

NAME Hale  
PARISH Hale  
HUNDRED Fordingbridge  
NGR SU 195193  
GEOLOGY Plateau Gravels, Bagshot Sands

**SITE CONTEXT** The church is positioned on the fairly steep E valley side of the River Avon at 50m OD. Hale House lies to the SE of the church on a slightly higher and less steeply sloping site. The settlement of Hale consists of a few cottages and a farm which lie 500m away from the church and Hale House. The houses are situated on the upper slopes of a tributary valley. Hatchet Green 1.5km to the NE of Hale House lies at around 100m OD on the edge of the forest.

**PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION** The mid C19 picture of Hale is one of two farms isolated from other settlement with a few cottages along the lane to one of the farms. The church is within the park of Hale House.

Hatchet Green was the principal area of settlement at the time with a concentration of cottages at the W end of a triangular common upon which there are several 'islands' of encroachment.

**AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL** An AHAP includes the church and the land surrounding Hale House. The position of the village, away from the church and out of site of the House raises the question whether there may have been a shift of settlement at the time of the creation of the park. There is at present no evidence, either documentary or from fieldwork, to substantiate the theory but further research is required in this area.

An AAP covers the irregular row of settlement along Queen St upto and including Hale Farm and the site of the cottages shown on the Tithe map. The earliest buildings in this area date from the early C18. It may be just coincidence that in the early C18 there was a new owner of the estate who rebuilt the church and Hale House. Did he 'encourage' the villagers to build on the other side of the hill away from the house?

At Hatchet Green there are two AAPs. The first takes in the main focus of settlement at the W end of the Green but which also stretches down the hillside to include the small area of settlement around Oaklands Farm. The second AAP surrounds the windmill site at the NE end of the Green. Although known as Windmill Ball, the possibility that the mill made use of an existing barrow should not be ruled out, especially as there are two ring ditches to the SW which show as crop marks. Also within this AAP is the site of a cottage shown on the 1st Edition 6" OS map.

**CHURCH & CHURCHYARD** St Mary. Rebuilt in 1717 Medieval origins.

**BUILDING**  
(Listed)  
Hale House Early C18 I

Church of St Mary I  
 The Old Rectory Queen St Early C18 II  
 Staddle barn at Hale Fm Late C18 II  
 Granary at Hale Fm Late C18 II  
 Former stable at Hale Fm c.1800 II  
 Hatchett Lodge Hale Lane Early C19 II  
 Blackbrook and Doves Ground Hatchett Green Late C18 II  
 The Old Post Office Once 2 Possibly early C18, more likely early C19 II  
 The Old Dame School Early C19 II  
 Drove Cottage and October Cottage C18 II  
 Old Thatch C18 II

(Un-listed)

#### SMR DATA

SU11NE

7	19301869	Prehistoric pot
26	19461917	Med windmill mound
63	18001890	Stuart landscape park
99	19501915	BA ring ditch
100	19491913	Ditto

#### ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

1	17831865	Church. Although rebuilt in the C18 it is probable that it is on the site of a medieval church
2	18101880	Ditch/hollow-way? The modern OS 1:2,500 shows an earthwork feature running from S of Home Farm to the ENE and through Gravel Hill Copse
3	17801864	Possible lynchets. The church is sited on the edge of a very steep slope which appears to have lynchets along the contours. Uncertain as to whether these are garden features or from arable cultivation. To the N of the church there is a very deep 'ravine' which is of uncertain origin
4	19521921	Site of house shown on 1st Edition OS 6" map
5	18801853	Site of cottage shown on Tithe map

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES OS 1st Edition 6" 1871; Tithe map 21M65/F7/102/2 (1841); OS 1:2,500 SU 1718, 1818-1918, 1919.

