

# East Meon

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>PARISH</b>	East Meon
<b>2.0</b>	<b>HUNDRED</b>	East Meon
<b>3.0</b>	<b>NGR</b>	468100 122200
<b>4.0</b>	<b>GEOLOGY</b>	Lower Chalk / Alluvium

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

**5.1** East Meon is a river valley settlement. Here, the River Meon flows west-east and the substantial part of East Meon is on the south bank. However, the parish church is on rising ground on the north side of the river at the junction of two principal road routes through the settlement. At river level, East Meon is at *c.* 100m AOD but the ground rises steeply to the north, south and west. To the east, the gradient is gentle, the land use being arable.

**5.2** The substantial size of the parish was reduced in 1894 when the parish of Langrish was created from amongst some of its tithings. Modern housing developments south and south-west of the High Street have almost doubled the size of the settlement since the Tithe Map survey of 1853 (Maps 3 & 4).

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

### **Church & manor house + regular row**

**6.1 Church & manor house** The Court House is 50m south-east of the parish church on the opposite side of the road to Langrish (east) and West Meon. The Bishops of Winchester were lords of the manor and the Court House (C14) was their administrative and judicial centre. Obviously, the Bishops were not in permanent residence, but it is likely that fitting accommodation was provided within the Court House or within another building close by. It was probably within the demolished south wing of the building. Earthworks can be seen in the Court House gardens to the north west (Paragraph 11.0, No. 1).

**6.2 Regular row** The High Street is *c.* 100m south of the Court House where it is both parallel and contiguous with the River Meon; however, at the east and west ends of the Street, river and road diverge. For the post part, the properties in the High Street are C18 or later being arranged at right angles to the road or river bank. At the west end is an area known as The Square and here The Tudor House and Heycroft House are C16. Workhouse Lane continues westwards from The Square but it is probably a post-Medieval road. At the east end of the High Street, where the road bears northwards, Forge Sound and Forge Cottage are Listed as C16 (HTS says C14 for Forge Sound) It is quite probable that C18 and later buildings between the Square and Forge Sound are replacements for earlier structures. Nevertheless, the river has been canalised (straightened) at almost every point in East Meon and this process must have included the laying out of the High Street. A date for the beginning this development cannot be asserted with confidence.

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**6.3 Site visit condition:** Bright sunlight (27.4.99)

## 7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL (Map 5)

### 7.1 AsAP

See 7.2 below

### 7.2 AsHAP

East Meon has some important Medieval buildings and these are widely spread throughout the settlement as it is depicted on the Tithe Map of 1853. It is not clear how these widely spaced buildings fit into the pattern of settlement development at East Meon. Many of the C18 and later buildings might occupy the plots of earlier buildings but there is no certain evidence that this is the case. It is also important to determine the relationship between the church and manor site and the regular row of the High Street. For these reasons a large AHAP has been defined (Map 5) that includes most of the 1853 settlement except for a rectangular plot bounded by four roads where there has been post-Medieval and Modern development. This has been designated an AAP (Map 5).

## 8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

### All Saints

The church is on a platform cut into the lower slopes of the downs at a point where they dwarf the settlement.

- 1080-1150 structure of extnt church built on cruciform plan;
- tower, west doorway: *c.* 1150;
- C12 west door;
- C 13 south aisle windows but the aisle itself might be earlier;
- *c.* 1230 south aisle and Lady Chapel; spire also dates to this period;
- 1869-70 restoration programme (*architect:* Sir Ninian Comper) included east window & the south porch;
- Watercolour of church *c.* 1800;
- Font of marble from Tournai, Flanders 1130-40; one of four to be found in Hampshire.

**NB** There are faint traces of wall paintings on the eastern responds of the crossing. Other recorded examples were lost during the 1869-70 restoration.

## 9.0 BUILDINGS (Map 4)

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
*	Bereleigh House	C19, 20	II
*	Bereleigh House: game store 30m north-west of		II
*	Drayton House	C19, 1964	II
*	Hebberdens (7 & 8 Reed Cottages)	C17, 20	II
*	Hyden Farmhouse	C18	II
*	Lower Farmhouse	C17, 18, 19, 20	II
*	Lower Farmhouse: barn 50m south of	C18	II

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\* Lower Farmhouse: barn 80m south of  
\* Peak Farmhouse

