

Headbourne Worthy

alias Worthy Mortimer

1.0	PARISH	Headbourne Worthy (Map 1)
2.0	HUNDRED	Barton Stacey
3.0	NGR	448740 132000
4.0	GEOLOGY	Upper Chalk; Alluvium

5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Map 2)

Headbourne Worthy is a strangely shaped parish immediately to the north of Winchester. The western boundary is the A3420 north-west Roman road from Winchester to Andover. The eastern boundary is also a former Roman road (now the B3047 London Road that deviates a little to the north-west at Headbourne in order to avoid the course of the river Itchen. To the north Headbourne is divided from South Wonston by an ox drove. This regularity is broken by the north-eastern boundary with Kings Worthy which has a step-like appearance from New Wonston south to the Itchen. Some of the deviations in this line conform to the layout of enclosure fields suggesting that some parts of the boundary line are post-medieval and Modern. The south end of the parish is less than 1km from the north Winchester suburb of Abbots Barton. Spot heights within the principal settlement area vary from c. 40m to 54m AOD.

6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION (Maps 3, 4 and 5)

Church & Manor house + irregular agglomeration

6.1 *Church and manor house* Technically Headbourne Worthy is a church and manor house settlement but the two elements are separated by a distance of 400m. To some extent this spatial difference argues against the frequently postulated case for a church originating as the private chapel of a manor house. A possible alternative to this model is that the church is on an early site, perhaps of pre-Christian date. That the church is next to a bourne is no surprise at Headbourne; it abounds in watercourses. However, the three ponds immediately to the north and north-west may have more significance. For those who prefer a more practical explanation, the position of the ponds and bournes dictates the degree of space between church and manor house sites.

6.2 *Irregular agglomeration* The distribution of buildings of demonstrable medieval origin shows no identifiable pattern or structure. If the distribution of surviving early buildings is a reliable indicator of the development of settlement at Headbourne Worthy, then it is the multiplicity of bournes, has determined the irregular distribution of property plots. In a sense, the land has been carved up into a series of islands by minor tributaries of the Itchen thus confounding any attempt to impose a regular pattern of land holding in this area (see paragraph 15.0).

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6.3 *Site visit conditions:* strong sun (18.6.2002)

7.0 **ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL** (Map 5)

7.1 *AsAP*

7.1.1 The highly dispersed nature of settlement at Headbourne Worthy imposes similar characteristics upon the distribution of its archaeological potential. Evidence of late medieval construction can be found at Upper, Lower, and Pudding House Farms in addition to the Manor House and several of the cottages (see paragraphs 9.0 and 10.0). All of these are AsAP. Upper Farm lies just to the north of the Manor House, outside the area demarcated by Maps 4 and 5. Evidence of settlement shrinkage is always difficult to identify in dispersed settlement of this kind and it is important that due consideration should be given to sites where buildings are known to have been lost (see paragraph 11.0, no.2).

7.2 *AsHAP*

7.2.1 The putative cemetery area described in paragraph 11.0, no. 1 and for the reasons outlined therein.

7.2.2 Church and churchyard of the of St Swithun, a pre-Conquest structure.

8.0 **CHURCH & CHURCHYARD**

St Swithun

- Pre-Conquest church, long and short work in evidence in nave;
- Three pre-Conquest pilaster strips can be seen on the exterior north wall of the nave;
- Chancel substantially of this period;
- West wall pre-Conquest including arch;
- West attachment to the church contains a rood but the figures of Christ, the Virgin & St John are lost and only silhouettes remain;
- The separate but adjoining south-west tower is C13 with C14 repairs;
- C13 south doorway and lancet windows;
- C15 annex built on at west end;
- C15 barrel-vault roof;
- Restored 1865-6 by GE Street and there is a ground level flying buttress of this period on the north side;
- C19 porch, chancel arch and north chancel wall;
- Monument to John Kent † 1434.

