

- 1.0 PARISH** Eversley
2.0 HUNDRED Holdshot
3.0 NGR SU 47790 16100
4.0 GEOLOGY *Church and manor*: Valley Gravel with Lower Bagshot and Bracklesham Beds abounding to east, south and west.
Eversley: Valley Gravel

5.0 SITE CONTEXT

Eversley Parish, which formerly included Bramshill, is one of dispersed settlement; isolated farmsteads and commons. The larger population centres are in the north of the parish, but it is not easy to determine which of these are long-standing settlements. It was not possible to include all of these settlements within this survey and so some arbitrary decisions had to be made. Lower Common (476400 162500) has been excluded because it is probably a comparatively recent common edge settlement. Eversley Cross (479500 161700) and Eversley Centre (478600 161600) are seemingly late developments associated with farmsteads (17.2), and they have been omitted for that reason. Counted in, are

- the Church Farm / St Mary's Church cluster which is identified as a medieval settlement site in the SMR.
- the settlement known as Eversley which is quite distinct from the nearest farm (Warbrook)

5.1 *Church Farm (manor house) and the Church of Blessed Mary The Virgin* are situated on a spur at c. 65m AOD. The land drops away to the west of the church where there is a rectilinear pond fed from the south by a small stream. The eastern limit of the farm is defined by the A327 which, on its route northwards, forms the axial street of Eversley (5.2).

5.2 *Eversley* lies just within the northern boundary of the parish which is determined by the east / west course of the River Blackwater. The mid-point of the settlement is at c. 50m AOD but there is a gradual decline northwards as the road, Eversley Street, approaches the river valley at Eversley Bridge.

6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION

Two distinct elements:

- **Church and manor**
- **Regular row**

6.1 *Church and manor house* Pevsner and Lloyd describe the Church as C18 and C19 (1967: 215), but a pre-Conquest charter refers to a church at Eversley (17.1) and there are traces of medieval fabric within the building (8.0). Church Farm lies immediately to the north of the churchyard. The farmhouse is known as The Old Manor, and it is evident from the south that this building has been constructed upon an earthen platform.

6.2 Regular row Eversley (5.2) displays some aspects of regularity: a straight central street (The Street) flanked by plots set at right angles to it, and this is especially noticeable at the north end of the settlement. However, there are some inconsistencies. At the south end, the properties known as Chesters and The Barn are at an odd alignment (*c.* 45 degrees to the road) and throughout the entire length of the settlement groups of contiguous plots can be seen to vary in both shape and size. This deviation from regularity is particularly marked on the eastern side of The Street, just north of centre. These variable characteristics suggest that Eversley comprises a number of elements. To the south, the group of buildings around Little Chesters (C17) and The Barn may indicate the former presence of a farmstead. From here, northwards up to Eversley Bridge, a number of planned units were apparently set out at different times. Some pre-existing plots might have been included within the developing plan, perhaps explaining the rather strange boundaries which now define the properties of ‘Hundreds’ and ‘Woodstock’ (477500 162300). The Tithe Map shows that not all of the available roadside plots were occupied in 1842 and it is possible that the settlement had always included an element of attenuation.

6.3 Site visit conditions: strong, low sun; dry.

7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

7.1 AsHAP

7.1.1 An area including Church Farm, the Church and the Old Rectory (6.1) is almost certainly the manorial centre of medieval Eversley. It is possible that there was a wider settlement cluster around Church Farm and a zone along the south side of the access lane has been included within the AHAP.

7.1.2 Both sides of Eversley Street (6.2); potential areas of medieval settlement.

7.2 AsAP

7.2.1 Firgrove House and catchment where a number of buildings shown on the Tithe Map have now been demolished. The Firgrove site had associations with the conventual Houses of Wintney and Farnham (11.0).

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

Blessed Mary The Virgin

A much-altered medieval church.

- C13-14 piscina in the south-east corner of the chapel
- Chancel *c.* 1500
- 1724, whole church west of the chancel was rebuilt
- 1735, tower completed
- 1876, the church was *restored* as a memorial to Charles Kingsley (Rector 1844-75).