C17 II  
1728, C19 II\*

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189	Riplington Farmhouse (old farmhouse replaced)	1840	II
*	Riplington Farmhouse: granary 5m west of	C19	II
*	Riplington Farmhouse: barn 30m south-west of	C18	II
*	South Farmhouse	late med., c. 1600, C18, 19	II
*	Tigwell Farmhouse	C18, 19	II
*	Upper Bordean House	C18, c. 1900	II
*	Upper Bordean House: farm buildings 60m south of	C19	II
*	1 & 2 Sebastapol Cottages, Chapel Street	C17, 18	II
*	3 & 4 Church Road Cottages, Church St	C16, 19	II
1922	Church of All Saints, Church Street	C12, 13, c. 1500, 1870, 1906-22	I
*	Hyde Cottage, Church Street	C19	II
*	Church Cottage, Church Street	C18	II
*	The Court House, Church Road (ecclesiastical court house)	C14, 16, 17, 18	I
*	Court House Cottage, Church Street	C18	II
*	Court House: barn 40m west of	C17	II
*	The Post Cottage & Shop (Post Office), Church Street (E)	C18, 19	II
13186	Nuneaton, Church street (E)	C19	II
*	Forbes Almshouses (6 & 7), Church St (E)	1905	II
*	The George Inn, Church Street (W)	C18, 19	II
*	Forbes Almshouse: wellhead & boundary	1852	II
*	Forbes Almshouses (1 to 5)	1852	II
*	The White House, Church Street (W)	C19	II
*	1, 2 & 3 (Cross Cottages), The Cross	C17, 18	II
*	Cross Keys, The Cross	C18, 20	II
*	Vicarage Lodge, The Cross	C19	II
*	Mill House, Frogmore	C19	II
*	Mill Cottage (1 & 2 Mill Cottages) Frogmore	C17, 18, 20	II
*	Bridge Cottage (Cottage west of Mill Cottages), Frogmore	1796	II
*	Bridge Cottage: stable 10m south-west of	C18	II
*	Frogmore Cottage, Frogmore	C18, 20	II
*	Bottle Ale Cottages, Frogmore	C18, 20	II
*	Compton Cottage, Frogmore	C18, 19	II
*	Goddard's Garage & gateway, High Street	C18, 20	II
*	The Gait House (attached west of Glenholme), High Street (N)	?	II
*	Glenholme (& forecourt rail), High Street	1697	II*

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*	Brooklyn House, High Street (N)	C18	II
*	Clare Cottage & No. 11, High Street (N)	C18	II
*	Hockley Cottage, High Street (N)	C17, 19	II
*	1 & 2 Brook Cottages, High Street (N)	C17, 19	II
*	Forge Sound, High Street (N)	C14 / 15, c. 1600, C18	II*
*	Riverside, High Street (N)	C17, 18, 19	II
*	Riverside: stables 10m south of	C19	II
*	Orchard Cottage, High Street (N)	C17, 18, 19	II
*	Ivy House, High Street (N)	C18, 19	II
*	Barnard's Corner, High Street (S)	C18	II
*	Middle Barnard's, High Street (S)	C18	II
*	Barnard's (1, Barnard's Cottages), High Street (S)	C18	II
*	Old Bell Cottage & 2, Old Bell Cottages, High Street (S)	late med., C18	II
*	White Cottage, High Street (S)	C17, 19	II
*	Wheelwright Cottage, High Street (S)	C18, 20 (restored)	II
*	Forge Cottage, High Street (S)	c. 1600, C19	II
*	1 & 2 Temple Brow Cottages, High Street (S)	C18	II
*	Oxenbourne House, Oxenbourne	C17, 18, c. 1900	II
*	Oxenbourne House: barn 20m west of	C18	II
*	Oxenbourne House: cartshed & stables 30m north of	C18, c. 1900	II
*	Fishpond Cottages, Oxenbourne	C17	II
*	Heycroft House, The Square	C16, 17	II
*	Tudor House (No.1), The Square	C16, 17, 19	II
*	Cross House, The Square	C18, 1825	II
*	Nicholas Chapel (ruins), Westbury	C13	II
*	Westbury House: stables	C18, 19	II
*	Westbury House: ice-house 60m south of stables	C19	II
14182 & 3	1 & 2 Kew Cottages, Workhouse Lane	C17, 19	II
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*	Pitts Farmhouse, Langrish	C18	II
*	Chapel Cottage, Ramsdean	C16, 17, 19	II
*	Upper House Farmhouse, Ramsdean	C17 / 18	II
*	Homelands, Ramsdean	C17, 19	II
*	Barrow Hill Farmhouse, Ramsdean	C17 or earlier	II
13565	Langrish Manor Farm, Winchester Road: dovecote	C16, c. 1800	II
2531	The White House, Winchester Road	C19	II
*	Church of St John the Evangelist,		

