

NAME Faccombe
PARISH Faccombe
HUNDRED Pastrow
DISTRICT Test Valley
NGR SU 390581
GEOLOGY Clay with flints

SITE CONTEXT The church and the centre of the present day village are situated at about 230m OD near the S end of a spur. The village spreads W down slope to 220m OD. From that height the land drops sharply into a steep sided valley from which the settlement may get its name. The land on the immediate S and E falls away from the village, but less sharply than on the W. To the N the land rises gently along the length of the spur.

PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION Irregular agglomeration (with green?).

At the centre of the settlement lies a large triangular area bounded by roads on all sides. At the N end of the triangle is a smaller triangle (now the site of the church) with a single property on it. Along the NW side of the main triangle is a farm complex with a cottage. At the N apex are 3 small units, 2 of which (those on the W of the road) could be called short regular rows. The unit on the E side of the road appears to be encroachment on the roadside waste.

The main centre of the settlement is at the SE corner of the triangle where the manor house and several cottages are arranged around a small green that has been encroached upon. Along the roads to the SE are two small areas of encroachment on the waste.

AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The development of this settlement is at present not understood and therefore some areas have been included within the areas of archaeological potential that have no cartographic or earthwork evidence to support their inclusion but cannot be totally ruled out as possible areas of settlement sometime during the medieval period.

All areas bordering the large triangular area at the centre of the settlement should be regarded as having archaeological potential, as should the small area of settlement on the W side of the road to the N and along the road to the S where there was post-medieval encroachment.

An area of higher archaeological potential covers what appears to have been at least the C19 main focus of the settlement at the SE corner of the triangle where the manor and several houses were sited.

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD St Barnabas. 1866 Norman font; Dec bell-openings. Situated on a large irregular triangular area that was either a small green or a fragment of a once larger green.

BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Church 1866 II

Facombe Manor Front of early C18 Extensive additions of 1936 II

SMR DATA

4	39255890	Prehist field system
5	39405865	Prehist lynchet
6	39503825	Celtic field
20	39605870	ditto
47	39005800	Med village mentioned in Domesday Book
51	37505770	Georgian garden

ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

1	39235787	Site of cottage shown on Tithe map
2	39125794	ditto + outbuilding
3	39175782	Site of cottage shown on Tithe map
4	39085794	ditto
5	39105791	ditto + outbuilding
6	39025791	Site of cottage shown on Tithe map
7	39025796	ditto
8	39135804	Site of cottages and outbuildings shown on Tithe map
9	39035808	Site of cottage shown on Tithe map
10	39235768	Earthworks. Undefined humps and bumps and hollows
11	38945794	Linear earthwork parallel to the road. A slight ridge with a hollow on the N side. May represent bank and ditch boundary
12	38835791	Area of undefined humps and bumps alongside the road
13	38705785	Short section of hollow-way forming the third side of a triangle at the junction of Green Lane and the E-W road

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES 1:2,500 SU 3858-3958, 3857-3957; Tithe map 21M65/F7/85/2 (1841).

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

BIBLIOGRAPHY

PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

Domesday The King. Lank TRE. Then it answered for 13 hides; now for 7. Land for 12 pl. In lordship 2 pl; 4 slaves, 21 villagers and 12 smallholders with 10 pl. 6

houses in Winchester; meadow, 1 acre; woodland, 4 pigs. The value was and is £13; however, it is at revenue for £16. Roger of Poitou has it now.

Subsidy Rolls

1334	2. 17. 10/1f
1524	8. 8. 0 (40 taxpayers)

Manorial Documents The manor of Faccombe Sandy's had in 1325 6 messuages, 5 virgates, 100 acres of wood and 200 acres of pasture. In 1360 a dovecote was included with the above. By 1386 there were 11 messuages, a dovecote, 2 caraucates of land, 200 acres (VCH Vol IV p 314). In 1434 Sir William Sands received the revenue of 7 messuages, 1 dovecot, 140 acres land, pasture, 6 oxen and 200 sheep, 100 acres wood and 43s 1d rents. (Woodward Vol 3 p171)

Hearth Tax

1665	63 hearths chargeable (22 houses)
	11 hearths not chargeable (9 houses) Total 31 houses

PLACE NAME 863 *faccan cumbes* OE *Faccancumb* 'Facca's valley'. Facca is equivalent of continental Facco. Cumb usually denoted a bowl or trough-shaped valley with three steep sides. Faccombe overlooks a valley from its position on top of a spur.

