

NAME Ecchinswell  
PARISH Ecchinswell  
HUNDRED Evingar  
DISTRICT Basingstoke and Deane  
NGR SU 499595  
GEOLOGY Reading Beds, Upper Chalk and London Clay.

**SITE CONTEXT** The settlement lies in the valley of a small stream at around 100m OD. The houses of the village are situated on both sides of the stream. The valley is shallow and to the W and E the land undulates but remains at around 100m OD. To the S the valley narrows and the sides become steeper.

**PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION** Irregular agglomeration with perhaps a regular row.

Between the main SW-NE street and the river is an irregularly shaped unit which contained the church and some other buildings. N of this, and on the W side of the stream, are three small plots which have an individuality about them which suggests encroachment onto an open area.

On the E side of the river is a group of buildings in a sub-divided unit that has a common rear boundary. At the N end of this area is the mill. Backing onto part of this unit are some long narrow strips which may be remnants of the open field strips. A similar block lies to the N.

To the N of the main concentration of settlement is a block with an internal curving boundary. This suggests that the routeway fanned out at this point (note the encroachment on the road here and to the N) before being inclosed leaving the present day narrow roads.

On the W side of the road there are three blocks, the central one slightly shorter than those to the N and S. The central block is divided into strips of unequal size while the S block has a narrow strip at each end but may have been further divided. The N block shows no evidence for having been divided into strips.

S of the village on the E side of the road are earthworks which suggest that there was a short regular row here as well. On the N edge of the village is a small cluster of cottages around a small green and a pond.

#### AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The AHAP includes the unit on the W side of the river where the church stood and stretches to the S to cover the earthworks on the E side of the road. Also within the AHAP is the area on the E side of the river including Clere House Farm which as well as lying directly over the river from the 'church unit', also fronts onto the area that may have been a green. The mill lies at the N end of this piece of land.

The three small irregular plots which lie on the possible former green, the plots on the W side of the main street, the small area of settlement around a green and the apparent episodes of encroachment on the roadside are all covered by the AAP. The plots on

the W side of the road suggest that there may have been occupation along this section of the village and the AAP includes the larger unit N of the strips as it is possible that this area was also sub-divided. On the E side of the village the AAP covers the area that was partially divided into strips in the C19 as they may be the remains of long crofts associated with the buildings facing the river across Eccinswell Road. There is also a small AAP on the S side of Eccinswell Road where it turns to the E. The Tithe map shows the line of rear boundary of the properties on the N side continuing to the S with a small plot that may have contained a cottage or other buildings.

#### CHURCH & CHURCHYARD St Laurence. 1886.

The churchyard lies on the bank of the river and has a curvilinear S boundary. Lanes lead to the churchyard from the W and E.

#### BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Dores Hill Back Lane C18 and C20 II  
Primrose Cottage C19 and late C19 II  
Pentico C17 II  
Whitehouse Fmhse Early C19 II  
Granary 20 yds E, barn and stable block 10 yds N C18 II  
Woodside Fmhse C16 C17 C18 early C19 and C20 II  
Barn 30 yds W (C18) and granary 30 yds W Early C19 II  
Chapel Fm Cottages Eccinswell Rd C18 early C19 II  
The Old Tannery Early C19 II  
Barn 10 yds NE Late C18 early C19 II  
Clere House Fm Early C19 II  
Hillside Cottage High St C17 C18 C19 and C20 II  
Kewell Cottage C17 C19 II  
Briar Malthouse Cottages Mid C19 II  
Malthouse Fmhse C18 and early C19 II  
Barn 30 yds NW C18 II  
Kisby's Cottage C16 early C19 C20 II  
Eccinswell House Early C19 II  
Oak Cottage Early C17 mid C19 II  
Church of St Laurence 1886 II  
Corner Cottage C17 C20 II  
Church Villa C18 C19 C20 II  
School Mid C19 II  
Schoolhouse Mid C19 II  
Bramley Cottage Early C19 II  
Woodleys Cottage C17 C18 II  
Riverside Cottages C17 C18 II  
Burnside Mill Lane Late C18 C20 II  
Barn 20 SE C18 II  
Mill House Early C19 II  
Mill Early C19 II  
5 Quarry Cottages C16 C17 C19 and 1926 II  
Nuthanger Fmhse C17 early C19 mid C19 II  
Granary 15 yds S Barn 20 yds SE Early C19 II

## S Barn of 2 c.1600 II

(Un-listed)

### SMR DATA

4	49905938	Site of med church
12	50206050	Med village mentioned in Domesday Book
17	50406030	Possible site of Med deer park. Emparked 1208

### ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

1	50085958	Site of building, possibly a cottage, shown on Tithe map
2	50215962	Site of 3 buildings shown on Tithe map
3	50125974	Site of building shown on Tithe map. The track passing the site is a hollow-way with a drain along it
4	50345986	Site of 2 buildings shown on Tithe map. One stood at this grid reference and the second was located where the pump house now stands
5	49745926	Earthworks. Alongside the road there are three platforms of varying size. Beyond the drain there is a scarp slope which follows the contour
6	50115939	A bank aligned NW-SE is visible about 25m away from the road. There are other possible earthworks in this area. To the SE around 50255933 there are <u>very</u> slight ridges apparent when walked over that may be remnants of ridge and furrow
7	50185955	A series of linear features running on a NW-SE orientation. There are further slight earthworks in the field to the NE and E of site 2

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES OS 1:2,500 SU 4859-4959, 5059-5159; Tithe map 21M65/F7/74/2 (1846)

### AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

### BIBLIOGRAPHY

#### PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

**Domesday** For the supplies of the monks of Winchester. It was always in the lands of the Monastery. Before 1066 it answered for 10 hides; now 7.5 hides. Land for 11 pl. In lordship 2 pl; 18 villagers and 12 smallholders with 9 pl. 2 slaves; 2 mills at 100d; meadow, 3 acres. Value before 1066, £7; later, £6 now £8.

#### Subsidy Rolls

1334	1. 9. 0
1524	3. 6. 8 (33 taxpayers)

#### Manorial Documents

**Hearth Tax**

1665

75 hearths chargeable (36 houses)

27 not chargeable (27 houses) Total 63 houses

PLACE NAME 1086 *Eccleswelle* Uncertain. May come from *ecles* 'church' (usually British) but an unrecorded mans name or river name are other possibilities.

PHOTOGRAPHS 7/29-40

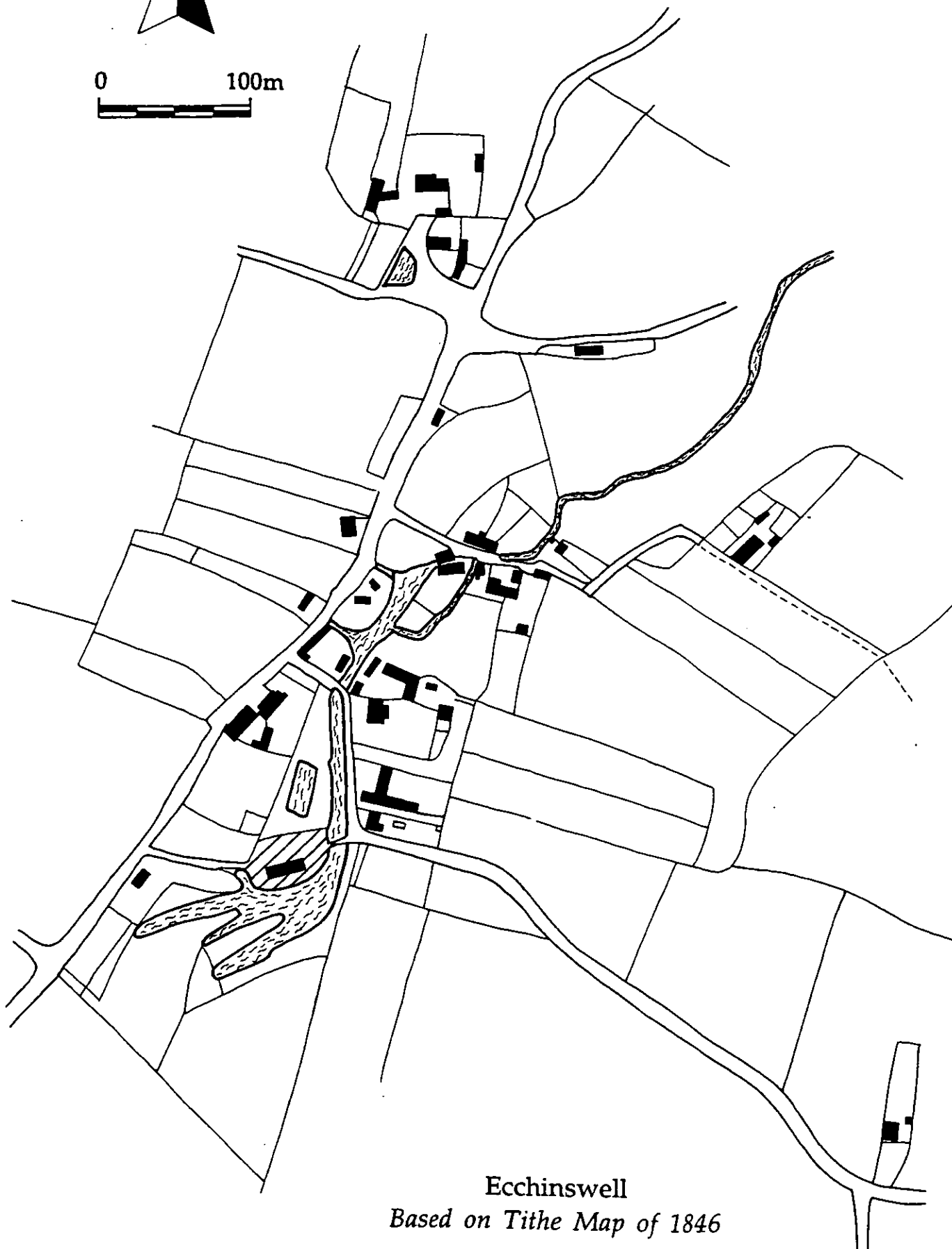
**OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS**