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9.0 BUILDINGS (Map 4)

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
1107	The Manor House, Down Farm Lane	C18 (med. origin), C20	II
1649	Upper Farmhouse, Down farm Lane: barn 15m north-west of	C17	II
287	Thatched Cottage, 2 Pudding Lane	C17, 19	II
41998	Upper Farmhouse: stable 25m west of	C19	II
41999	Upper Farmhouse: cartshed 30m south- west of	C19	II
42000	Upper Farmhouse: coach house & stables 20m south-south-west of	C19	unlisted
42001	Upper Farmhouse: cow shed 35m west of	C19	unlisted
9508	Laundry Cottage	C17, 18, 1983	II
9509	Upper Farmhouse	C17, 18, 20	II
9510	Church of St Swithun	C11, 13, 14, 15, 1865-6	I
9511	The Elms, Pudding Lane (now known as the Old Bakehouse?)	C16, 19	II
9512	Pudding Farmhouse, Pudding Lane	C16, 18, 20	II
9513	Pudding Farmhouse: barn 20m north-east of	C18	II
9514	Lower Farmhouse, School Lane	C16, 17, 18, 1969	II
9516	Lower Farmhouse: granary 15m north of	C17	II
9517	The Old Rectory, Springvale Road	late C15, 16, 19, 1967	II

10.0 SMR DATA SW 448285 I317700, NE 449030 I32355 (Map 4)

SU43SE	No.		
	2	448510 I32250	Medieval. The Old Rectory. Late C15 timber-framed building hall of three bays with C16 cross-wing.
	3	448930 I32030	Medieval. Pudding House (farmhouse). C16 timber-framed building of three bays.
**	4	448830 I31980	Medieval. The Elms. C16 timber-framed building of three bays with considerable C19 extensions. This map reference is consistent with the property that is currently known as the Old Bakehouse (IH / 2002).

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	5	448580	I32080	Medieval. Lower Farmhouse. C16 timber-framed building of three bays with C17 cross-wing.
**	56	448740	I31990	Medieval parish church of St Swithun (see paragraph 8.0).
	67	448800	I32000	Roman coin of C3 found in the garden of Pudding Cottage.
	106	448900	I32000	Medieval. Documentary reference to Headbourne Worthy.
**	141A	448760	I32000	Medieval parish church of St Swithun; Saxon (<i>i.e.</i> pre-Conquest rood in relief, see paragraph 8.0).
**	141B	448760	I32000	Medieval parish church of St Swithun, architectural details (see paragraph 8.0).
	152	448900	I31800	Medieval. Find spot south of Pudding House Farm of a late Saxon stirrup mount along with other medieval and Roman material. Retained by the finder.
	153A	448900	I31800	Medieval silver penny, cut halfpenny, cut farthing, and two jettons were found with other medieval items south of Pudding House Farm. Retained by finder.
	153B	448900	I31800	Medieval gilt copper alloy buckle frame, a strap and buckle, a lead cloth seal, and other items were found south of Pudding House Farm. Retained by finder.
	154	448900	I31800	Roman. Find spot of a silver siliqua of Constantius II and a pierced copper alloy coin south of Pudding House Farm. Retained by finder.

10.1 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

<i>Hants No.</i>	<i>NGR</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>NAR / NMR Nos</i>
None known.			

10.2 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

<i>SAM No.</i>	<i>NGR</i>	<i>Site</i>
162	445900 I34800	Worthy Down ditch.
550	449100 I31400	Site of St Gertrude's Chapel.
12093	445580 I35280	Long barrow 1km south of Larkwhistle Farm.

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11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Map 4)

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| 1 | 448900 I31800 | Finds listed in the SMR indicate that this could be an early medieval cemetery site. Justification for this assertion is the presence of the parish boundary immediately to the south as shown on the 1874 10,560 map. Early post-Roman cemeteries were often situated close to boundaries (<i>e.g.</i> Worthy Park) . Much depends upon the antiquity of this boundary which, in 1874, was shared with a detached portion of Kings Worthy. At the point in question the boundary follows a track to a ford on the river Itchen (see OS Explorer 132). Fords were frequently used as boundary markers in Anglo-Saxon charters. |
| 2 | 448950 I32200 | Position of two cottages plotted on the OS 10,560 map of 1874. Now lost. Date of origin unknown |
| 3 | 448880 I31550 | Representative point on the line of the former parish boundary. |