PHOTOGRAPHS

OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

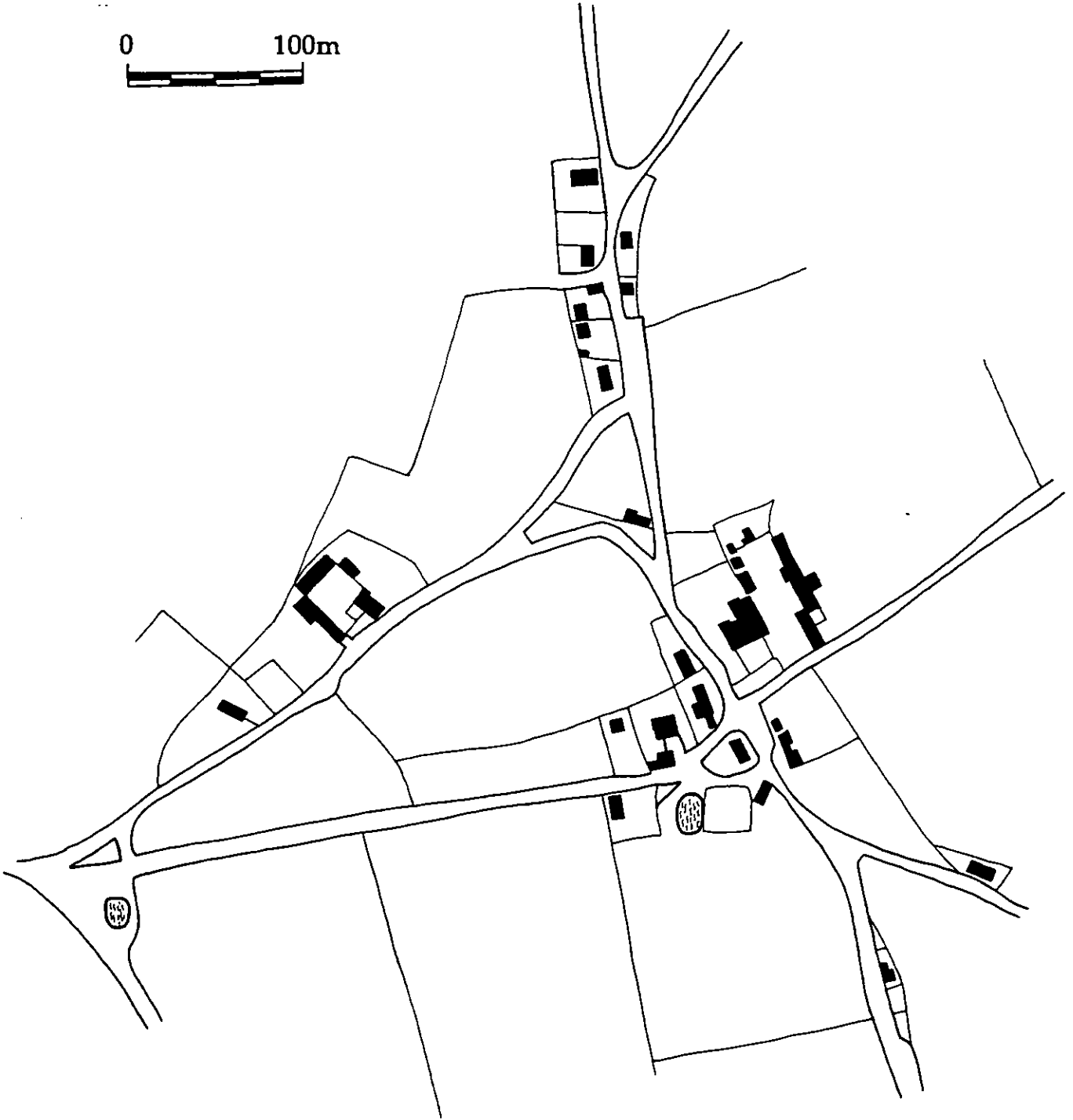
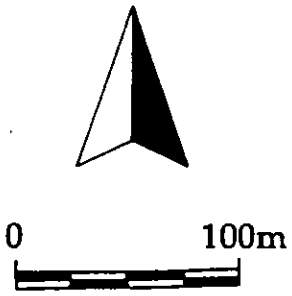
In the C16, the lords of the manors made an agreement by which farms and copyholds were exchanged and each had a compact property, although woods, coppices and wastes etc continued to be held in common.