9.0 BUILDINGS

PRN	Details	Dates	Listing
3797	Arlett's Cottage	C17	II
3798	Turnpike Cottage, Chequers Lane	C17 & later	II
3799	Eversley Cross House, Cross Green	C18? & 19	II
3800	Dial House, Cross Green	C18	II

3803/4/5/6	Oaklea, Martineau Cottage, Windings, Little Windings, Warbrook Lane	1902	II
3807/8/9	Martineau Cottage, Central Cottage, High View	1889	II
3810	Up Green Farmhouse, Up Green	C17, 19	II
3811	Up Green: small, square granary,	C18	II
3113	Up Green: barn	C18	II
3114/5/6/7	Nos 1 & 2 (Lock's Cottages) & Westbury & The Larches	c. 1900	
II			
1834	Warbrook House	1727	I
3818	The Old Rectory	C17, 18	II*
3819	Glaston Hill House	C early 18, 1900	II
3820	Firgrove House (Firgrove Manor) HTS 3: 46 suggests C16, C17 fabric	C early 18, 19, 20	II*
3821	Firgrove House: gateway	C late 18	II
3822	Firgrove Farmhouse, Firgrove Road	C18, 19	II
3823	Firgrove Farmhouse: granary	C early 19	II
3824	Firgrove Farm Cottage	C17	II
3825	Church Farmhouse (The Old Manor)	C18	II
1063	Church Farm, formerly Clever Farmhouse: barn	C17, 18	II
2826	Churchyard, tomb of Charles Kingsley	1875	II
3827	Brick House, (Brickhouse Farmhouse)	C16, 18	II
3828	Church of St. Mary	C18, 19	II
1814	Little Chesters, Eversley Street (E.)	C17	II
3829	White Hart public house, Eversley St. (E.)	C17, 18	II
3830/1	New Cottage & Spindles, Eversley St. (E.)	dated 1718	II
222	Chesters (formerly Warbrook Cottage) Eversley St. (W.)	C18,19	II
3832	The Old House, Eversley St. (W.)	C early 19	II
3833	Bonney Yard, No. 5, Eversley Street (W)	C18	II
3834	Bonney's Yard Barn, Eversley Street (W)	C18	II
3835	Yew Tree Cottage, Eversley Street (W)	C early 19	II
3836/7	Honey Cottage & Bridge Cottage, Eversley Street (W)	C17, 18	II
3838	Cooperage, Eversley Cross	C17, early 19	II
3839/40	Green Cottage & Peggeth, Eversley Cross	C late 18	II
3841	Dorney's (formerly Meade House), Eversley Cross	C17, 18	
II			
3842	Parfitt's Farmhouse, Eversley Cross	C17, 18	II
3843	Parfitt's Farmhouse: barn to NW	C18	II
3844	Chequers Inn, Eversley Cross	C17, 19, mod.	II
1014	Church Place, Eversley Cross	C16, 1900	II
3845	Parfitt's House, Longwater Lane	C18, 1900	II

3846/7	Rosedene & Mead House, Longwater Lane	C18	II
3848/9/50/1	Kingsley Cottages Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, Longwater Lane	1896	II
2542	Longwater House, Longwater Lane	C late 18	II
3852/3/4/5	Longwater Cottages Nos 1, 2, 3, 4 Rose Cottage and No. 2 Warbrook Lane	1905	II
unlisted?	Sun Avon and Baker's Farm Cottages (Source HTS 3: 46)	C18	II

10.0 SMR DATA SW 47700 16000, NE 47900 16200

SU76SE No.

1 47791 16092 Medieval. Church of St. Mary.

6 47800 16100 Medieval. Settlement.

7A-F 47700 16100 Early Georgian garden features (1714-40):
formal garden (A), canal (B), ha-ha (C), pond (D),
landscape park (E), avenue (F).

11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES

1	477910 160960	Building platform associated with manor house site
2	477540 160660	Site of agricultural buildings, c. 1842
3	477420 161860	Approximate centre of of buildings group (5), c. 1842
4	477420 161720	Approximate centre of of buildings group (2), c. 1842
5	479700 160800	Firgrove House: fishpond. Former monastic property. Supplied fish to Farnham and Wintney (HTS 3: 45)

12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/81/2 (*1842)
- GSBB 284 Basingstoke
- OS 1:2500 SW 47753 16030, NE 47812 16120
- OS 1: 25000 Pathfinder 1188 (SU 66/76), Mortimer and Arborfield (5.1)

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14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES**14.1 Domesday Book**

8, 1 The Abbey of St. Peter's Westminster holds Eversley. 4 free men held it from King Edward in freehold as 4 manors. Then it paid tax for 5 hides; now for 4 hides. Land for..... 10 villagers and 4 smallholders with 3 ploughs. 2 mills at 105d; woodland at 30s; 1 site in Winchester at 7d; meadow 12 acres. Value before 1066, 100s; later £4 10s; now £4.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£2. 5. 0	
1524	1st survey:	Not listed.	
	2nd survey:	£6. 7.10	(57 taxpayers)

14.3 Manorial Documents

Eversley included the manors of Eversley, Great Bramshill (also known as Moor Place), Little Bramshill (Bramshill Park). Documents available at HRO.