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY

#### PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

**Domesday** Not recorded

#### Subsidy Rolls

1327	11 taxpayers recorded
1334	4. 5. 5 (with Charford)
1524	1. 1. 4 (11 taxpayers recorded seperately from Charford)

## Manorial Documents

### Hearth Tax

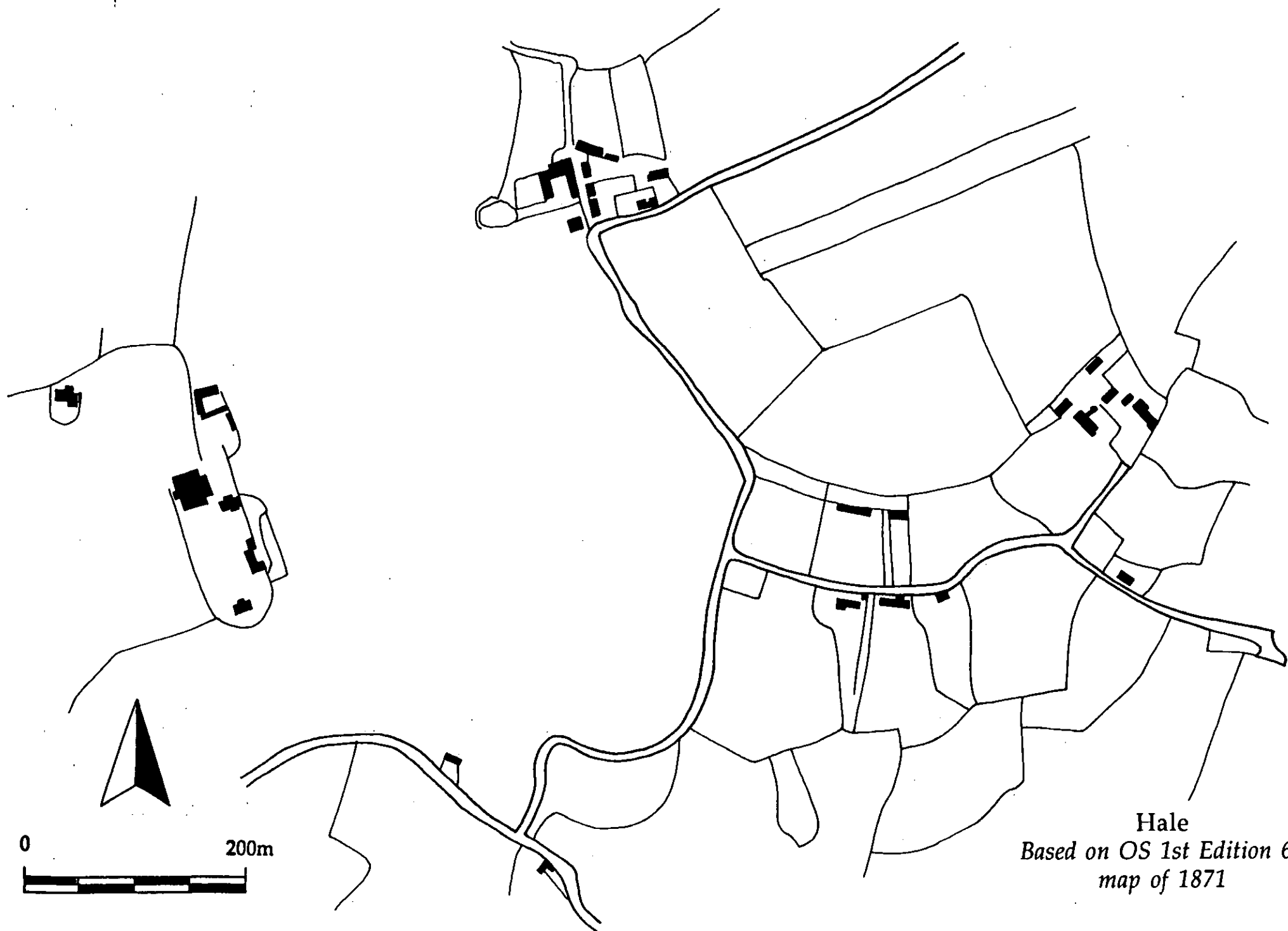
1665            35 hearths chargeable (16 houses)  
                  7 hearths not chargeable (7 houses) Total 23 houses

PLACE NAME 1158 *Hala* OE *healh* 'nook, angle', often of an administrative area.