The present manor house was converted from an old farmhouse 1878-80.

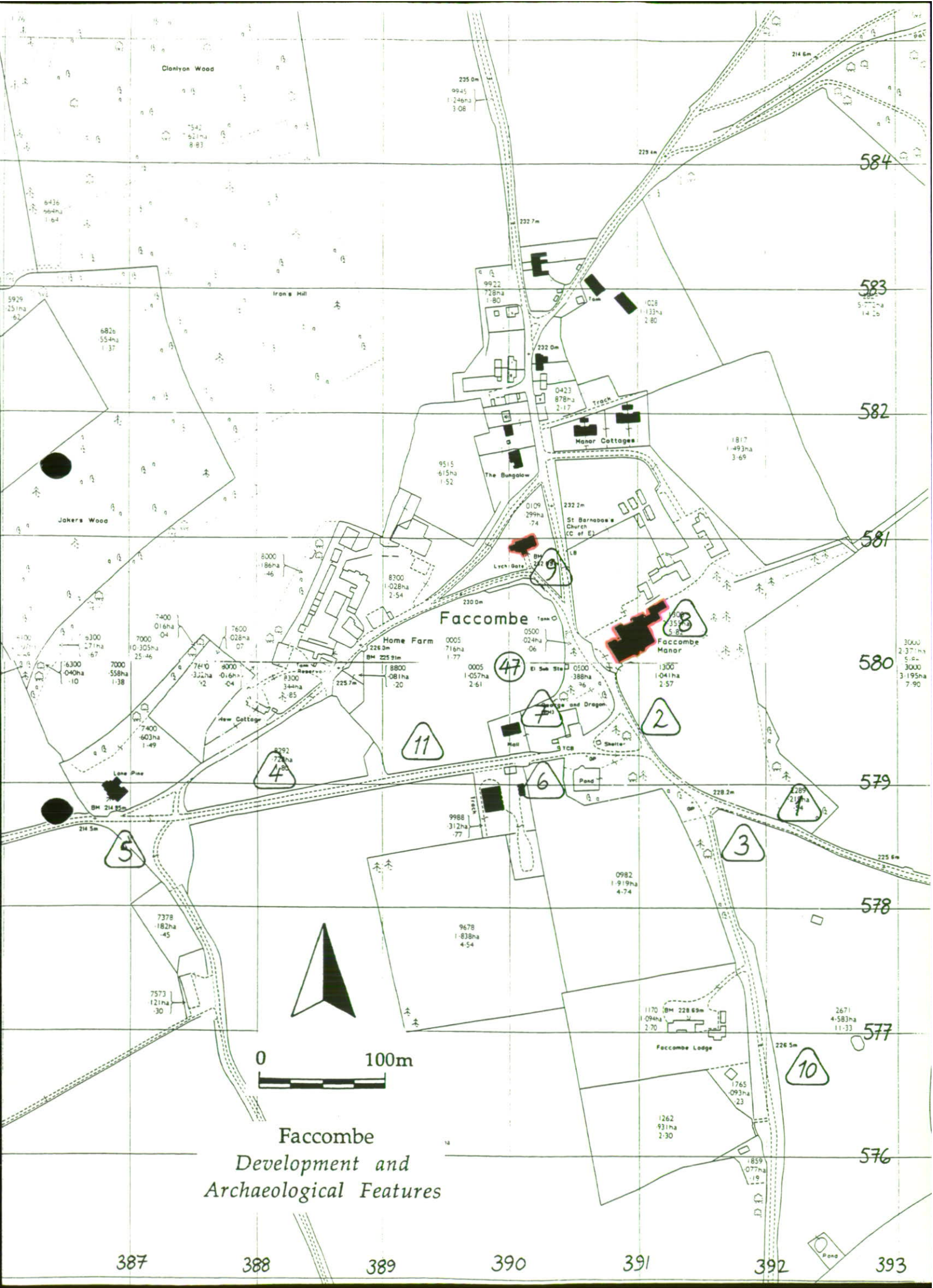
The parsonage was described in 1618 as 'a fayre howse, dyverse outhowes - upper kitchen, brewhouse, pigeon howse, orchard and meadow ground adjoining the S side (VCH Vol IV p 314).

