST
- 4. FOXCOTT
- 5. MAPLEDURWELL
- 6. NATELEY SCURES
- 7. NEW ALRESFORD
- 8. SWARRATON
- 9. WESTON CORBETT
- 10. WEST WORLDHAM
- 11. WINNALL
- 12. WINSLADE

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Map 1: parish location

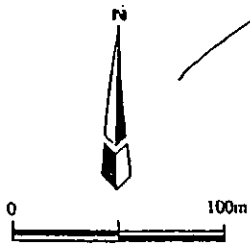
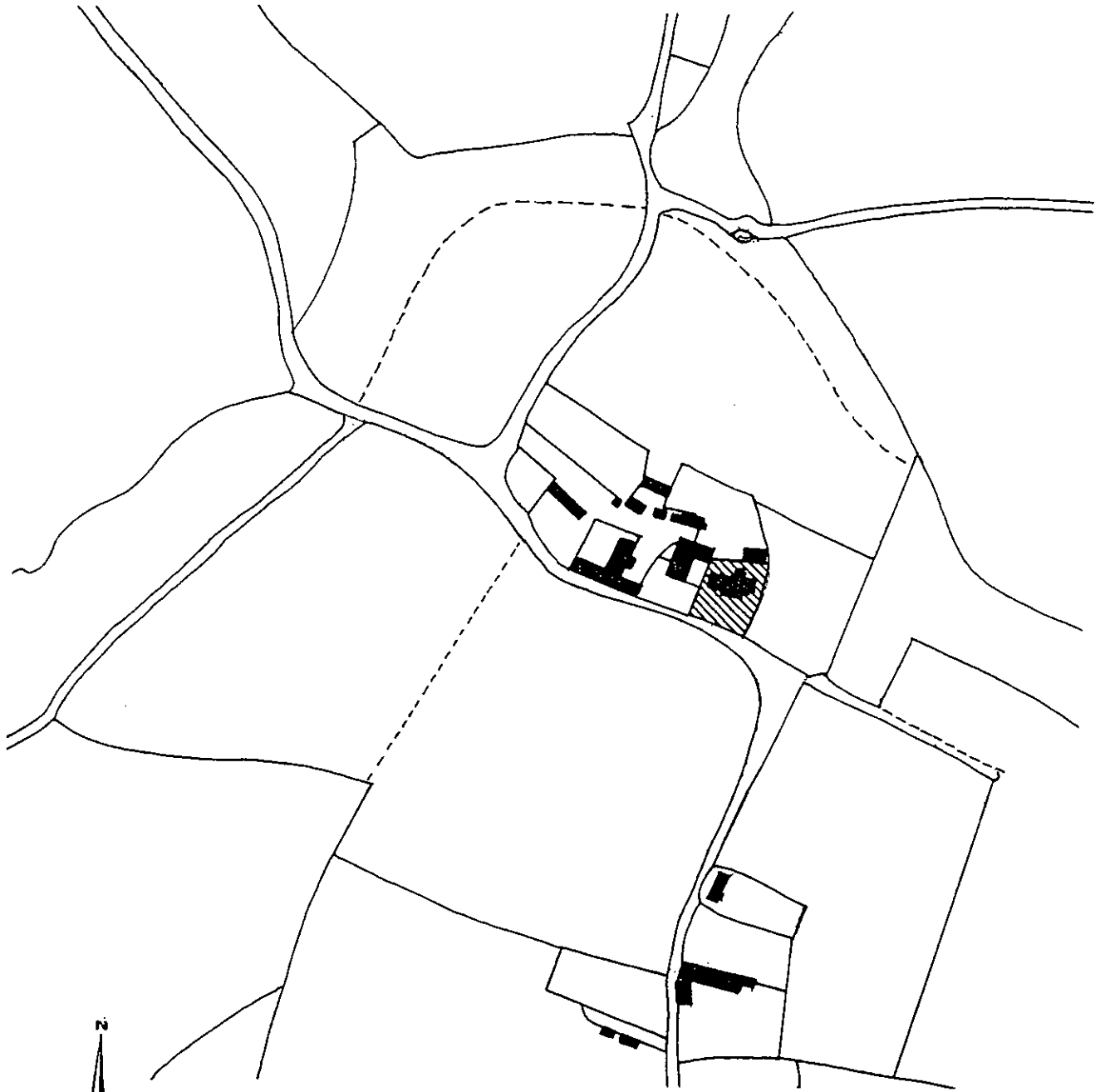
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Map 2: general location