12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/112/2 (1837 / 1839)
- GSGB 299 Winchester
- OS 1: 2500 SW 448285 I317700, NE 449030 I32355
- OS 1: 25000 Explorer 132: Winchester, New Alresford & East Meon
- OS 1: 10,560 448880 I32075 (1874)

13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- Finn P & Johnson P (ed) 1999 *A History of the Worthy Villages* Headbourne Worthy, Worthys Local History Group
- HTS 1: 127-30
- VCH 4: 426-30

14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

14.1 Domesday Book

(29, 3-4; 39, 3) Ralph (of Mortimer) himself holds (*Headbourne*) *Worthy*. Chipping held it from King Edward. Then and now it answered for 1 hide. Land for 5 ploughs. In lordship 3 ploughs; 1 villager and 27 smallholders with 2 ploughs. A church; 24 slaves; 3 mills at 60s; meadow, 5 acres; for grazing 40s; 8 sites in Winchester at 65s 4d. Value before 1066 £25; later £10; now £15.

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This manor was bought out of the Church before 1066 with a compact and agreement that after the third heir the Church of St Peter of the Bishopric (of Winchester) would have back the manor with all (its) stock. The present holder, Ralph, is the third heir.

Ralph also holds Worthy. Edsi held it before 1066. Then it answered for 1 hide and 1 virgate; now for nothing. Land for 1 plough. It was a manor; now it is placed in another manor. Value before 1066 and now 40s; when acquired 30s.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£1.6.8	
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	£ No return	(taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£2.11.4	(19 taxpayers)

14.3 Manors

Headbourne Worthy (alias Worthy Mortimer, alias Worthy Comititis, alias Hook); and Worthy Pauncefoot.

14.4 Hearth Tax 1665

39 hearths chargeable (19 houses)
8 hearths not chargeable (8 houses). Total: 27 houses.

15.0 PLACE NAME

825 (C12) (*æt*) *worþige*, *worðige* (Martyr Worthy); 854 (C12) (to), *æt worðige* (?Headbourne Worthy); 904 (?C16) (to) *worthigsætena* (*mearc*) (Headbourne Worthy); 904 (? C16) (*andlang*) *worthihæma* (*mearc*) (Headbourne Worthy). 955 x 958 (C14) (*æt þan twan*) *worþigum* (?King's and Martyr Worthy); 1001 *worðig* (?Headbourne Worthy); 1026 (C12) *wurthige* (Abbot's Worthy in King's Worthy); 1086 *Ordie* (all). *Worthy* derives from the OE *worðig* meaning 'curtilage' though Grundy speculates that the root word could be *worð –ig* meaning 'curtilage island' (Grundy 1926: 127). Such a description fits well with the character of the river Itchen that divides at several points forming a multiplicity of islands at this location. The inhabitants of Headbourne Worthy are referred to in the charter of 909 in the phrase (*be*) *hide burninga* (*gamære*) 'by the boundary of those of Headbourne' and the stream entering the Itchen here was apparently, in the 854 charter, 'stream of the hides' (Coates, 1989: 182).

16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

- St Swithin's church from the south-west;
- Pilaster strips on exterior north wall of nave.

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17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS

17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters

- AD 854 Æthelwulf, king, to the church of SS Peter and Paul, Winchester; restitution of land at Headbourne Worthy, Hampshire. *Latin with English bounds* (147 / **309**).

17.2 Other parish settlements include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>NGR / 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>
14075	21 Geo. III cap. 10, 1788		1791	1,650.09 acres (actual); 1,473 acres (award); Common fields, pastures, woods, downs, wastes.

Formal Agreements:

<i>NEP No.</i>	<i>Agreement</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
No formal enclosure known.			

