

NAME Ellisfield  
PARISH Ellisfield  
HUNDRED Bermondspit  
DISTRICT Basinstoke and Deane  
NGR SU 639459  
GEOLOGY Church sited on Upper Chalk. Manor to E on Clay with Flints.

**SITE CONTEXT** The church area of the settlement is positioned at about 180m OD at the head of a small valley facing SW. The land to the W, N and E slopes up to over 190m OD. To the NW Ellisfield Green is at about 190m OD and Ellisfield Manor to the SE of the church is at a similar height, both being positioned near the top of S facing spurs. Upper Common and Lower Common lie in a valley at about 150m OD to the SW of the church. The two valleys meet at Lower Common.

**PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION** Polyfocal. Irregular agglomeration and Church/Manor

The church and the Old Manor with its farmyard form one of the centres of occupation on the C19 plan. The larger area of settlement lies near a fork in the road and consists of several small irregular plots alongside the road, a large house and Hill Farm slightly away from the rest of the settlement on the SE side of the road to the SW. There is no order in the plots within this part of the settlement with some plots apparently overlapping others. It was in this area that another church was sited, possibly in one of the two smaller vacant, almost rectangular plots.

#### AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The area around the church and Old Manor is an AHAP as they may have formed a focus for early settlement. Around the manor itself there may be evidence for earlier phases of the manor and also of ancillary buildings.

Another AHAP covers the area of settlement on the W side of Green Lane as this was the site of the second church and presumably there was another manor here. The C19 plan shows this area as the main centre of occupation and at present there is no other evidence to suggest that there has been any significant shift in population to this area.

The area to the S of the latter AHAP up to and including Hill Farm is an AAP to cover the possibility that settlement may have spread from near the fork in the road to Hill Farm. There are some limited earthworks in this area which would need to be investigated to obtain a fuller understanding of their relevance to the development of the settlement.

**CHURCH & CHURCHYARD** St Martin. 1870. W tower of 1884. In the chancel is a blocked C13 lancet and the outline of a Norman doorway in the S wall of the nave.

The churchyard in the C19 was almost triangular.

**BUILDINGS**  
(Listed)

Meritt's Fmhse Bell Lane C18 II

Coopers Fmhse C18 II  
 Church of St Martin II\*  
 Manor Fmhse Late C17 C18 early C20 II  
 Granary E (Early C17), stable NE (mid C19) and barn NE (early C19) II  
 Brocas Green Lane Early C19 II  
 Hill Fm Cottage C17 C18 C19 II  
 Pullens Cottage Early C18 II  
 Lower Fmhse C17 II  
 The Thatched Cottage C17 C18 II  
 Granary W of Herriard Grange Early C19 II  
 Widmoor Fmhse Winslade Lane C17 early C19 C20 II

(Un-listed)

#### SMR DATA

5	63144506	BA flint tool
13	62964535	Enclosure SAM 107
14	63624619	Site of med church
15	63864589	Med church
35	62904550	Palaeo flint tool
36	62904550	Meso flint tool
37	62904550	Neo flint tool
38	62854540	BA flint tool
40	63094508	Neo flint tool
46	63704600	Med village mentioned in Domesday Book

#### ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

1	63164550	Site of cottage shown on Tithe map
2	63944584	Site of large outbuilding - probably a barn with several other smaller outbuildings to the SW shown on Tithe map
3	63884592	Site of cottage shown on Tithe map
4	63654617	Site of cottage shown on Tithe map. To the SW of this site and slightly N of E of Brocas, a large outbuilding was also shown on the Tithe map
5	63664624	Site of cottage shown on Tithe map
6	63674641	Site of 2 cottages shown on Tithe map
7	63644612	Slight undefined earthworks in area of field near the verge. To the S, the boundary marked on the 1:2,500 map between the pond and Church Lane no longer exists but a small scarp slope across the field marks its location
8	63534604	Small area of earthworks adjoining SW boundary of Hill Farm Cottage. Slightly lower area near the road with slopes up into the field on SW and NW sides

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES 1:2,500 SU 6245-6345, 6246-6346, 6445-6545;  
 Tithe map 21M65/F7/78/2 (1841)

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

### PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

**Domesday** Hugh of Port. Auti held it from King Edward in freehold. Then and now it answered for 8 hides. Land for 1pl. In lordship 1; 8 villagers and 4 smallholders with 5 pl. A church; 4 slaves; meadow, 5 acres. Woodland for fencing. Value before 1066 £10; later 60s; now 100s.

### Subsidy Rolls

1334	0. 19. 7
1524	1. 11. 10 (19 taxpayers)

### Manorial Documents

#### Hearth Tax

1665	50 hearths chargeable (22 houses)
	15 hearths not chargeable (14 houses) Total 36 houses

PLACE NAME 1086 *Esewelle*; 1167 *Elsefeld*. May be from OE *Ielfsanfeld* 'open land of Ielfsa'. Coates ignores the Domesday form.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

### OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

There were 2 manors here and two churches. In 1383 the churches were united as all Saints was in ruins. During the reign of Henry III, Nicholas son of Ralph held half a carucate and half a virgate and also a capital messuage in Ellisfield. In 1657 the manor house, site of the manor and land were sold (VCH Vol III p 360).

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Based on Tithe Map of 1841