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	Winchester Road	1870	II
*	Underwood Cottage, Winchester Road	C17	II
*	Bordean House, Winchester Road	C17, 19, 20	II
*	Lower Bordean Farmhouse, Winchester Road	C19, 20	II

## 10.0 SMR DATA SW 467000 121300, NE 469000 123000 (Map 4)

SU 62 SE	No.		
	15	468110 122210	Medieval. C14 ecclesiastical court house with C16 house attached.
	22	468050 122280	Parish Church (see 8.0).
	23	468100 122300	Mesolithic. Flint scatter.
	24	468100 122300	Neolithic. Scrapers find.
	25	468100 122300	Bronze Age. Scraper find.
	32	468500 122000	C19 watermill.
	36	468000 122200	Medieval. Domesday reference.
	41A	467600 122200	Mesolithic. Blades scatter.
	41B	467600 122200	Mesolithic. Settlement site.
	42	468600 122200	Post-Medieval. C18-19 coarsewares scatter.
	43	467800 122000	Post-Medieval. Pottery scatter.
	44	468000 122000	Roman. Coin find. Follis of Constantine I. WCM.
	45	468800 122600	Neolithic. Hollow-based flint arrow head find. Acc. no. WCM 3176.

## 10.2 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

Hants No.	NGR	Parish	NAR / NMR Nos
100	467490 123720	East Meon	SU62SE21 / 239333

## 10.3 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

SAM No.	NGR	Site
26	465600 123900	St Nicholas Cahpel, Westbury
336	468200 125700	2 x round barrows north of War Hill
340	467900 119500	Leydene Ditches
12095	467250 120090	Long barrow on Salt Hill
12147	468010 119300	Bowl barrow 310m north of Leydene House
24319	471850 120020	A hilltop enclosed by IA cross dykes, an associated field system and BA barrows at Butser Hill. The features also lie in Buriton & Langrish CPs.

Langrish (formerly part of East Meon)

42	(see Froxfield)	Froxfield entrenchments
24320	471380 120840	3 x bowl barrows on Ramsdean Down

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## 11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Map 4)

1	468120 I22245	Earthworks associated with Court House
2	468110 I22190	Site of buildings and pond associated with Court House and present on the Tithe Map of 1853
3	468155 I22110	Site of building represented on the Tithe Map of 1853
4	467760 I22115	Low earthwork
5	467740 I22060	Earthwork; probably a boundary bank
6	467885 I22015	Site of cottage represented on the Tithe Map of 1845
7	468265 I22025	Site of cottage represented on the Tithe Map of 1845
8	468350 I22000	Extensive traces of ridge & furrow in this field

## 12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/66/2 (1853 / \*)
- GSGB 316 Fareham
- OS 1: 2500 SW 467543 I21785, NE 468440 I22385
- OS 1: 25000 Pathfinder 1265 (SU 62/72), Petersfield & the Meon Valley.

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## 14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

### 14.1 Domesday Book

1, 16 (Land of the King; [East] Meon Hundred). Archbishop Stigand held it before 1066 for the use of the monks; later he had it for his life-time. Then there were 72 hides; it paid tax for 35 hides and 1 virgate. Land for 64 ploughs. In lordship 8 ploughs; 70 villagers and 32 smallholders with 56 ploughs. 15 slaves; 6 mills at 40s; meadow, 8 acres; woodland at 200 pigs from pasturage; from grazing 7s 6d. Value before 1066 £60; later £40; now £60; however, it pays £100 by weight in revenue but it cannot bear it.

Bishop Walkelin holds 6 hides and 1 virgate of this manor's land with a church. These hides of the Bishop Paid tax; now [for] 3 hides and 1 virgate; the other did not pay tax.

2, 13 The Bishop (of Winchester) himself holds 6 hides and 1 virgate with the church in (East) Meon. Land for 4 ploughs. In lordship 1½ ploughs; 11 villagers and 8 smallholders with 3 ploughs. 2 slaves; 1 mill at 30d; meadow, 4 acres. Value before 1066 and later £4; now 100s.

## 14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£1.12.0
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	With Finchdean
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	Figures for tithings only

## 14.3 Manorial Documents

Formerly 4 tithings: East Meon, Langrish, Oxenbourne, Ramsdean (but see 14.4). Manors recorded are East Meon (belonged to the Bishops of Winchester); Park; Westbury; Langrish; Rothercombe; Peake (or Peake Tygall); Berleigh. Since 1892 Langrish and Ramsdean together with Bordean have comprised the parish of Langrish.