17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

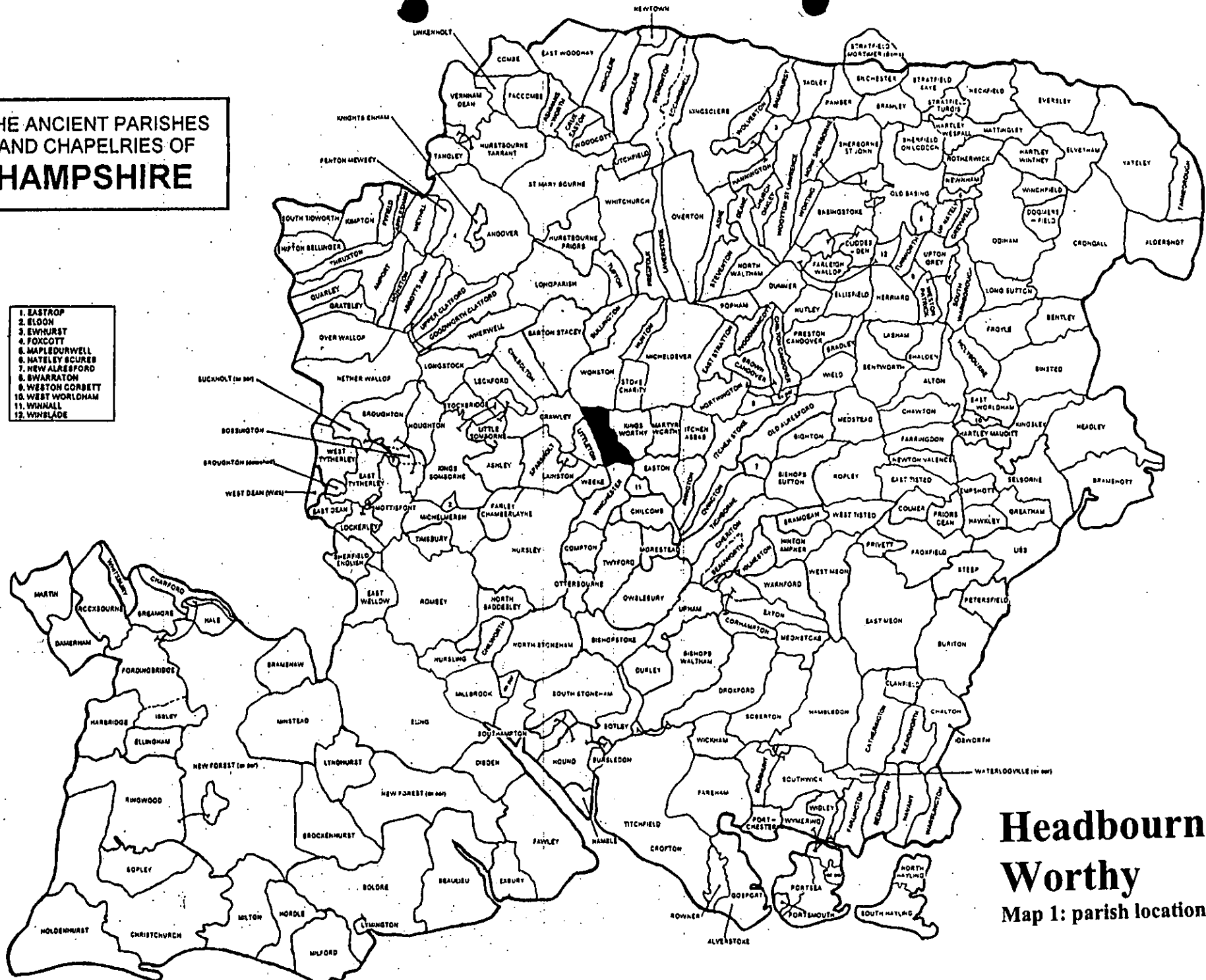
None recorded in 1874 but there is a small green known as Taylor's Corner at the junction of Bedfield Lane with the London Road.

