

NAME Crux Easton
PARISH Ashmansworth
HUNDRED Pastrow
DISTRICT Basingstoke and Deane
NGR SU 427565
GEOLOGY Clay with Flints

SITE CONTEXT The settlement lies on a ridge or spur of land at between 210-230m OD. The road along which the settlement lies does not follow the line of the ridge which points to WSW but runs a little across it to the SW. The valleys either side of the ridge fall to 150m OD whilst to the N the land slopes gently to 240m OD on the very edge of the settlement and then remains fairly level until it falls away sharply along the scarp overlooking Highclere. There are no streams near the settlement but there is a pond near the Manor House.

PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION Hamlet. The settlement consists of a Manor Farm, a church with a house and associated outbuildings opposite it and a few other cottages alongside roads leaving the settlement.

AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The land both sides of the lane leading to the church SW from the cross-roads has earthworks and the proximity of these to the church make this an AHAP. The field on the SE side of the lane is the reputed site of the old manor.

The land alongside the road between the AHAP and up to and including the Manor House and Crux Easton Farm lie within an AAP. Certainly the avenue of lime trees are an important landscape feature of the settlement.

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD St Michael, 1775.

BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Church of St Michael II*
Crux Easton House 1771 II
Three Legs House C18 and early C19 II

SMR DATA

5	42455614	Roman inhumation
7	43095617	BA bowl barrow SAM 12153
14	42485624	Med church
36	42705630	Med village mentioned in Domesday Book

ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

1	42795629	Site of cottage shown on Tithe map
2	42685635	Earthworks. Over the area of the field alongside the road to the church there are 'humps and bumps'. Opposite The Kennels on the road to the SE there is a large area which appears to have been quarried out and is now overgrown. Local tradition has it that this

field is the site of the old manor house which had the usual tunnels leading to the church etc. However, in the field to the N there is an avenue of mature lime trees aligned on this site so there is a possibility that there was a higher status building here (or at the other end)

- 3 42565633 Earthworks. There are slight traces of a series of possible terraced platforms alongside the road which have been ploughed. These platforms may represent the sites of former houses

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES OS 1:2500 SU 4256-4356, Tithe map 21M65/F7/58/2 (Undated but Apportionment dated 1844)

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

BIBLIOGRAPHY

PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

Domesday Croc the Hunter. Linxi held it from King Edward jointly. Then it answered for 6 hides; now for 3 hides and 0.5 virgate. Land for 5 pl. In lordship 2 pl; 7 villagers and 10 smallholders with 2 pl. A church; meadow, 20 acres; woodland for fencing. Value before 1066 £6; later £3; now £6.

Subsidy Rolls

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| 1334 | 1. 7. 8/3f |
| 1524 | 5. 5. 4 (with Woodcott) |