14.4 Hearth Tax

1665 188 hearths chargeable (64 houses)
24 hearths not chargeable (19 houses). Total: 83 houses.

15.0 PLACE NAME 1053 x 1066 (*aet*) *evereslea*; 1086 *Evreslei*; 1236 *Evereslege*. OE *Eofresleah* 'boar's wood / clearing' or possibly pers n. 'of Eofor' (meaning 'boar')

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

AD 1053 x 1066. Writ of King Edward declaring that the monks of Westminster are to have the estate of Eversley, Hants. (335 / **1129**)

17.2 Other parish settlements include:

Baker's Farm	1327, le Bakere (associated with the family of Walter le Bakere)
Glaston Hill 47815 16140	1415, Glassdone
Vann Place Farm 47980 16160	1327, atte Fanne (Home of Rich atte Fanne)
Warbrook / Eversley Green 47740 16180	1345, Wadebrooke (Wada's Brook; Brook with Fords).
Eversley Centre (47860 16160)	C20
Eversley Cross (47950 16170)	1759 Cross Green
Lower Common (47640 16250)	

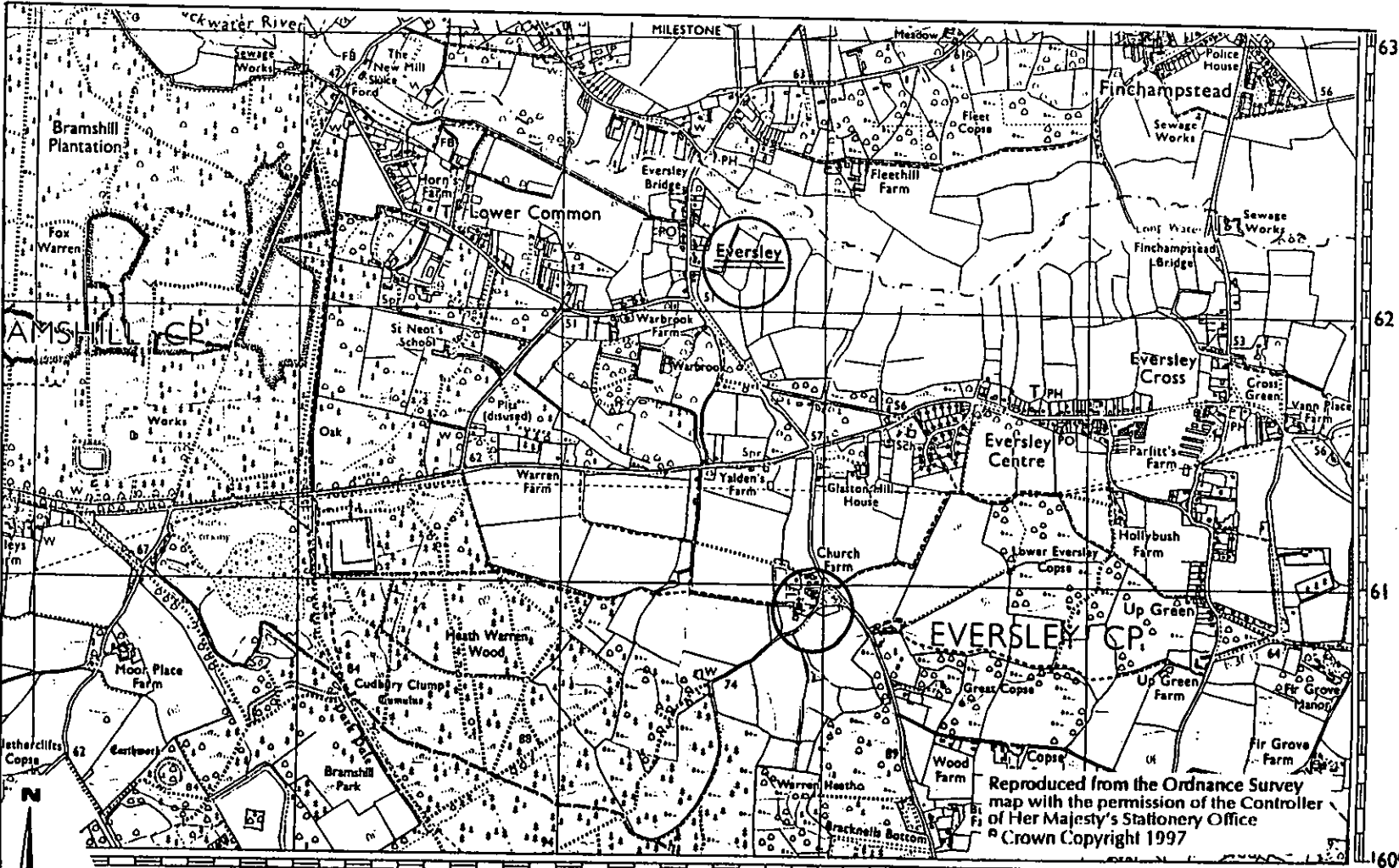
17.3 Inclosure Act (private) 1815 Not including open field arable.