18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

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- 4 Map 4: Development & archaeological features at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 5 Map 5: Areas of archaeological potential at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%

THE ANCIENT PARISHES
AND CHAPELRIES OF
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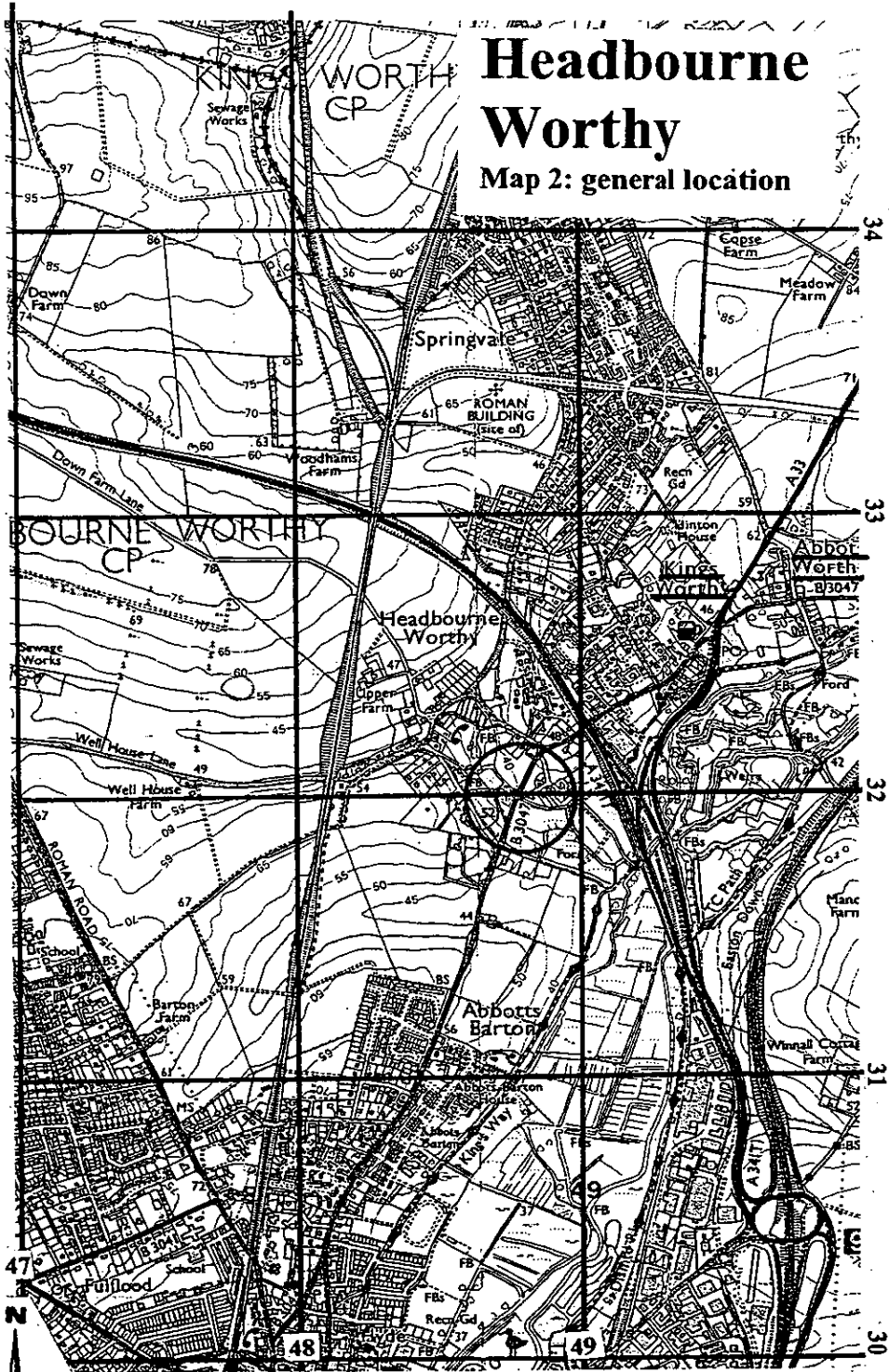
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7. NEW ALRESFORD
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9. WESTON CORBETT
10. WEST WORLDHAM
11. WINNALL
12. WINDLADE