Manorial Documents

Hearth Tax

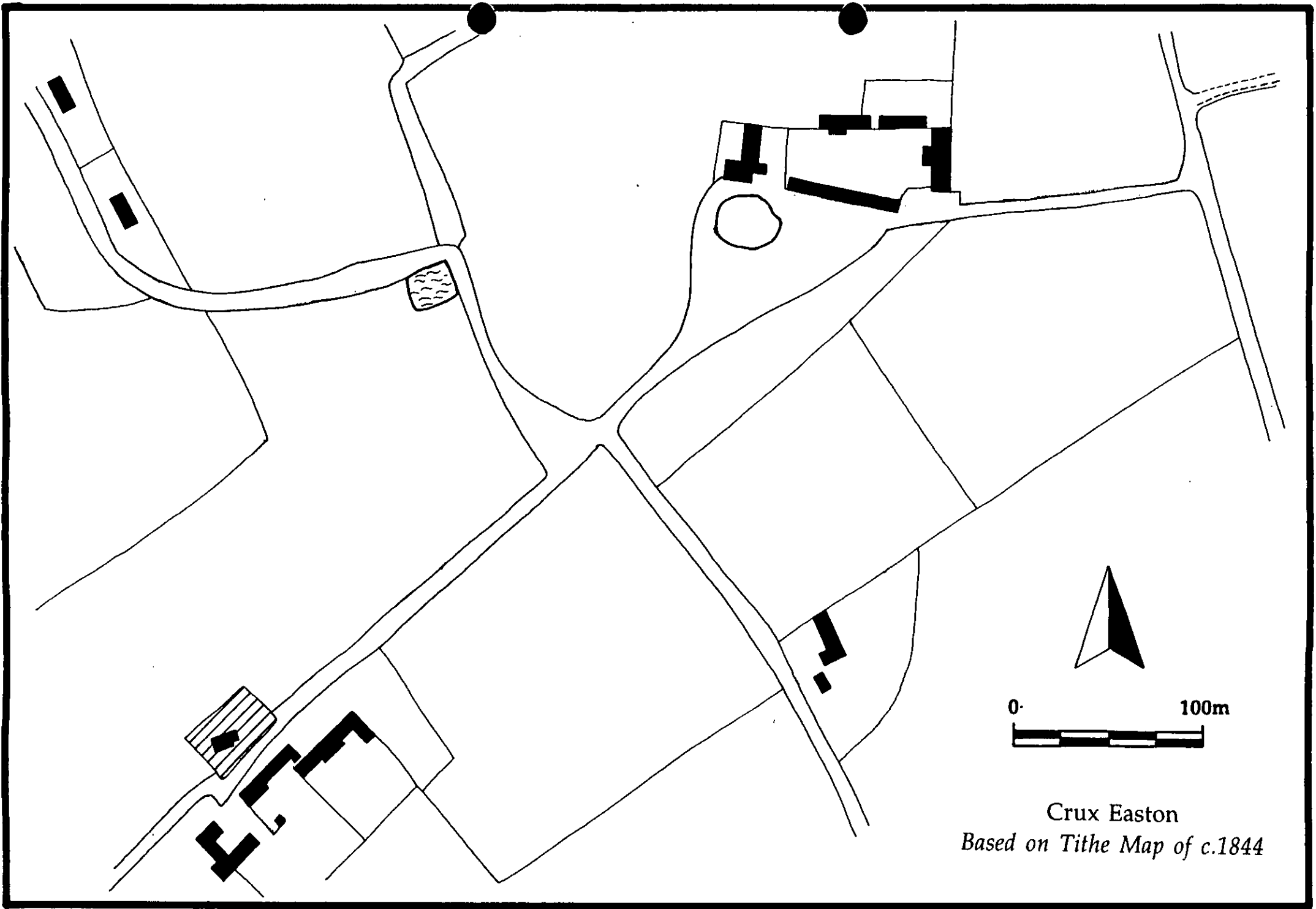
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| 1665 | 14 hearths chargeable (3 houses)
6 hearths not chargeable (5 houses) Total 8 houses |
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PLACE NAME 801 *eastun* OE 'east farm'. The manor was held in 1086 by Croc the Huntsman.

