

1.0 PARISH	Hawkley (formerly Empshott)
2.0 HUNDRED	Selborne
3.0 NGR	475300 131300
4.0 GEOLOGY	Upper Greensand

5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Maps 2 & 3)

Empshott was the central place of a former parish, much of which is now in Hawkley CP. It is a heavily wooded area of streams and hollow-ways that frequently cut through and expose the natural rock. The church stands at *c.* 135m AOD on a south-facing spur overlooking a network of spring-fed ponds that drain into the nearby River Rother (*c.* 0.5km south of the church). The church can be approached by minor roads from the north, east or south and these network a group of farms, all within 0.5km of each other. The easiest access is from the north. The hamlet of Empshott Green is 0.5km south-west. The parishes of Empshott and Hawkley were amalgamated in 1932.

6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION (Maps 4, 5 & 6)

6.1 Church & manor house

Beresford & Hurst list Empshott as a deserted medieval village (1971: 188) but there is no evidence to substantiate this claim. The present church is C1300 but a chapel at Empshott is recorded as being in the possession of Southwick Priory 1133. It was probably on the site of the parish church. A pact of 1242 gave Selborne Priory rights in the chapel (of the church). The influence of the Priors in Empshott is demonstrated by surviving references to a grange (outlying farm): The Grange, Empshott Grange Cottages & Grange Farm. The fishponds *c.* 300m south of the church are probably a relic of Priory possessions here.

6.1.1 In addition to a church or chapel, farm buildings and an administration centre would have been required. A manor house would also have been essential after possession was secularised following the Dissolution of the Priors (C16). HTS 6 (169) suggests that Grange Farm was the manor house and court but this group of buildings is not shown on the Tithe Map of *c.* 1850 and the style of the buildings belongs to the later C19. A more likely site for the Medieval manor house is at Empshott Grange Cottages (C17) *c.* 25m south-west of the church. Another candidate is Hill Place, a late Medieval building (C16), 150m east of Holy Rood.

6.1.2 The location of the manor house is not clear but there is absolutely no sign of contraction at Empshott and it is virtually certain that the settlement was always small. The 22 houses indicated by the 1665 Hearth Tax returns would have applied not to one nucleated area, but to the whole of the parish.

6.1.3 Empshott Green (see Map 3) is at best a hamlet, perhaps at the site of a woodland clearing. Yew Tree House is late Medieval (C16)

6.2 *Site visit condition:* Heavy showers and sunny intervals (16.4.99)

7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL (Map 6)

7.1 *AsAP*

7.1.1 The Grange could be the site of the priory farm at Empshott. This AAP has been defined to take this possibility into account, allowing scope for the spread of outbuildings and related features.

7.1.2 Hill Place is a late Medieval building and it is possible (but not demonstrable) that others once stood at the roadside in this area. It is the site of two road junctions; one of the roads is a hollow-way (Paragraph 11.0, No. 1).

7.2 *AsHAP*

7.2.1 The Medieval church, Empshott Grange Cottages (C17) and their immediate contexts. This is a sub-area of 7.1.1 above.

7.2.2 An AHAP within 7.1.2 above but excluding a field to the rear of Hill Place where roadside frontage is limited to 60m of the hollow-way.

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

Holy Rood (dedicated to St Lawrence until the Dissolution)

- Complete C13 church: nave, chancel, north & south chapels;
- 1620s restoration programme included a west bell tower with attached porch; north chapel not rebuilt;
- 1859 tower removed;
- 1860s substantial rebuilding of the chancel;
- 1884 bell turret (lantern type);
- 1914 graveyard enlarged eastwards;

NB

- Foundations are visible beneath the turf south of the south transept.
- The external south walls of the nave contain large amounts of rubble. A stone slab immediately west of a two light lancet window has a Medieval dedication cross incised upon it.