Mentioned in a charter of 931 (ref. 412 in Sawyer, 1968, p 171).

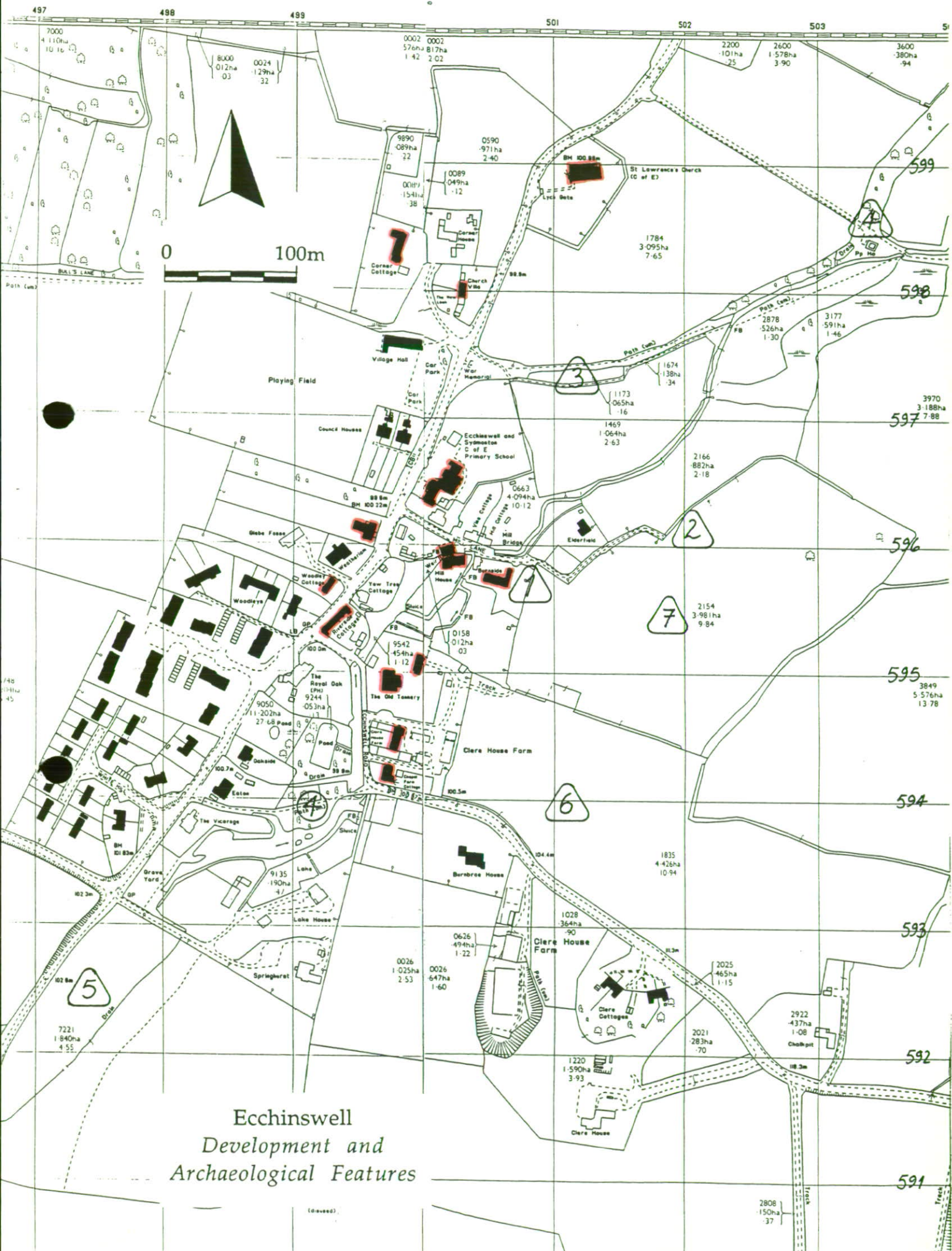
1699 a barn was recorded as being converted or used as a cottage at the N end of Heath Corner Close, Ecchinswell (Ecchinswell Court Roll 3M42/1-3).