## 14.4 Hearth Tax 1665

102 hearths chargeable (32 houses)  
31 hearths not chargeable (27 houses). 59 houses.

NB Bordean, Coombe, Langrish, Oxenbourne, Ramsdean, Riplington, Westbury & Peake taxed separately.

## 15.0 PLACE NAME

873 x 888 (*æt*) *meone*; 1086 *Menes*; 1158 *Mienes*; c. 1270 *Estmunes*. River name which is obscure in origin. Note: 1203 East Meon referred to as *Kingesmeon*.

## 16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

## 17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS

### 17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters

AD 924 for ?824. Egbert, King of Wessex, to Wulfheard, prefectus; grant of land on River Meon, Hants (142 / **283**).

### 17.2 Other parish settlements include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>Map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
Bereleigh	790	467800 123600	1263
Borden (Upper)	808	468800 125300	
Dean	791		1263
Drayton	792	467100 123400	1248
Hillhampton Farm	794	469900 121700	1350
Hockham /			
Cambell Cross	795	466800 121100	1245
Hyden Farm	796	468000 117600	1248
Lythe House	797	470000 121500	1341
Nuzbury	798		1263
Oxenbourne House	799	469300 121300	1200
Peake Farm	800	466600 125400	1211
Preston Farm	801		1206
Riplington Farm	802	466500 123700	1195



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South Farm	803	468300	120511	
Stony Lands Farm	805	469200	120500	1257
Sulscombe	806			1042
Tigwell Farm	807	468100	124600	1236
Westbury	809	465500	123800	1086

**NB** Westbury is classified as a DMS. It had its own chapel and the font is now at All Saints, East Meon.

### *Transferred to Langrish CP*

Bordlan House		1465	469900	124400	824
Langrish	1466		470400	123600	1236
Mustercombe Farm	1467		471800	123600	1414
Peppercombe Farm	1468				1233
Pidham Farm	1469		469200	122400	1257
Rake Bottom	1470		470000	120000	1422
Ramsdean	2781		470500	123300	
Rothercombe Farm	1471		472100	124100	1218

### 17.3 Enclosures

#### *Parliamentary:*

<i>NEP no.</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
14089		1856	1859	Stroud & Sheet Commons plus 3 scraps in Ramdean & Langrish tithings.
14101	1845		1851	Oxenbourne Down, Ramsdean Down.

#### *Formal Agreements:*

<i>NRP no.</i>	<i>Agreement</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
14541	1661	None.	Oxenbourne fields.

### 17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

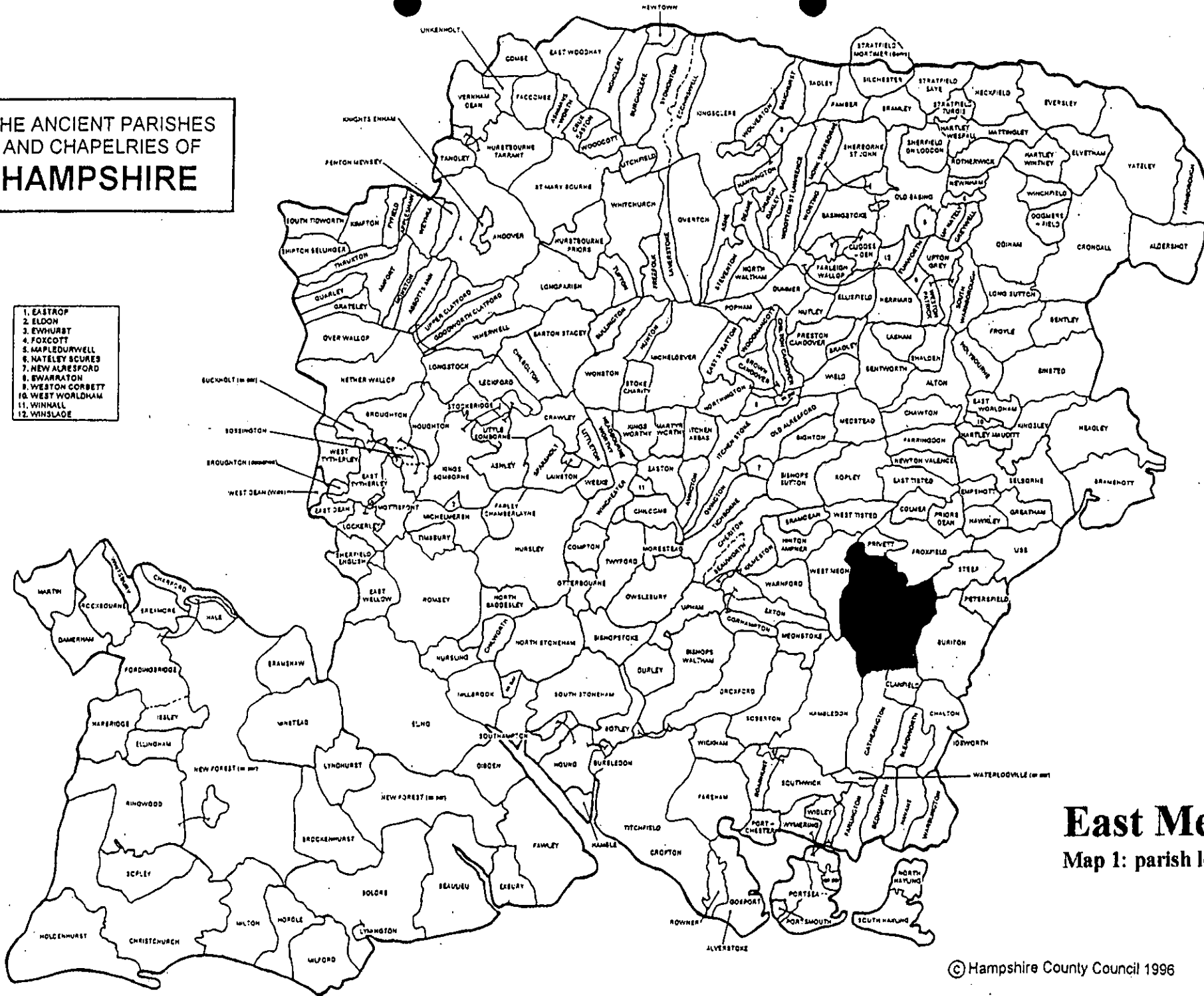
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### 18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