9.0 BUILDINGS (Map 5)

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
*	Church of the Holy Rood, Empshott	C13, 17, 19	I
*	Empshott Grange Cottages, Empshott	C17, 18	
	II		
*	Hill Place, Empshott	C16, c1670, 19, 20	II*
*	Brook Cottages, Empshott Green	C17, 18, 20	II
*	Yew Tree House, Empshott Green	C16, 17, 18, 1900	II

NB These buildings are also listed under Hawkley in which parish they are today.

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10.0 SMR DATA SW 474900 130700, NE 475600 131500 (Map 5)

SU 73 SE	No.	NGR	Description
	9	475330 131250	Medieval. Parish Church (see 8.0).
**m	24	475485 131240	Medieval. Rectangular timber building.
SU 73 SW	29	474910 131060	Medieval. Rectangular timber building. Grade II listed.
	50	476300 131460	Post-Medieval. Ice house of Le Court, Empshott.
**m	52	475300 131200	Medieval. Domesday reference. This reference point has been moved from 474900 131000.

10.2 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

Hants No.	NGR	Parish	NAR / NMR Nos
None listed.			

10.3 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

SAM No.	NGR	Site
None		

11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Map 5)

1	475480 131300	Hollow-way; probably a medieval road
2	475330 131235	Earthworks; foundations of former south chapel
3	475465 131190	Earthen bank along roadside enclosing hanger

12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/80/2 (* / 1850)
- GSGB 300 Alresford
- OS 1: 2500 SW 474900 137000, NE 475590 131500
- OS 1: 25000 Pathfinder 1244 (SU 63/73), Alton & Four Marks.

13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Beresford M & Hurst JG 1971 *Deserted Medieval Villages* Guildford & London, Lutterworth Press
- HTS 6:169-174 (included in Hawkley CP)
- VCH 3: 17-19

14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

14.1 Domesday Book

62, 1 Geoffrey the Marshall holds *Empshott* from the King. Bondi and Saxi held it from King Edward in freehold. Then and now it answered for ½ hide. Land for 1 plough. 4 villagers with 1½ ploughs. A mill at 50d; meadow, ½ acre; woodland at 1 pig. Value before 1066 and later 20s; now 25s.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£0.15.6	
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	£2.2.0	(21 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£1.17.6	(18 taxpayers)

14.3 Manorial Documents

Single manor; advowson granted to Southwick Priory c. 1133. In 1242 a pact with Selborne Priory gave that house rights in the chapel (of the church) at Empshott.

14.4 Hearth Tax 1665

67 hearths chargeable (20 houses)
2 hearths not chargeable (2 houses). Total: 22 houses.

15.0 PLACE NAME

1086 *Hibesete*; c. 1170 *Himbeset*; 1218 *Ymbeschete*; 1248 *Imbeschete*; 1270 *Imbeschate*; 1297 *Imbeschute*. OE *imbansciete* or *imbasciete* 'corner of the bee swarm(s)'. Probably an old corner of Greatham estate.

16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS**17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS****17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters**

None

17.2 Other parish settlements include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>Map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
None.			

17.3 Enclosures

Parliamentary:

<i>NEP no.</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
None.				

Formal Agreements:

<i>NRP no.</i>	<i>Agreement</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
None.			

NB Informal enclosures only.

