

Crookham Village

- 1.0 PARISH** Crookham Village
- 2.0 HUNDRED** Crondall
- 3.0 NGR** SU 47930 15240
- 4.0 GEOLOGY** Bracklesham Beds immediately abounding Alluvium (west), and Alluvium and Upper Bagshot (sand) to the south.

5.0 SITE CONTEXT

Crookham Village is at an intersection of three roads. The principal route runs east-south-east from Fleet towards Dogmersfield following the northern slope of an east / west ridge at *c.* 77m AOD, and following the course of a small stream on its south side. To the north, the ground drops gently away, but southwards continues to rise to 85m AOD before falling away into the valley of the River Hart. At Cross Farm, the Crondall Road branches off south-westwards and this point was the western limit of settlement in 1846 (Tithe map). To the north-west, towards Dogmersfield, and north along Hitchen's Lane, the settlement is entirely Modern. The east end of the village is defined by the Basingstoke Canal.

6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION

Composite: farmstead / agglomeration + regular row

6.1 *Farmstead / agglomeration* It is probable that the original Crookham settlement was at Cross Farm (first recorded 1327). The Tithe map shows farm buildings flanking both sides of the Crondall Road facing inwards towards a small triangular green at the road junction. On the third side, north of The Street, there were three irregular plots in 1846 and these were set at right angles to the road and may have comprised a part of the farmstead cluster.

6.2 *Regular row* East-south-east from 6.1, apparently planned plots can be seen on either side of The Street, and at right angles to it. The Tithe map shows a slightly different picture: larger plots (*ie* fewer sub-divisions) with a degree of attenuation which is not evident today. However, the overall impression is that of a planned regular row and it may be significant that the first documented allusion to Crookham is *c.* 1200, perhaps indicating that the row element is a later extension to a pre-existing settlement. However, caution must be exercised since there is no known reference to Cross Farm until 1327 (6.1). The earliest surviving buildings along the row are C17 and these are spaced at fairly regular intervals.

6.3 *Site visit condition:* hazy sun; dry.

7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

7.1 *AsAP*

7.1.1 The AAP at Crookham extends eastwards along the south side of Pilcot Road from Four Winds up to Crossways Farm. Tithe Map boundaries suggest that this might have been an area of settlement although there was no sign of it in 1846. From Crossways, south along Crondall Lane (*c.* 200m), The Tithe Map evidence is a little more convincing although there is no evidence of early settlement in this area today.

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Eastwards from Crossways Farm (perhaps the original settlement focus) The Street is a regular row suggesting medieval planning. There are C17 buildings on both sides of this road (Map 4, page 74).

7.2 *AsHAP*

7.2.1 This is confined to the Crossways Farm agglomeration and the regular row which can be traced on the north and south sides of The Street eastwards from Grove Cottage (C17) to Grove View and West View Cottage (both C17) inclusive (Map 4).

7.2.2 The relationship between the two settlement elements at Crookham Village (*ie* The Crossways Farm agglomeration and the regular row of The Street) requires further clarification and this would be an important focus for any future archaeological work.

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

Christ Church 1841 (VCH 4: 18)

9.0 BUILDINGS

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
1011/ 3739/40	Nos 1, 2, 3 Cross Farm Cottages Cron dall Road	C17	II
3788	Brook House (Bridge House?), Cron dall Road	C17, 18	II
3741	Brook Cottage, Cron dall Road	C17	II
759	Orchard House	C18, 19	II
3742	Two Ponds Cottage	C15, 17, mod.	II
3743	Hancock's Farm Barn	C16	II
3744	Malt House	C17 & later	II
1833	Grove Farmhouse, The Street, N. side	C16,17,19	II
173	Granary at Grove Farm	early C18	II
3745	Laurel Cottage, The Street	C18	II
3746/7	Westbrook & Lavendar, The Street, N. side	C17	II
3748/9	Nuname & Grove, The Street, N. side	C17	II
3750	Cedar Cottage, The Street, N. side	C18	II
3751/2	West View Cottage & Grove View, The Street, S. side	C17, 18	II
3753	Forge House, The Street, S. side	C17, 19	II
3754	Forge, The Street, S. side	early C19, 20	II
3755	The Bawn, The Street, S.side	C17	II
3756	Strangers Corner, Stroud Lane	C18, 19	II
3757	Poulter's Bridge (Cottage?), Water Lane	C18	II
3758	2 x cottages (Meadow View Cottage), Water Lane	C17, mod.	II
3759	Velmead Farmhouse (Cottage?)	C17 (restored)	II
14128	Christ Church	C19, 20	II

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9.1 *The following entries in HTS 3 could not be identified in the schedule of listed buildings. HTS page numbers are given in the right-hand column.*

Willow Cottage, Crondall Road	C17	30
South View, The Street HTS	C17	30
Brunley, The Street	C17	30
Culvers, Pilcot Road	C17, 18	31
The Chequers, Crondall Road	C18	31
Cross View, The Chestnuts and West March, The Street	C18	31
The Black Horse and Mayfield, The Street	C18	31
Barry Cottage and Karolyn	C18	31
Forge Cottage, Redfield Lane	C18	31
The Old Horns, Redfield Lane	C18	31

10.0 SMR DATA SW 47900 15150, NE 48000 15300

SU75SE	No.	
75	47983 15262	Medieval. Irregular timber building. Northern part is C16 timber framed structure.
76	47954 15242	Early C19 forge with later C19 & C20 alterations

11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES

1	479301 152402	Site of building, 1846
2	479302 152403	Site of building, 1846
3	479303 152308	Site of building, 1846
4	479206 152407	Site of pond, 1846

12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/57/2 (1846/47)
- GSGB 284 Basingstoke
- OS 1: 2500 SW 47900 15230, NE 47975 15278
- OS 1: 25000 Pathfinder 1204, Basingstoke

13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

14.1 Domesday Book

Not mentioned. Probably included in Crondall.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£2.10. 5	
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	Not listed.	
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£3. 4. 9	(41 taxpayers)

14.3 Manorial Documents

A manor of Crondall (*qv*).