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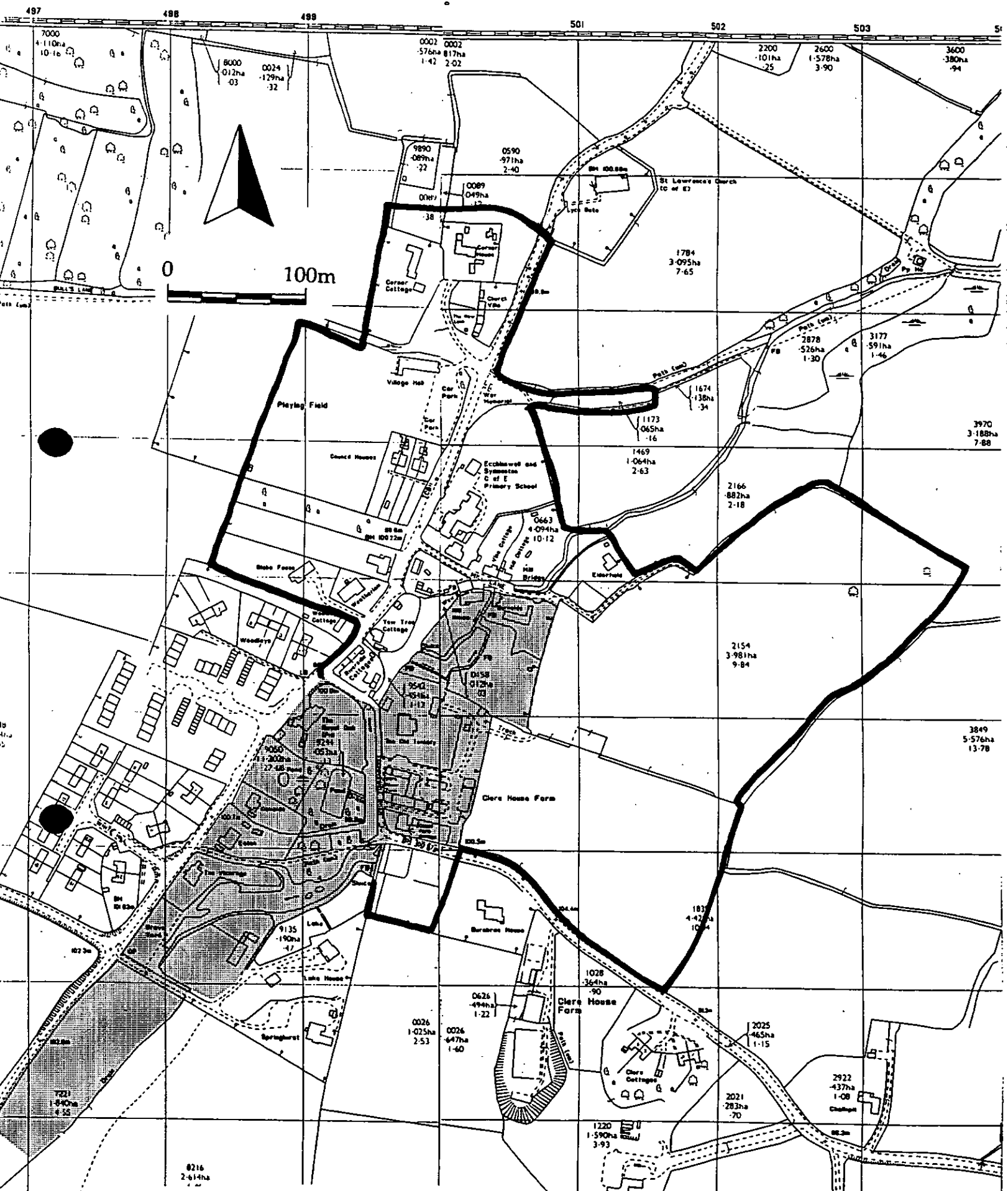
Ecchinswell  
Based on Tithe Map of 1846



Echinswell  
Development and  
Archaeological Features

(dressed)

2808  
150ha  
37



Ecchinswell  
Areas of Archaeological Potential

2808  
1.50ha  
.37