17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

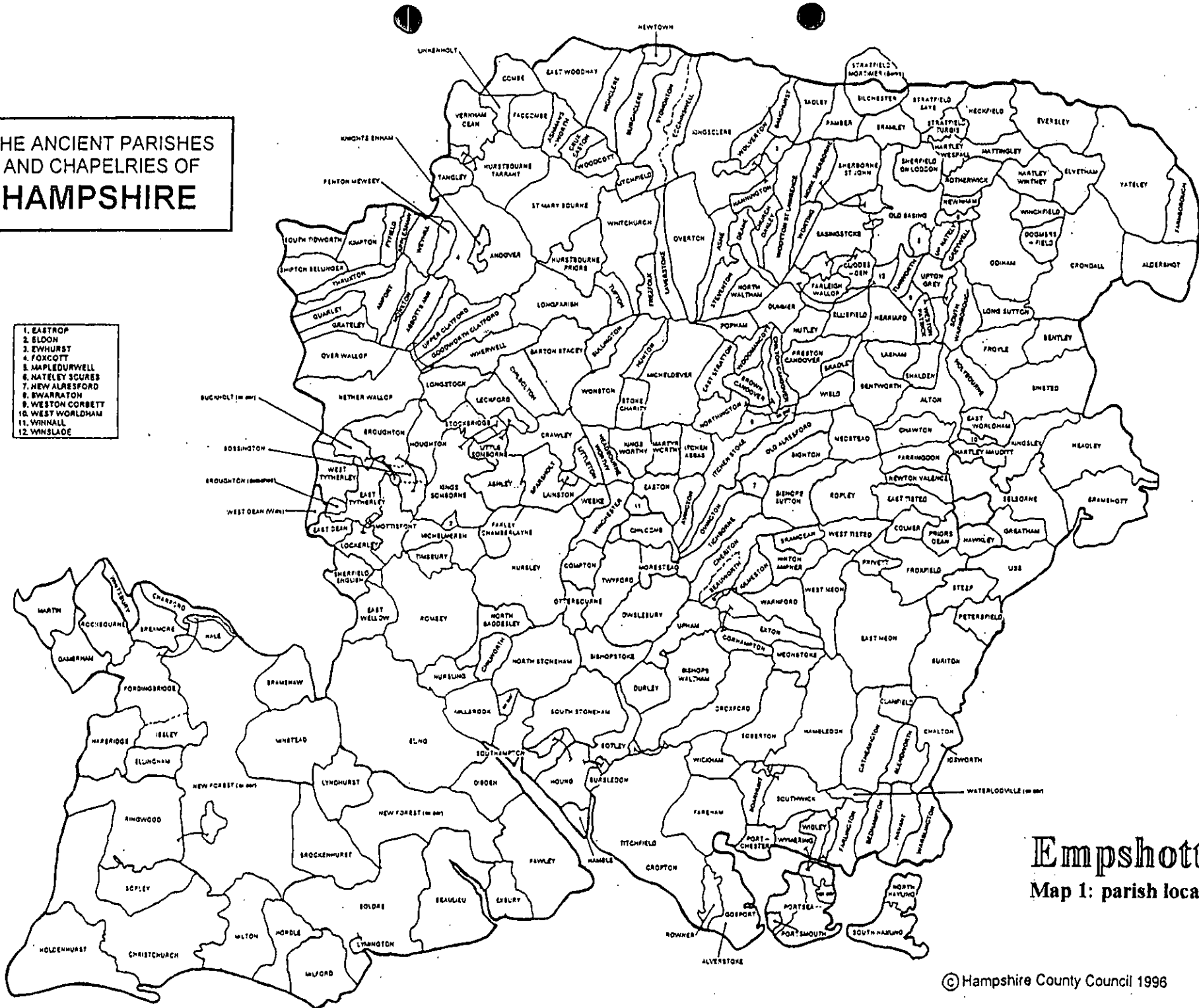
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- 4 Map 4: 1850 Tithe Map transcribed at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
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- 6 Map 6: Areas of archaeological potential at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%