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- 2 Map 2: Settlement location at 1: 2500
- 3 Map 3: 1845 Tithe Map transcribed at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
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- 5 Map 5: Areas of archaeological potential at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%

# THE ANCIENT PARISHES AND CHAPELRIES OF HAMPSHIRE

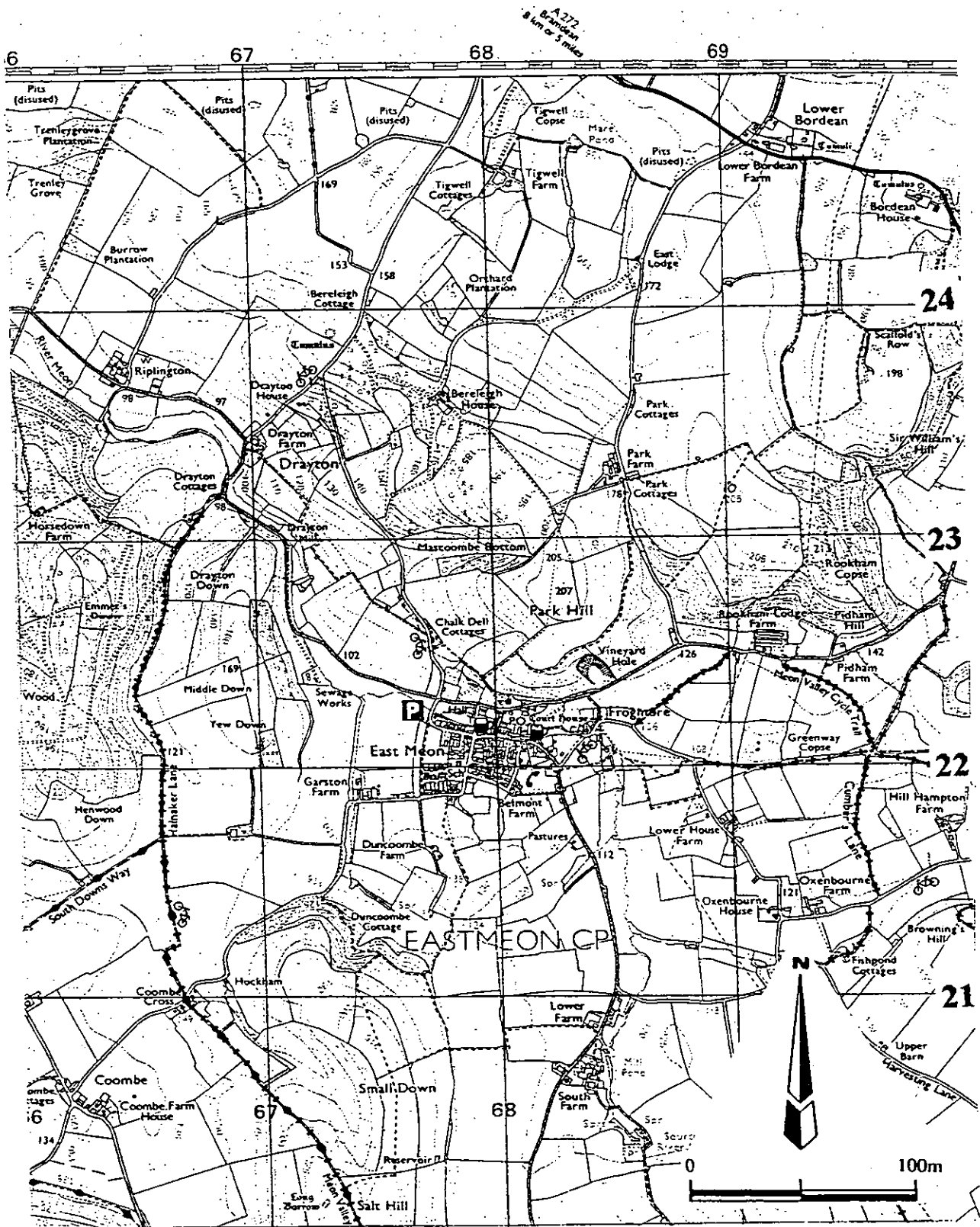
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7. NEW ALRESFORD
8. SWARRATON
9. WESTON CORBETT
10. WEST WOULDHAM
11. WINKHILL
12. WINSLOAE



