

NAME Exbury
PARISH Exbury
HUNDRED New Forest
NGR SU 427003
GEOLOGY Plateau Gravels

SITE CONTEXT Exbury lies almost 1km away from the E bank of the Beaulieu River on a level area at the crest of a gentle slope up from the river and some 20m above the river which is approximately at sea level. Apart from a slight ridge that ends to the NE of the settlement, the surrounding land is relatively flat within several hundred metres of the village.

PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION Irregular rows.

The village lies at a T-junction with houses lining two of the roads leaving the junction. The church lies to the N of the junction with a single house immediately to the S (which was built in the mid C19 as it is not shown on the Tithe map). W of the junction all the land falls within the park of Exbury House. The Tithe map shows a cottage on the W side of the road to the S in a narrow roadside plot which had been demolished by 1868.

The village today has the appearance of an estate village with most of the houses of similar date and materials and with a uniform colour scheme.

AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL An AAP covers the main area of C19 settlement as beyond the name being recorded throughout the medieval period, there is little here to suggest that this is the site of medieval Exbury. However, until any other site is suggested, one must regard the settlement as the probable area of medieval Exbury which, even given the generally dispersed nature of settlement in this area, may have been a small nucleation as records show a reasonably large taxable population in the later medieval period and fifty households by the C17. The significant drop in the payable tax between 1334 and 1524 is interesting and may indicate some decline in the fortunes of the settlements of Exbury and Lepe, if not in actual populations.

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD St Catherine. 1907 on site of earlier church

BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Church of St Catherine 1907 II

Exbury House C18 core re-modelled 1927 II*

Service range beside Exbury House C18 remodelled 1927 II

East Hill Fmhse Lepe Lane Late C18 II

Lower Exbury Fmhse Early C18 II

Lepe Fmhse Mid C18 C19 II

Coastguard Cottages Lepe Lane Early C18 II

(Un-listed)

Most of the houses are estate cottages built in the mid-late C19 with some modern development including New Cottages and Crescent Cottages.

SMR DATA

SU40SW

58 42000000 C20 woodland garden

Lower Exbury

SZ49NW

1	41959873	IA promontory fort SSSI
2	42139878	Site of med chapel demolished 1827 when new church built
5	42209845	Salterns destroyed SSSI
12	42099880	Linear feature Date unknown
14	42729910	Prehist field system
15	4297991	Prehist enclosure
16	42649902	BA ring ditch

ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

No new sites

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES Tithe map 21M65/F7/83/2 (1838); OS 1st Ed 6" 1868 OS 1:2,500 SU 4200

BIBLIOGRAPHY

PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

Domesday Bolla and Wulfgeat had 2 hides in Exbury; it answered for as much. Now it is in the Forest. The value was 40s.

Subsidy Rolls

1327	12 taxpayers
1334	3. 7. 4 (recorded with Lepe)
1524	1. 18. 8 (30 taxpayers recorded with Lepe)

Manorial Documents

Hearth Tax

1665	80 hearths chargeable (34 houses)
	18 hearths not chargeable (16 houses) Total 50 houses

PLACE NAME 1086 *Teocreberie*, 1197 *Ykeresbir*. Possibly from an an ON personal name or OE *iecere* 'increaser' which might have been used as a by-name. It has been suggested that the second element refers to the earthwork on a promontory near the mouth of the Beaulieu river but Coates thinks that it is too far from the parent village and so it refers to the manor.