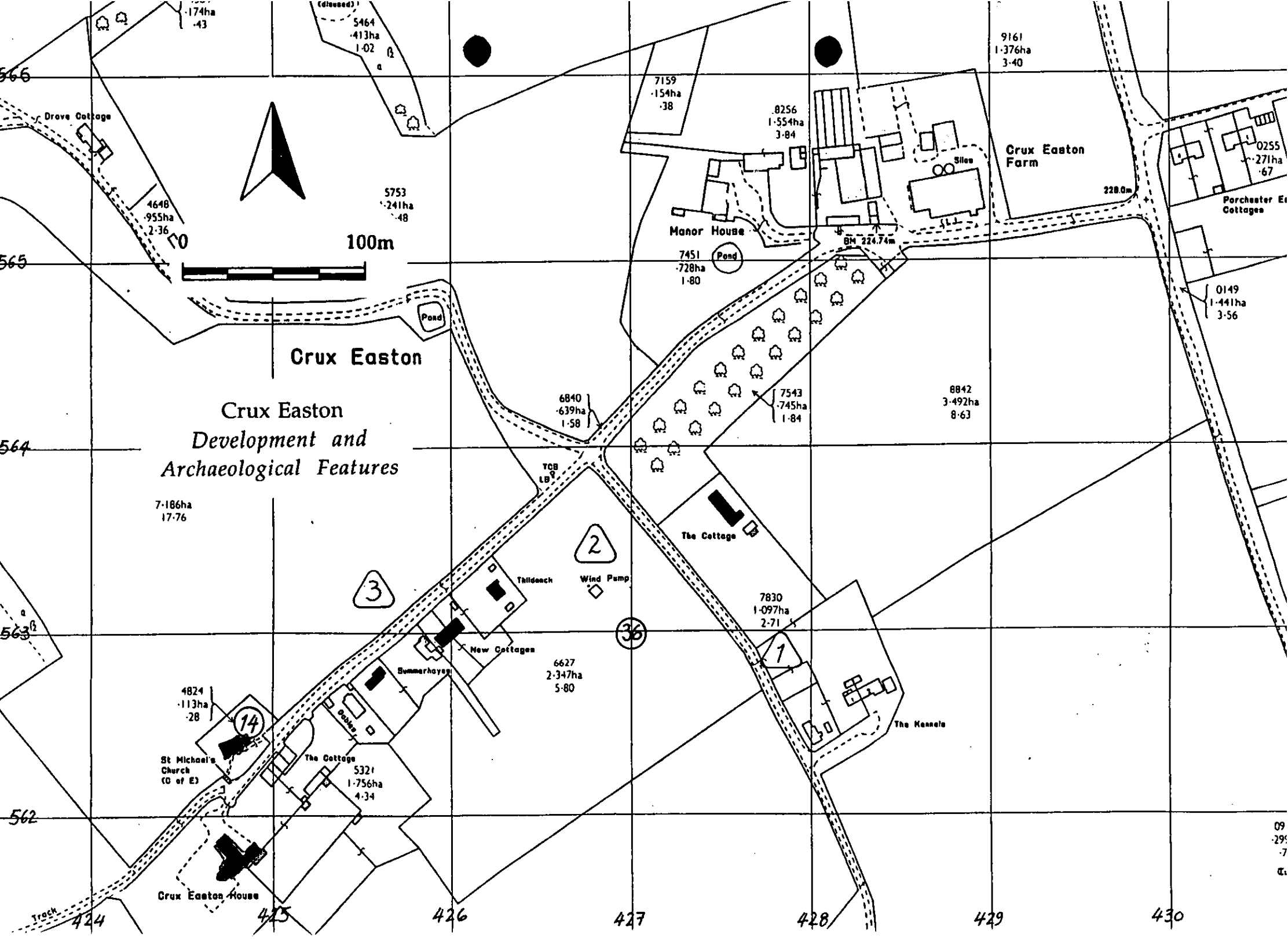
PHOTOGRAPHS

OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

Mentioned in charters of 801, 821 and 961 (refs. 268, 183 and 689 in Sawyer, 1968, p138, 117 and 228).



Crux Easton
Based on Tithe Map of c.1844



Crux Easton
*Development and
Archaeological Features*

7-186ha
17-76

4824
1-113ha
-28
St Michael's
Church
(CO of E)

Crux Easton House

Crux Easton

100m

5753
1-241ha
-48

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Crux Easton

Development and

Archaeological Features

6840
1-639ha
1-58

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Wind Pump

New Cottages

6627
2-347ha
5-80

Summerhouses

5321
1-756ha
4-34
The Cottage

The Cottage

7830
1-097ha
2-71

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The Kennels

Manor House

7451
1-728ha
1-80

Pond

BM 224.74m

8256
1-554ha
3-84

8842
3-492ha
8-63

Silos

Crux Easton Farm

228.0m

0255
1-271ha
-67
Porchester Cottages

0149
1-441ha
3-56

9161
1-376ha
3-40

7159
1-154ha
-38

174ha
-43

5464
1-413ha
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