**East Meon**  
Map 1: parish location

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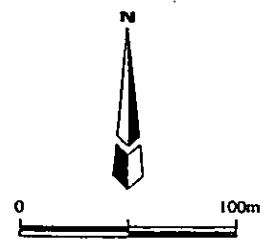
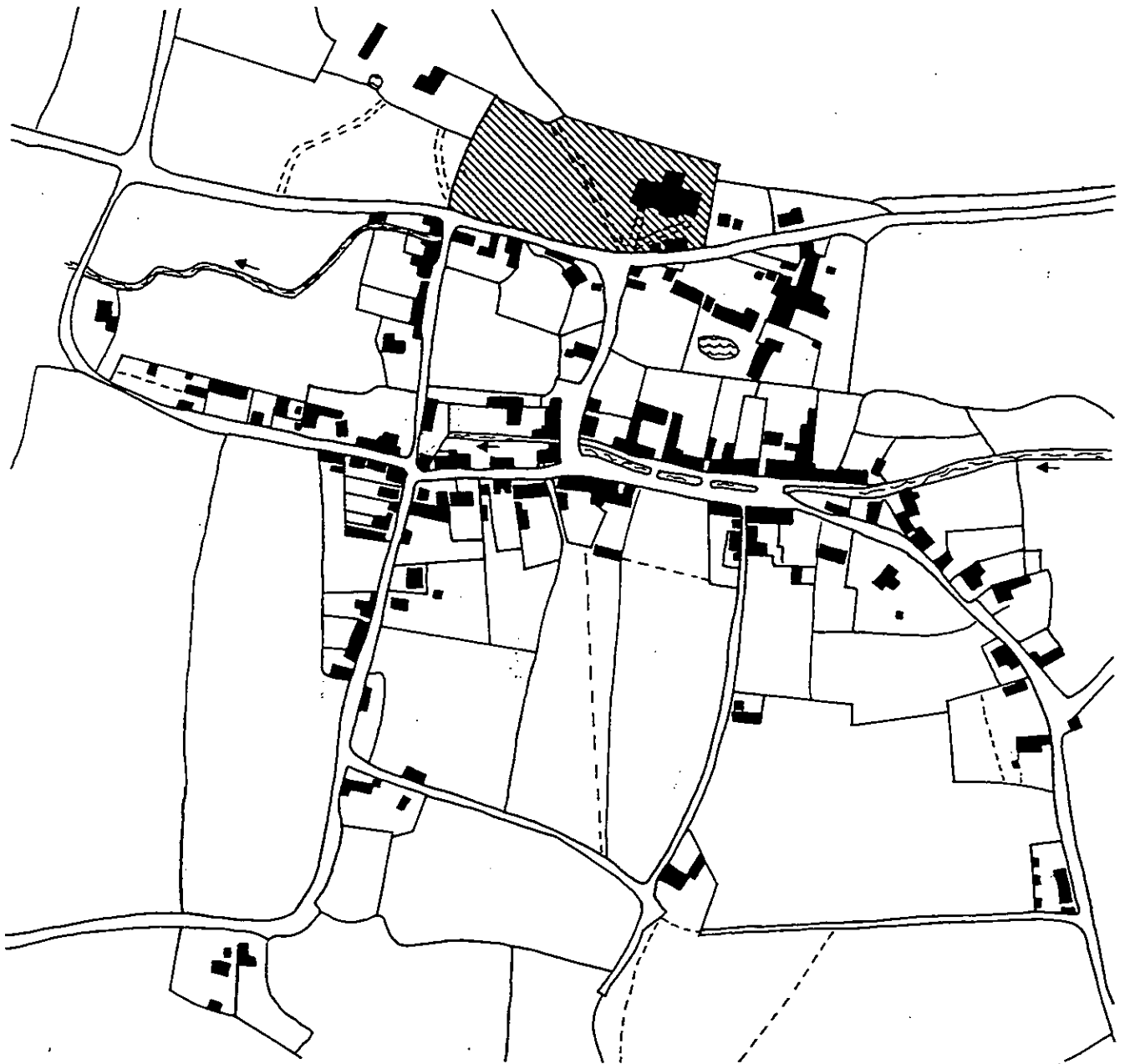
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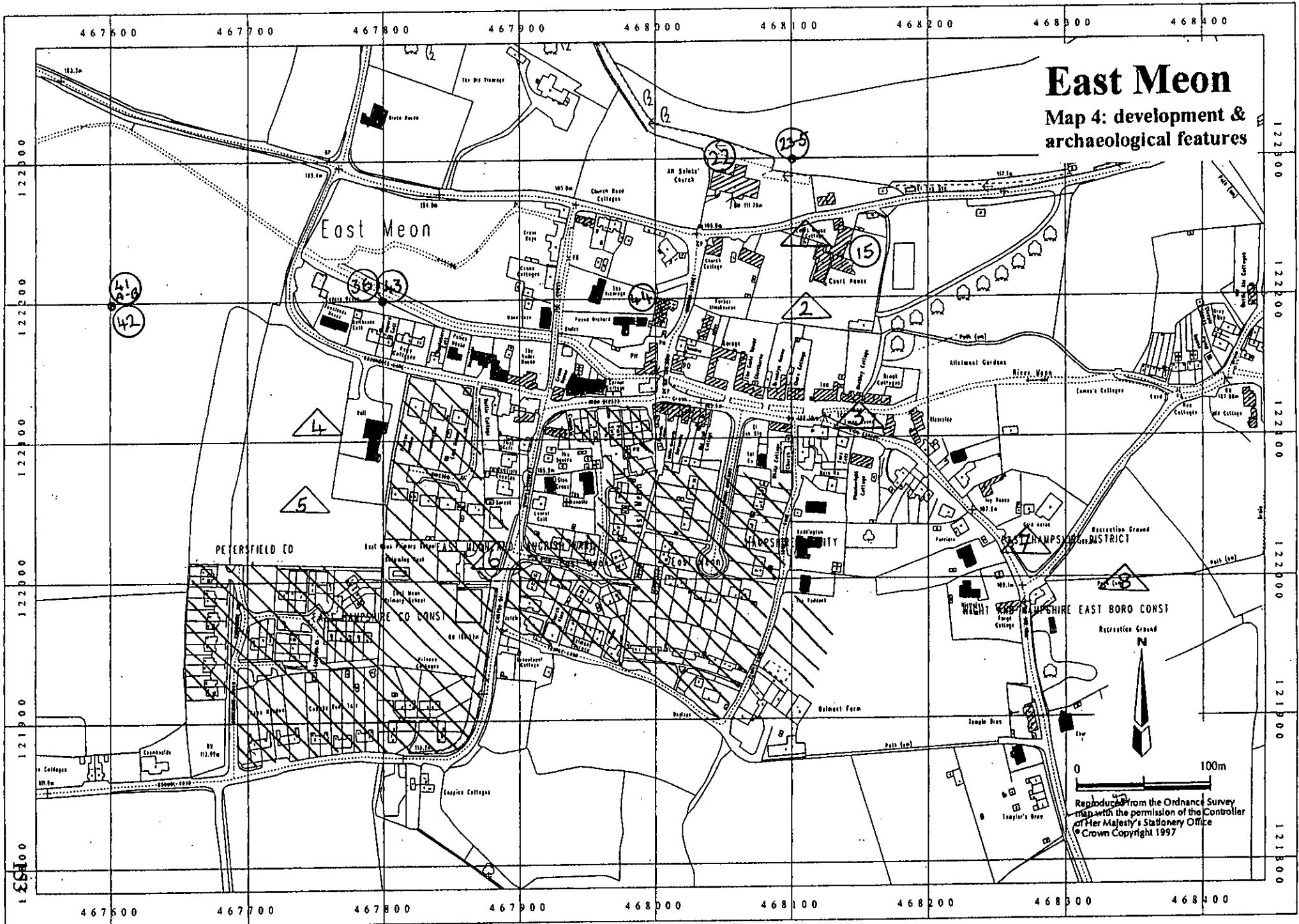