PHOTOGRAPHS

OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

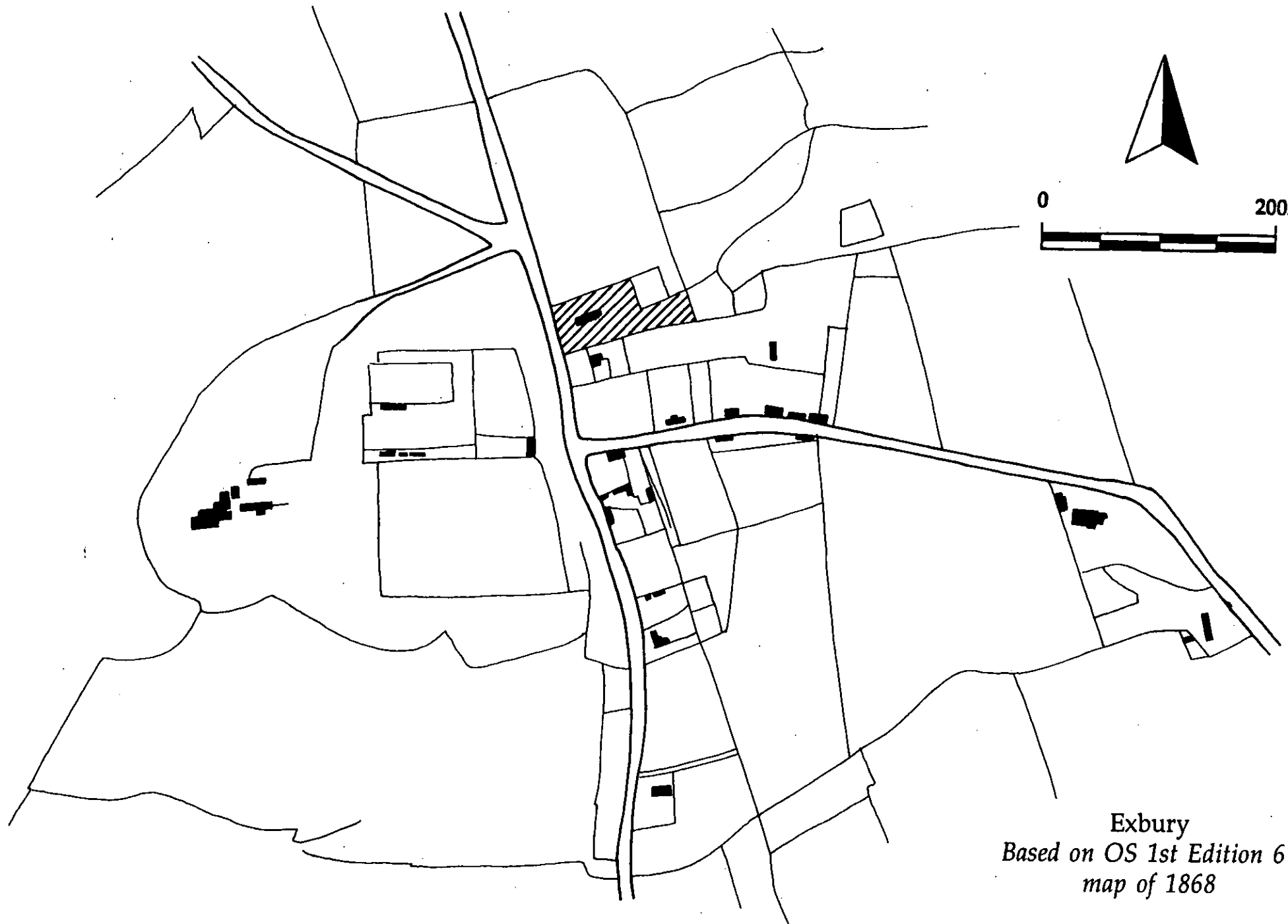
Other settlement in the parish includes:

Gatewood First recorded 1086

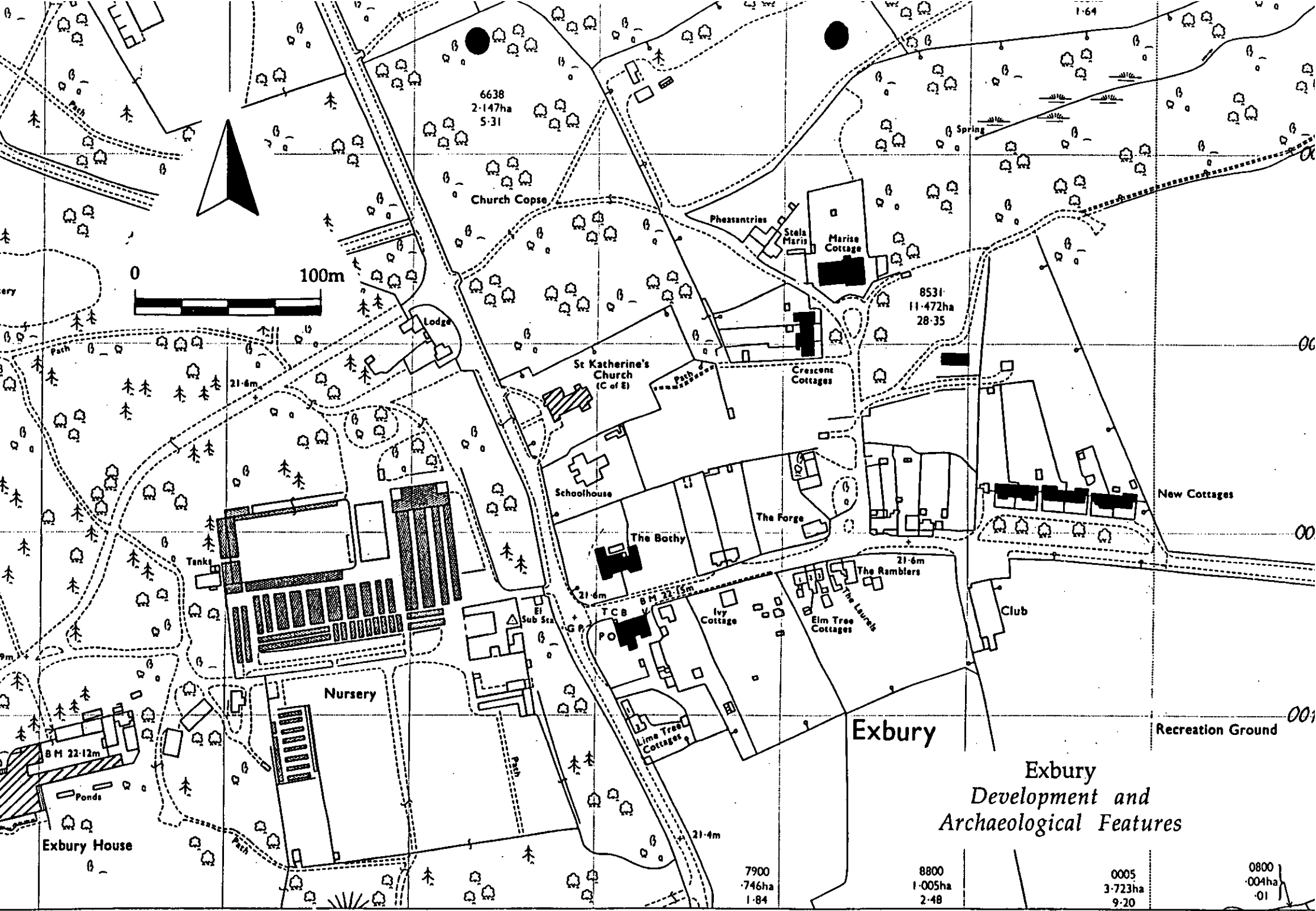
Lepe

Lepe Farm First recorded 1277

Lower Exbury Traditionally the site of a chapel served by monks from Beaulieu



Exbury
Based on OS 1st Edition 6"
map of 1868



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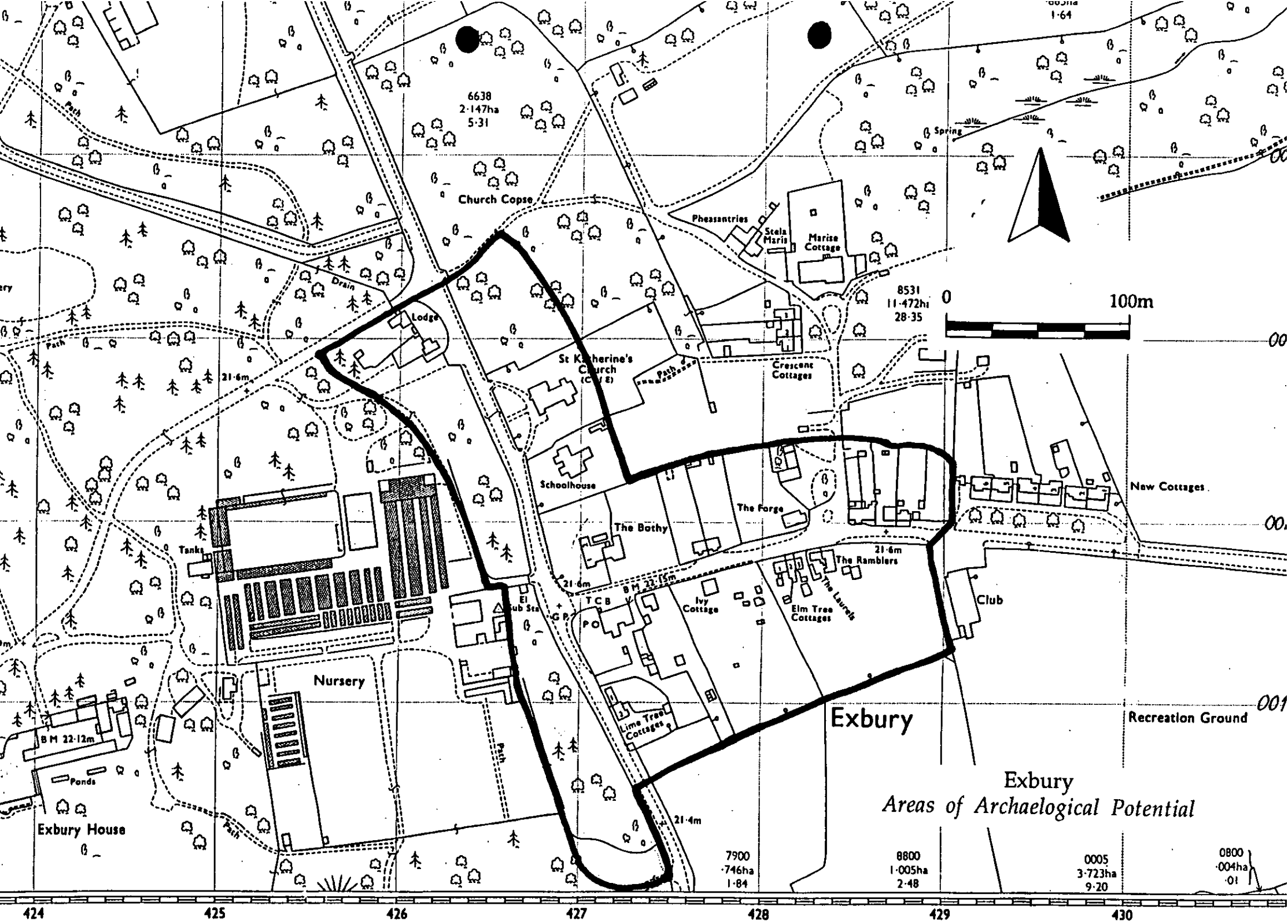
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