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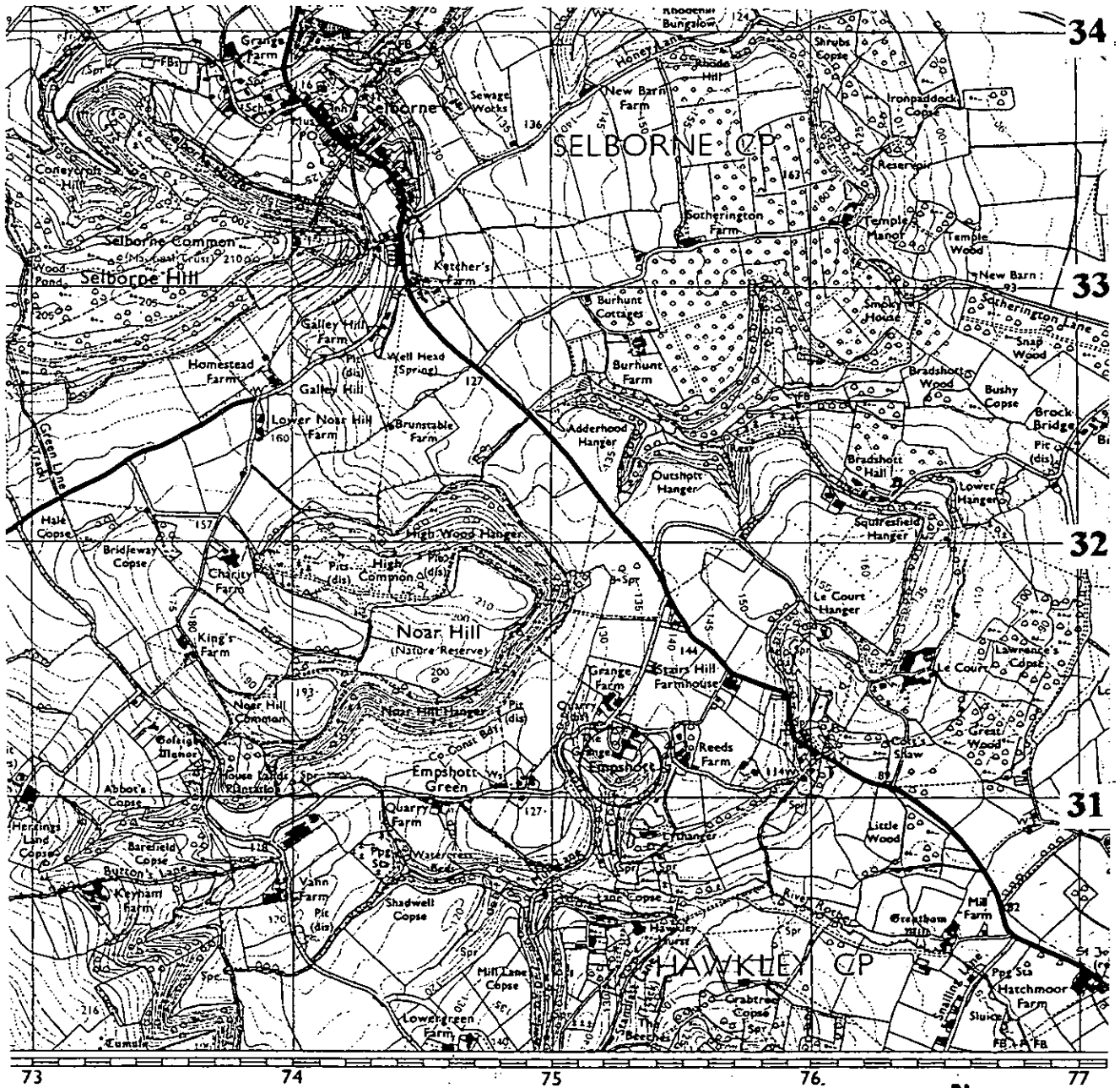
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9. WESTON CORRETT
10. WEST WORLDHAM
11. WINNALL
12. WINSLADE