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Map 3: transcribed from the  
Tithe Map of 1853

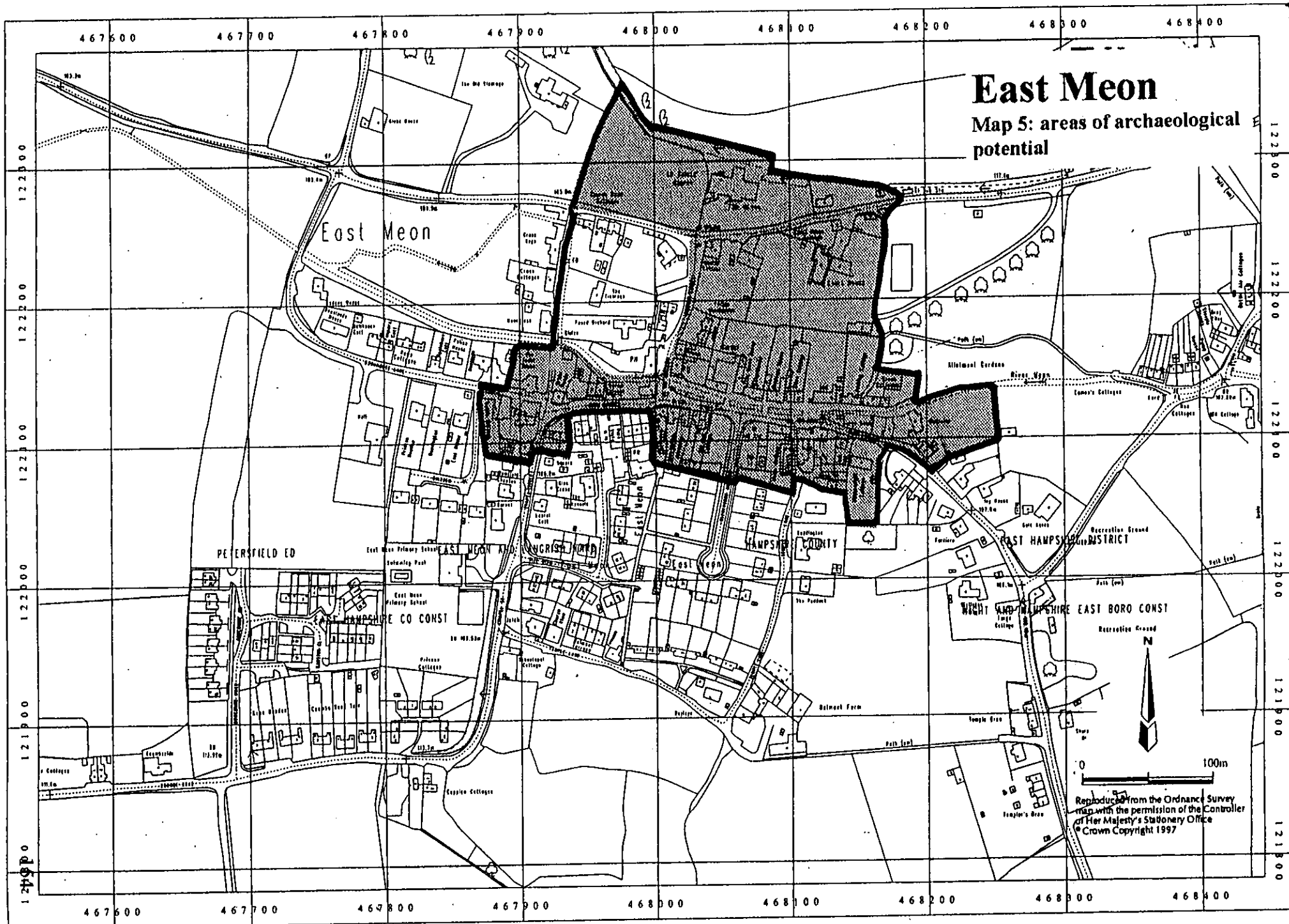




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## Map 4: development & archaeological features

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Map 5: areas of archaeological potential

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