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14.4 Hearth Tax

1665 107 hearths chargeable (43 houses)
24 hearths not chargeable (17 houses). Total: 60 houses.

15.0 PLACE NAME 1200 *Crocham*. OE *croc* in which case ‘crook estate’ or ‘crook hemmed-in land’, or OE *croh* ‘nook’ (notch at 76m contour)

16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS

17.1 Other parish settlements include

Bickley Moor	973, (<i>on</i>) <i>bedecan lea</i> (mane bedeca moor)
Cross Farm	1327, atte Crouch (Home of Henry atte Crouch)
Velmead Farm 48020 15730	1341, Feldmede (Meadow by the Open Country)
Woodgall	1287, Wyggeworthale (? Home of Emma Wyggeworthale)
Grove Farm	C16 or earlier (IH)

17.2 Inclosure Act (private) 1829 Not including open field arable.

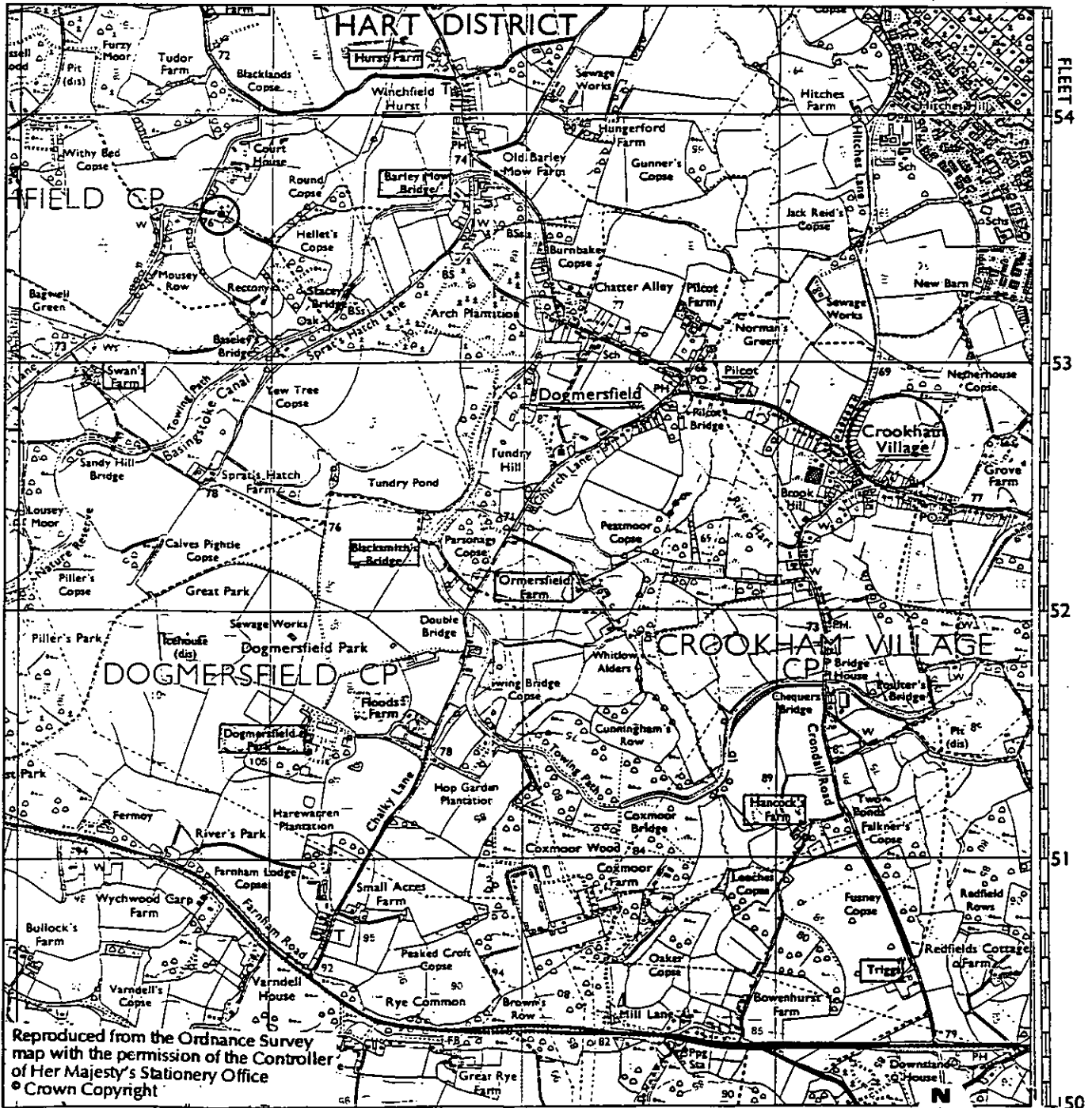
18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

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Location

Map 1



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transcribed from the Tithe Map of 1846

Map 2