17.4 The Old Rectory was the home of novelist Charles Kingsley

17.5 A medieval deer park existed at Eversley.

18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

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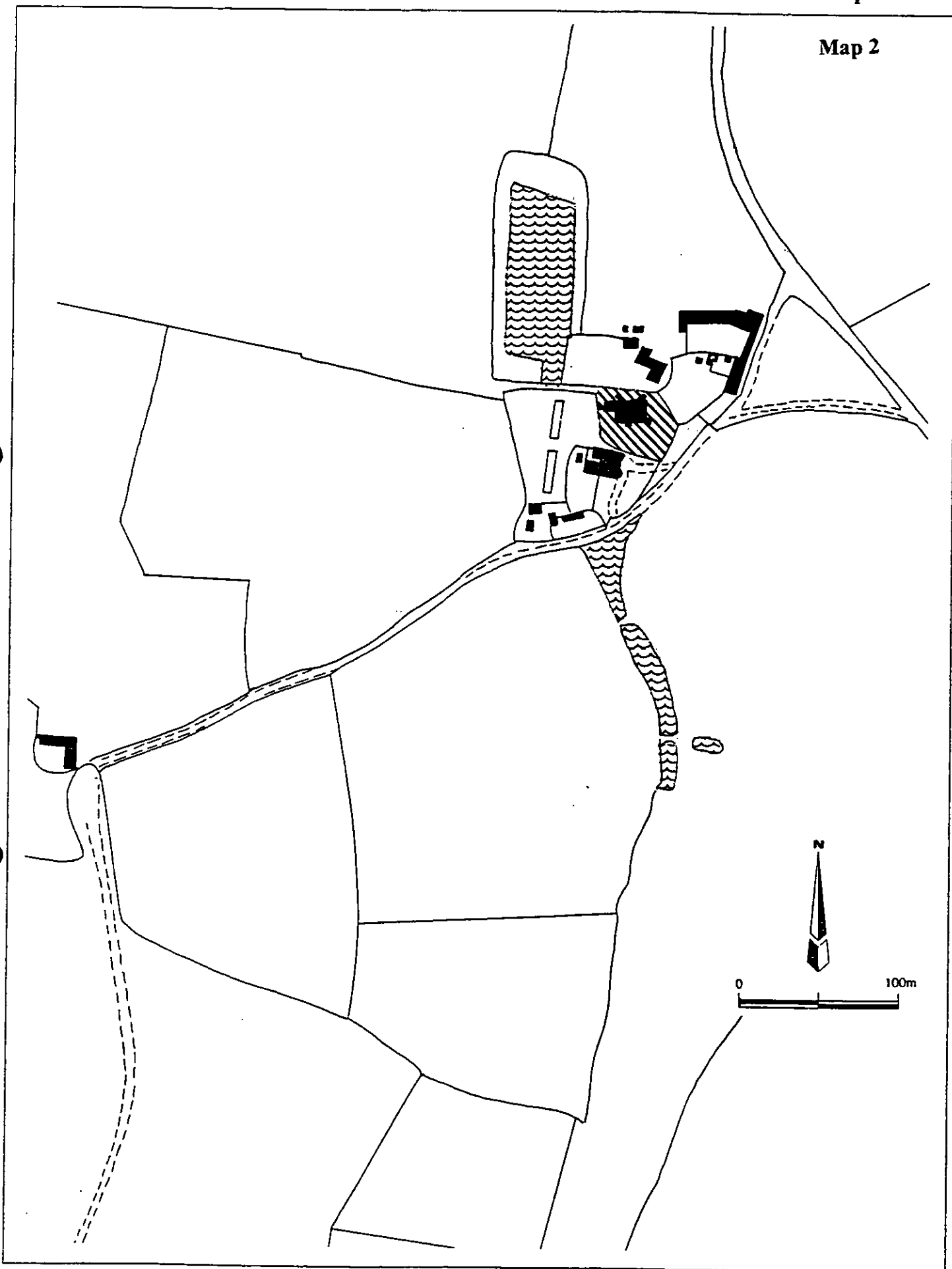
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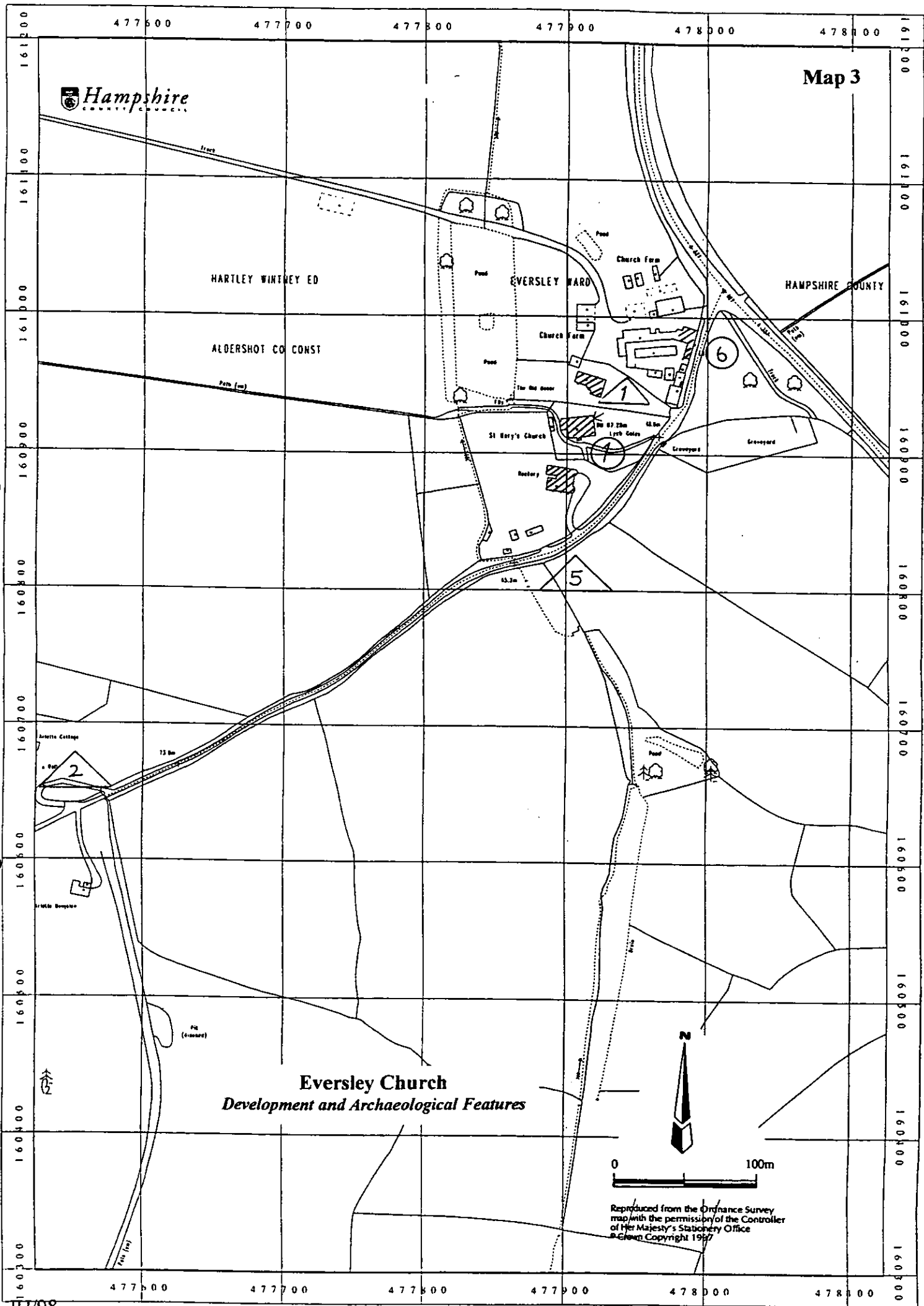
Eversley
 Location