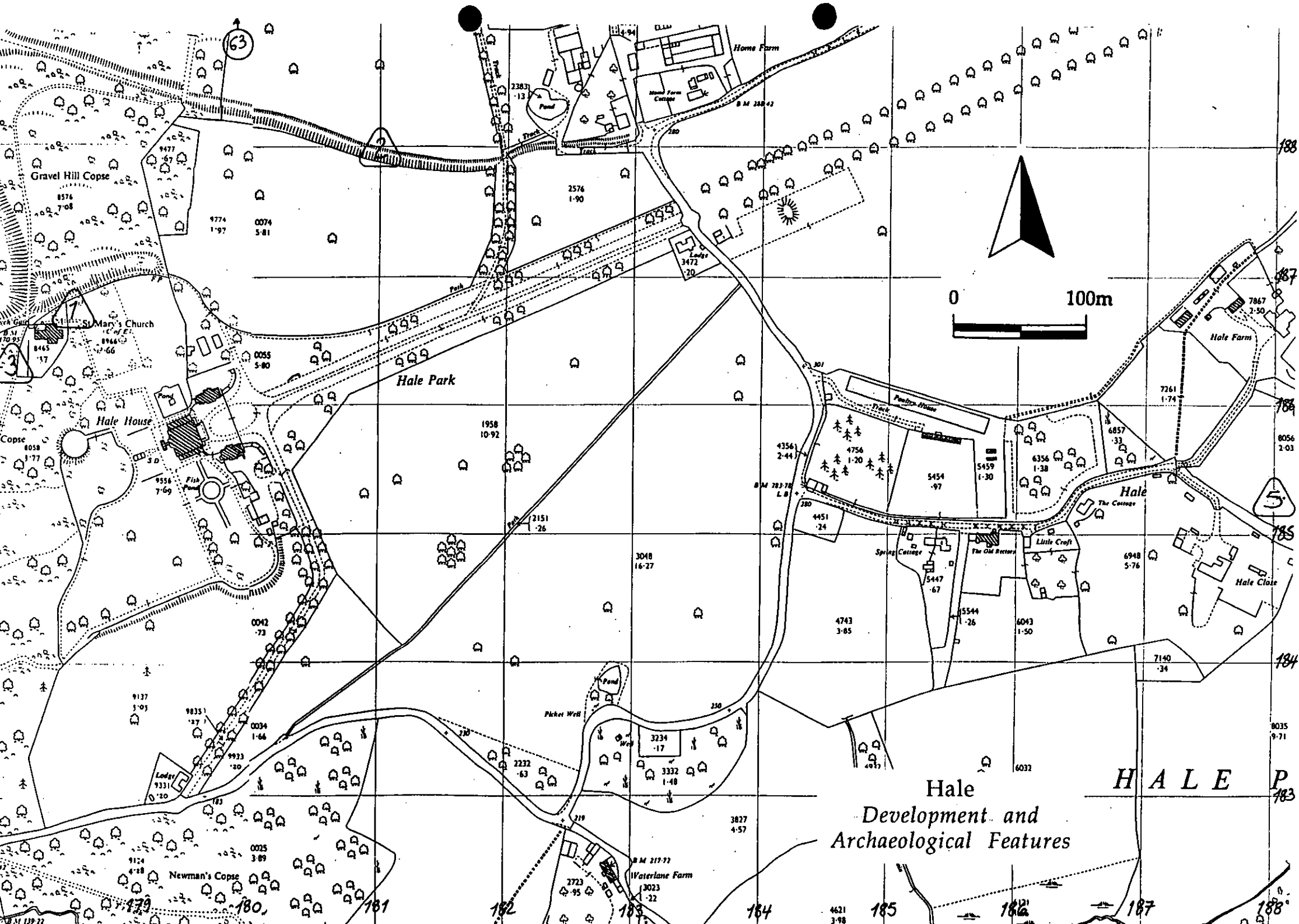
PHOTOGRAPHS

OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

First documented in 1158.