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Map 1: parish location

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Map 2: general location

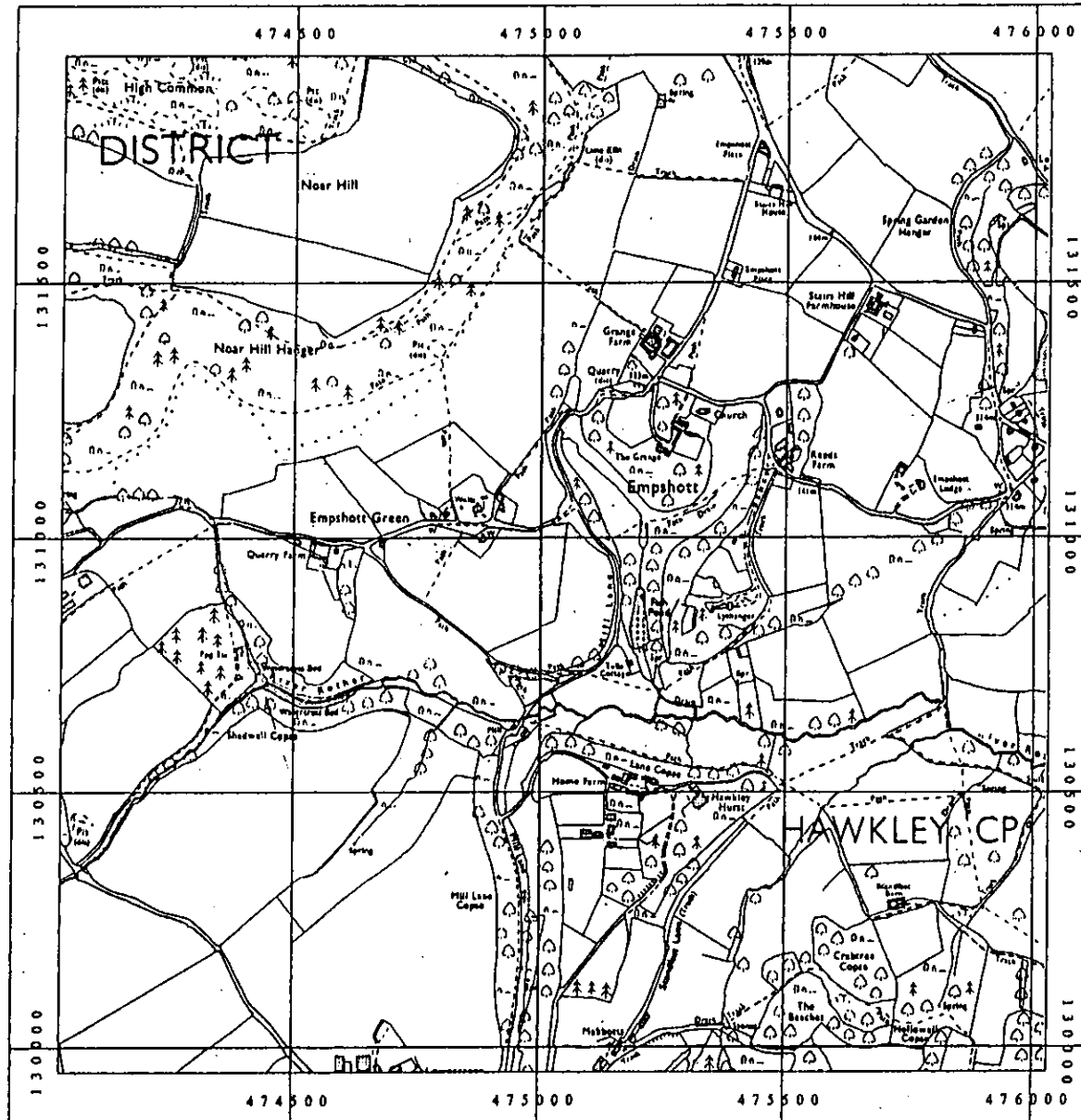


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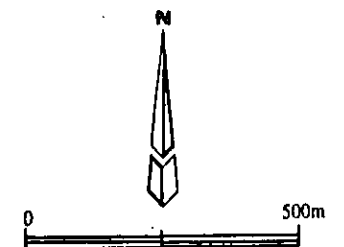


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Map 3: Empshott & Empshott Green



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Map 4: transcribed from the
Tithe Map of c. 1850