Eversley (Church)

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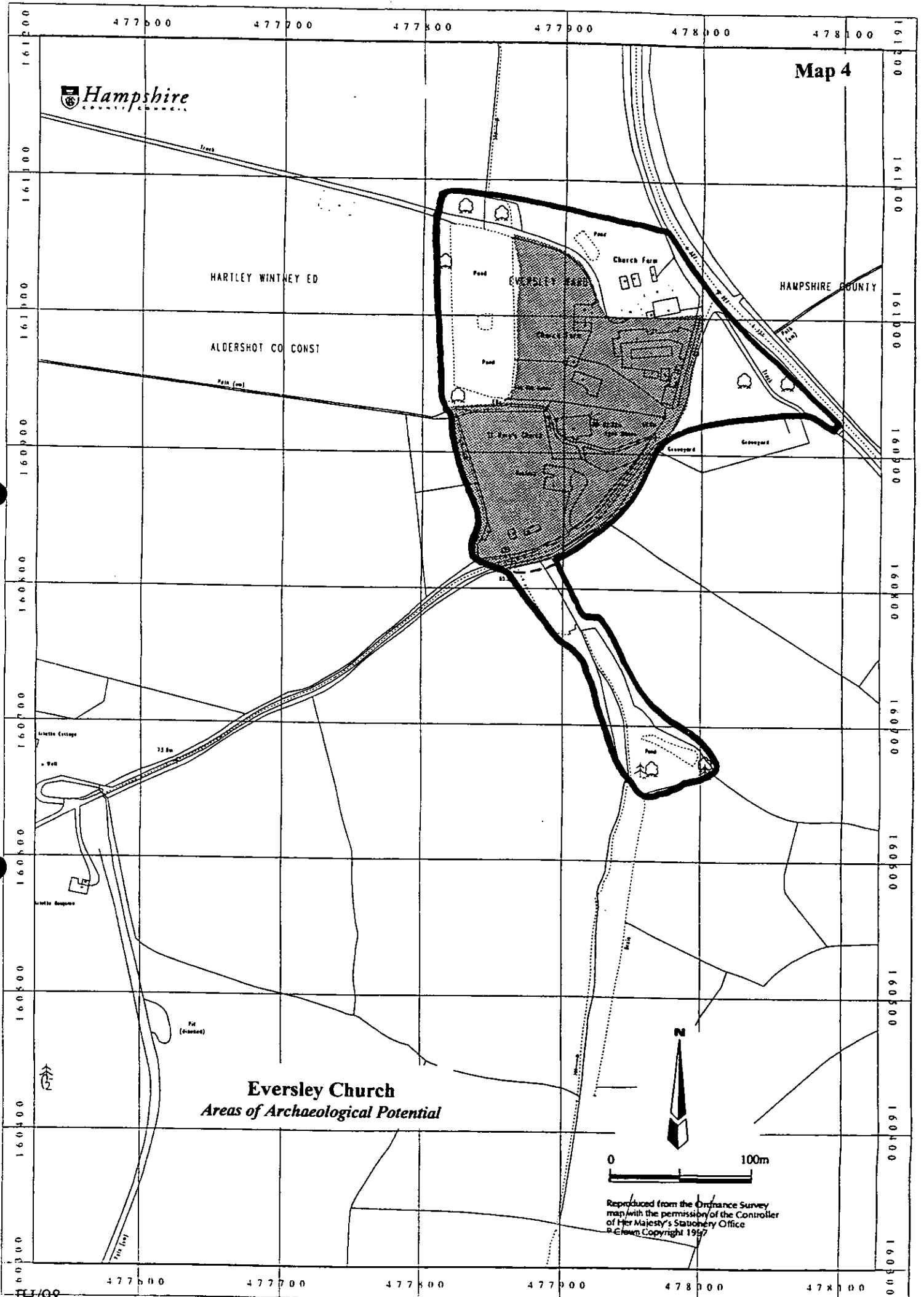
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Eversley Church
Development and Archaeological Features

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Map 5