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map of 1871



Hale  
Development and  
Archaeological Features

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Gravel Hill Copse

St. Mary's Church

Copse

Hale House

Hale Park

Home Farm

Hale Farm

Hale

Hale Close

Waterlane Farm

Newman's Copse

Spring Cottage

The Old Rectory

Little Craft

Picket Well

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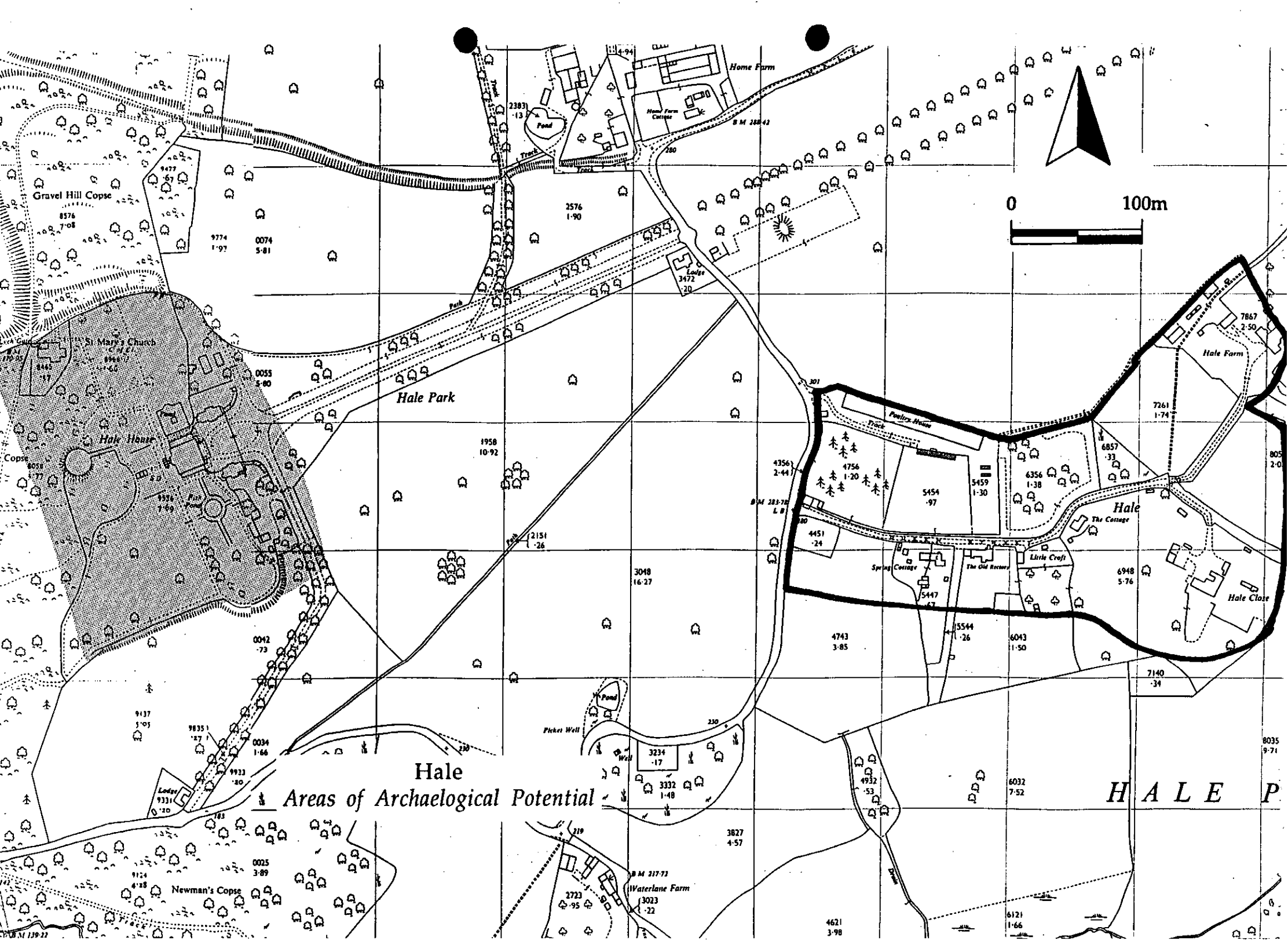
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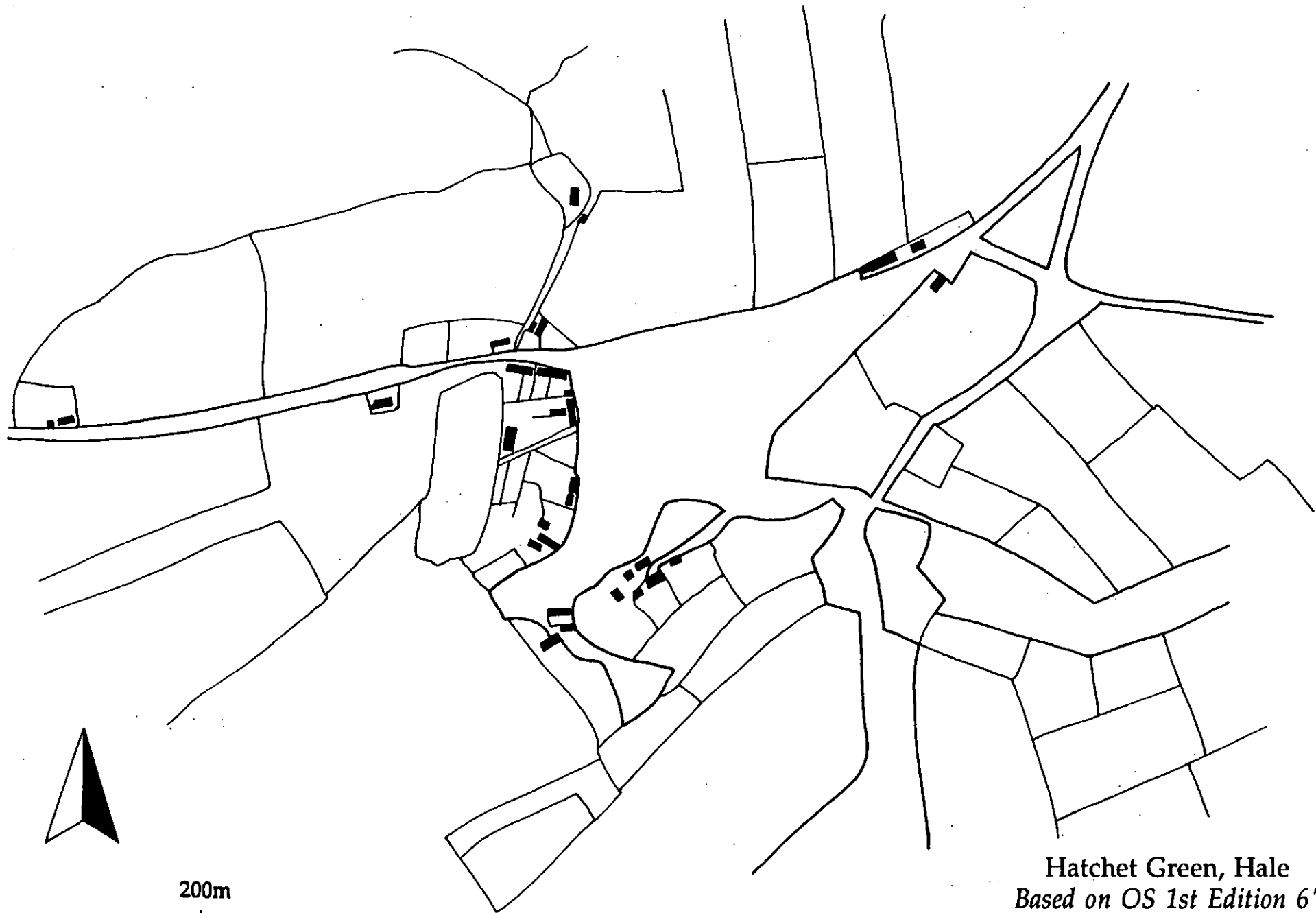
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Hale  
Areas of Archaeological Potential

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