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Map 1: parish location

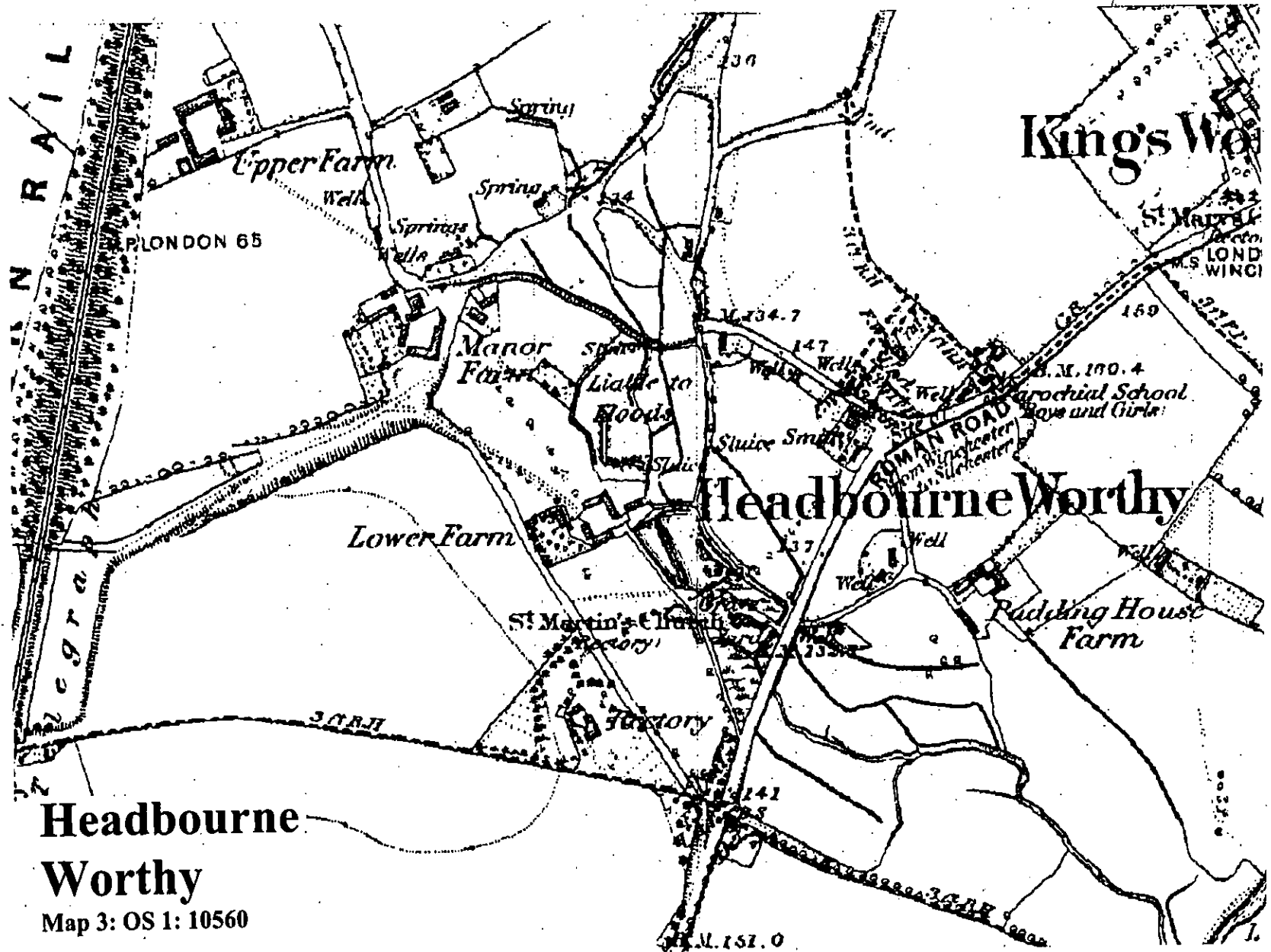
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Map 2: general location