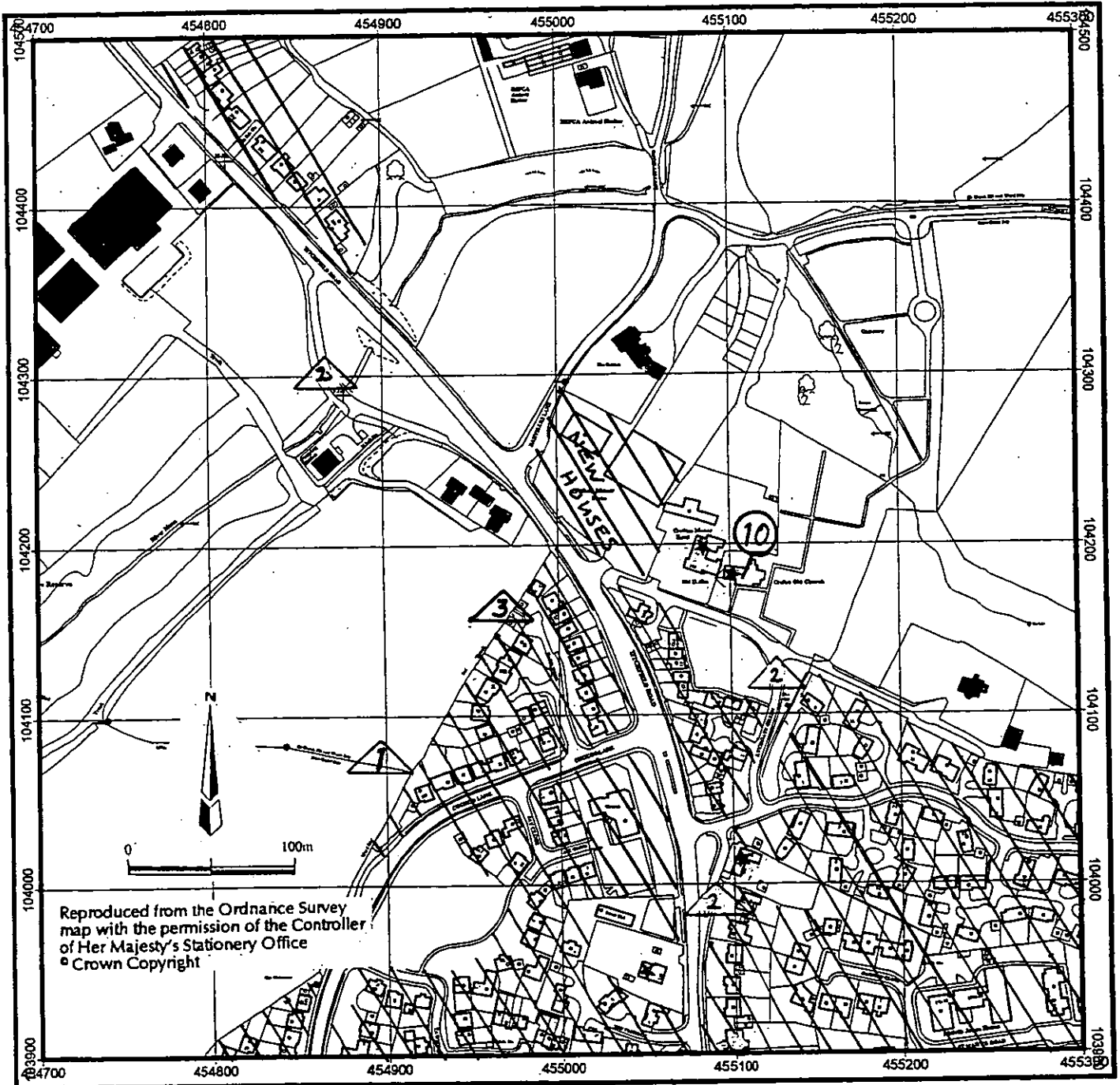
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Map 3: transcribed from the
Tithe Map of 1837-8



Crofton

Map 4: development & archaeological features



Crofton

Map 5: areas of archaeological potential