Will of Wynflæd c. 950 (ref. 1539 in Sawyer, 1968, p 431).

The relationships between Netherton and Faccombe are interesting. Only Faccombe is mentioned in the Domesday Book but Netherton appears to be the parish centre during the medieval period but later Faccombe became the dominant settlement.



Facombe
Based on Tithe Map of 1841



Facombe
Development and
Archaeological Features

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Facombe Manor

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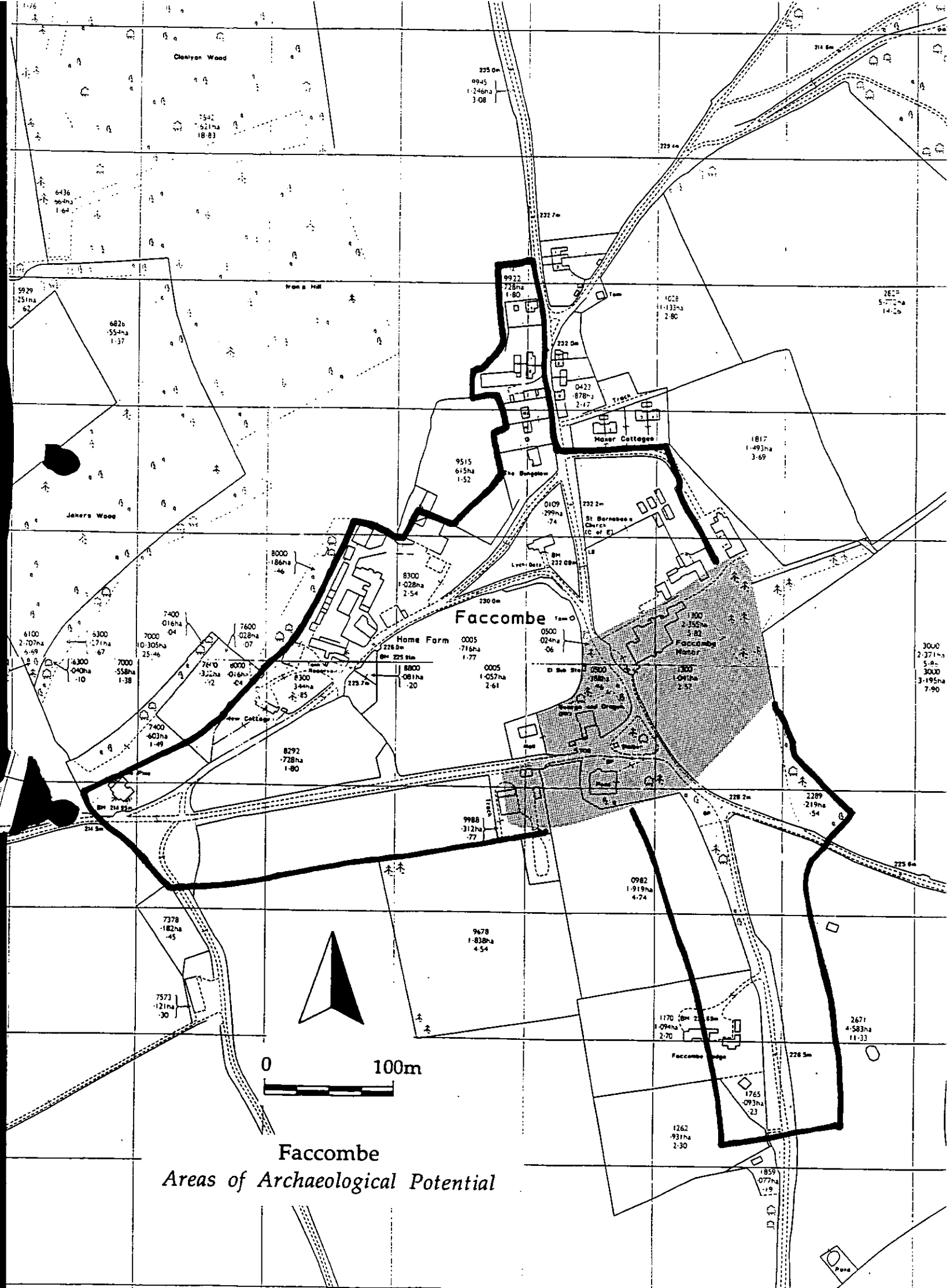
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