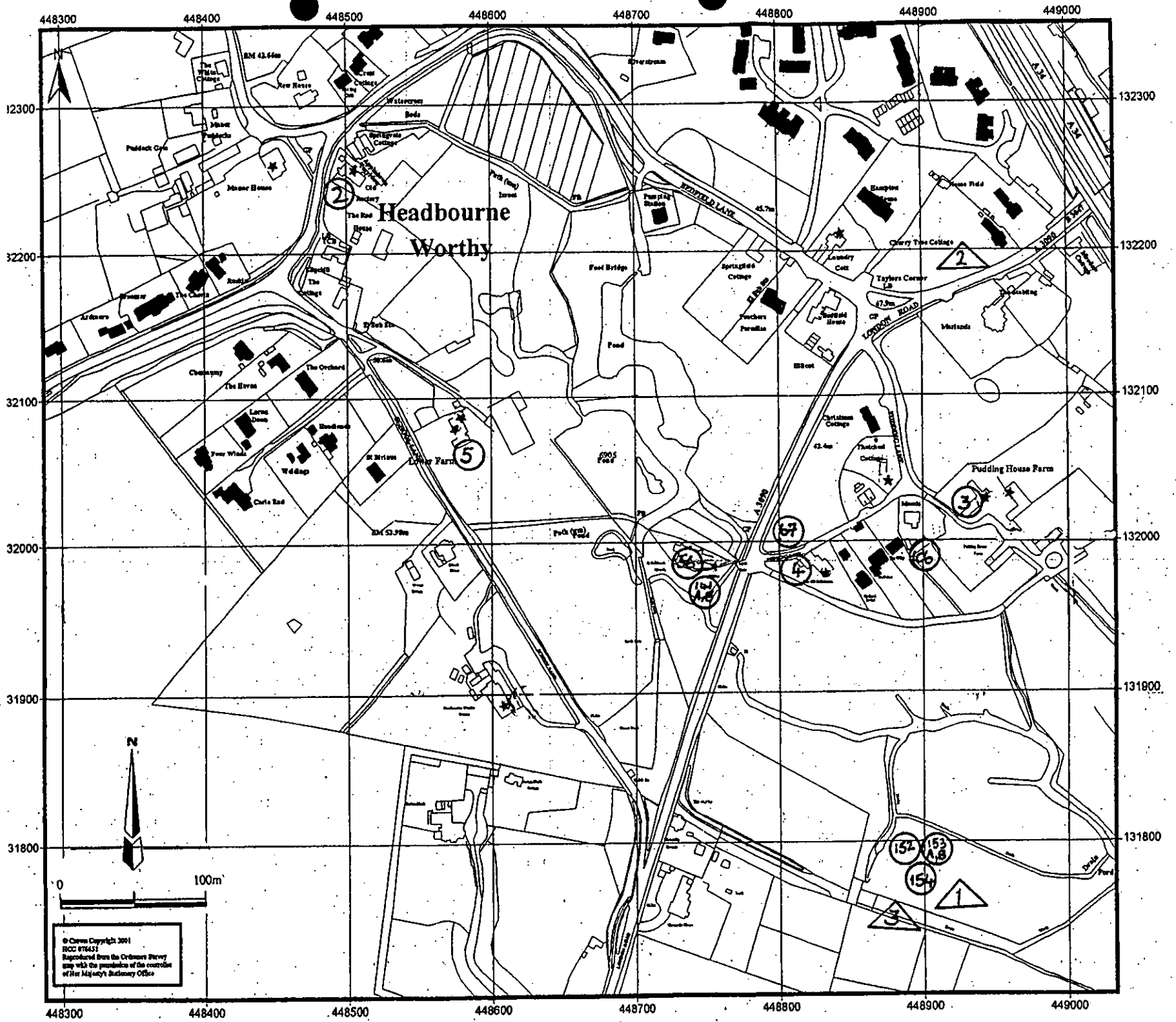


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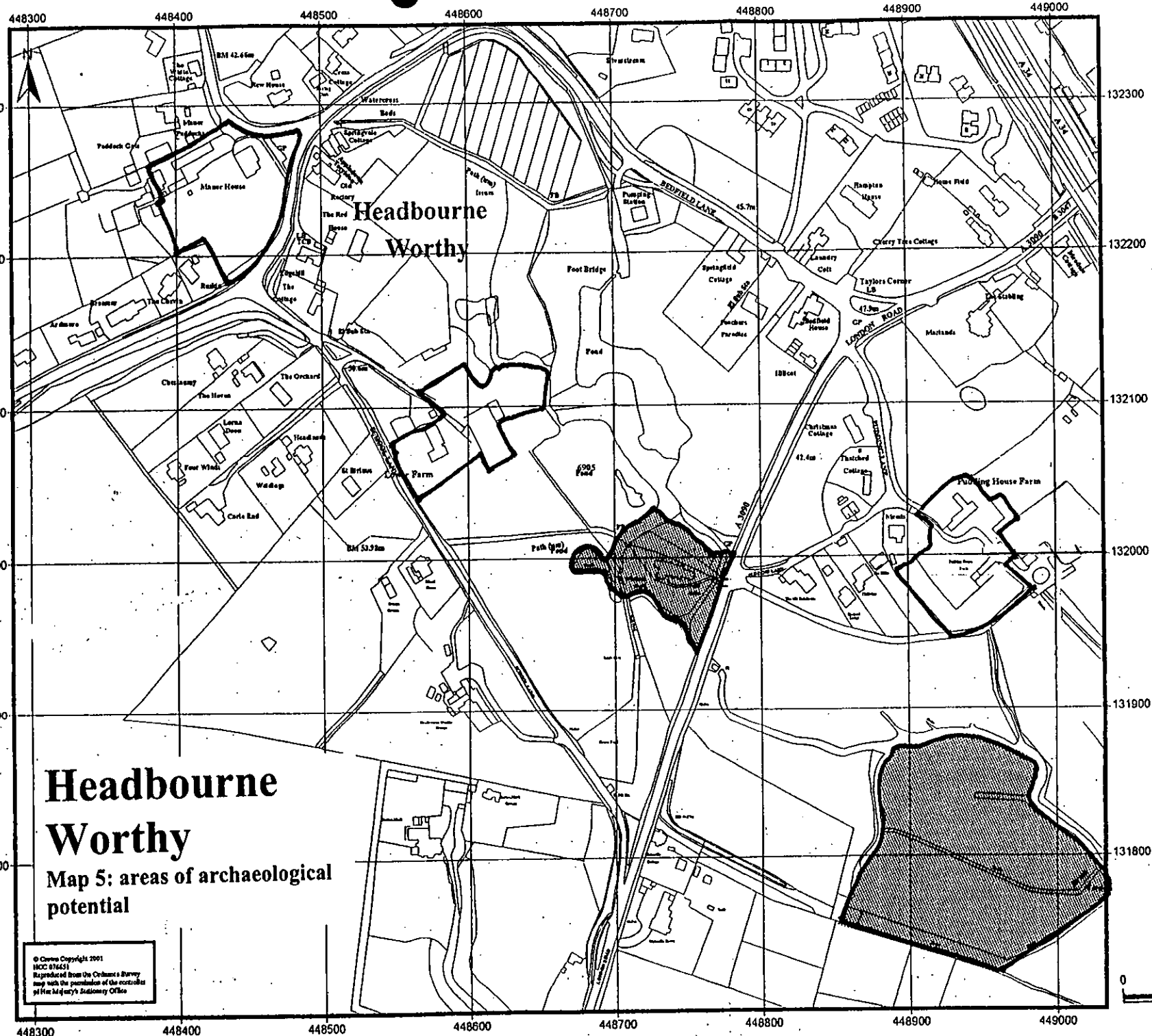




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Map 3: OS 1: 10560



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Map 4: development &
archaeological features



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Map 5: areas of archaeological
potential

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