

NAME Highclere  
PARISH Highclere  
HUNDRED Evingar  
DISTRICT Basingstoke and Deane  
NGR SU 440603  
GEOLOGY Lower Bagshot, Clay with Flints and Plateau Gravel.

**SITE CONTEXT** The main area of settlement lies along the A343 to the W of Highclere Castle. The settlement lies on a N facing spur at around 130m OD. The land falls away gently to the E before rising again into Highclere Park. The highest part of the spur lies just to the W of the main road. There are several lakes and ponds to the E and W of the spur.

**PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION** Irregular row.

Settlement lies intermittently along a main route with buildings in small, irregular plots. At the N end of the area there is a loop, the interior of which has been divided and contains a few cottages with a cluster at the S end. From this loop a lane winds to the E past farm buildings, cottages and a farm. At the S end of the illustration there is another loop which again contains some cottages but also has a farm adjoining it on the E side. This pattern of loops and weel spaced farms continues to the S.

Along much of its length in this area the main road is on the line of the parish boundary. The earthworks of a deserted settlement site have been found in the grounds of Highclere Castle and may be the remains of the earlier village which was either shifted for the creation of the park or became deserted as a result of a decline in the bishopric lands in the sixteenth century. Which ever is the case, it appears as though settlement was forced out to the very W edge of the parish.

#### AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The area of the Highclere Estate has been subject to an archaeological survey (Borthwick, 1987) and the archaeological sites on the estate are well recorded and have not been dealt with by this report.

Of the area of settlement along the main road, an AAP covers both sides of the road. The nineteenth century picture is one of intermittent settlement along the road-side but there may have been some shifting or shrinkage of settlement along the spur before that date. However, generally it is felt that most of this area is of low archaeological potential. At the S end of the illustrated plan, in the area of Highclere Farm and to the S, there is probably a greater archaeological potential, certainly in the areas of the farms which are spaced out around the edges of several more loops and where there is cartographic evidence for occupation.

**CHURCH & CHURCHYARD** St Michael. 1869-70.

#### BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Highclere Castle C18 I  
Stables W of Castle C18 C19 II  
Funeral chapel Mid C19 II  
Jackdaws Castle c.1740 I  
Church Lane Lodge 1857 II  
Heaven's Gate Mid C18 II\*  
Headstock Lodge 1858 II  
Grindon Welsh C17 C18 II  
Seven Stones Fmhse C15 C16 C18 II  
Blackford Fmhse C17 early C19 II  
Mill at Falkland Fm C18 II  
Granary 20 SW Early C19 II  
Church of St Michael Archangel 1870 II\*  
Messengers Cottage C16 early C19 II  
The Old Beer House Once 2 C17 C18 II  
Autumn Cottage and Myrtle Cottage C17 early C19 C20 II  
Dan's Lodge 1770 II  
Clerewood Lodge C19 II  
Grotto Lodge Mid C19 II  
Milford Lake House C18 and C19 II  
White Cottage C17 and C18 II  
Farthings C17, C18 and C19 II  
Lodge Cottage Mid C19 II

(Un-listed)

SMR DATA

SU45NW

11	44615884	Med church demolished 1687
12	44615884	P-med church
18	44625880	Site of med bishop's palace
19	44805880	Med tile kiln. Refs of 1290 and 1482 - 9 kilns
20	44755925	DMV
22	44405900	Med field system. 1403 ref to emparkment of arable
23	44155673	BA bowl barrow
33	44455895	Fieldway of unknown date
34	44755910	Bank ewk. Date unknown
35	44535863	P-med ice-house
37	44005800	Landscape park

SU46SW

4	43406040	Palaeo flint tool
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ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

1	44106053	Site of two large farm buildings shown on Tithe map
2	43475965	Site of a row of cottages shown on Tithe map
3	43465932	Site of several buildings, possibly a farm complex shown on Tithe map

4      43425910      Site of two separate building groups, one at this reference and one 70m to the S shown on the Tithe map. Possibly two small farms

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES OS 1:2500 SU 4258-4358, 4259-4359, 4260-4360, 4458-4558, 4459,4559, Tithe map 21M65/F7/116/2 (1839)

#### AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY

Borthwick, A. M.      1987      *Highclere Estate Archaeological Survey*

#### PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

**Domesday** For the supplies of the monks of Winchester. It was always in the lands of the church. Before 1066 it answered for 10 hides; now for 7.5 hides. Land for 17 pl. In lordship 1; 20 villagers and 18 smallholders with 16 pl; 24 freedmen; 3 slaves. A mill at 30d; meadow, 6 acres; woodland at 10 pigs. Value before 1066 £12 38d; later £7; now £11. Ælfric the priest holds from the Bishop 1 hide with the church. He has 1 pl with 1 smallholder and 2 slaves; meadow, 1 acre. Value 40s.

#### Subsidy Rolls

1524                      2. 5. 2 (23 taxpayers)

**Manorial Documents** Held by the Bishop of Winchester. Winchester Cathedral Library may hold document relating to the manor.

#### Hearth Tax

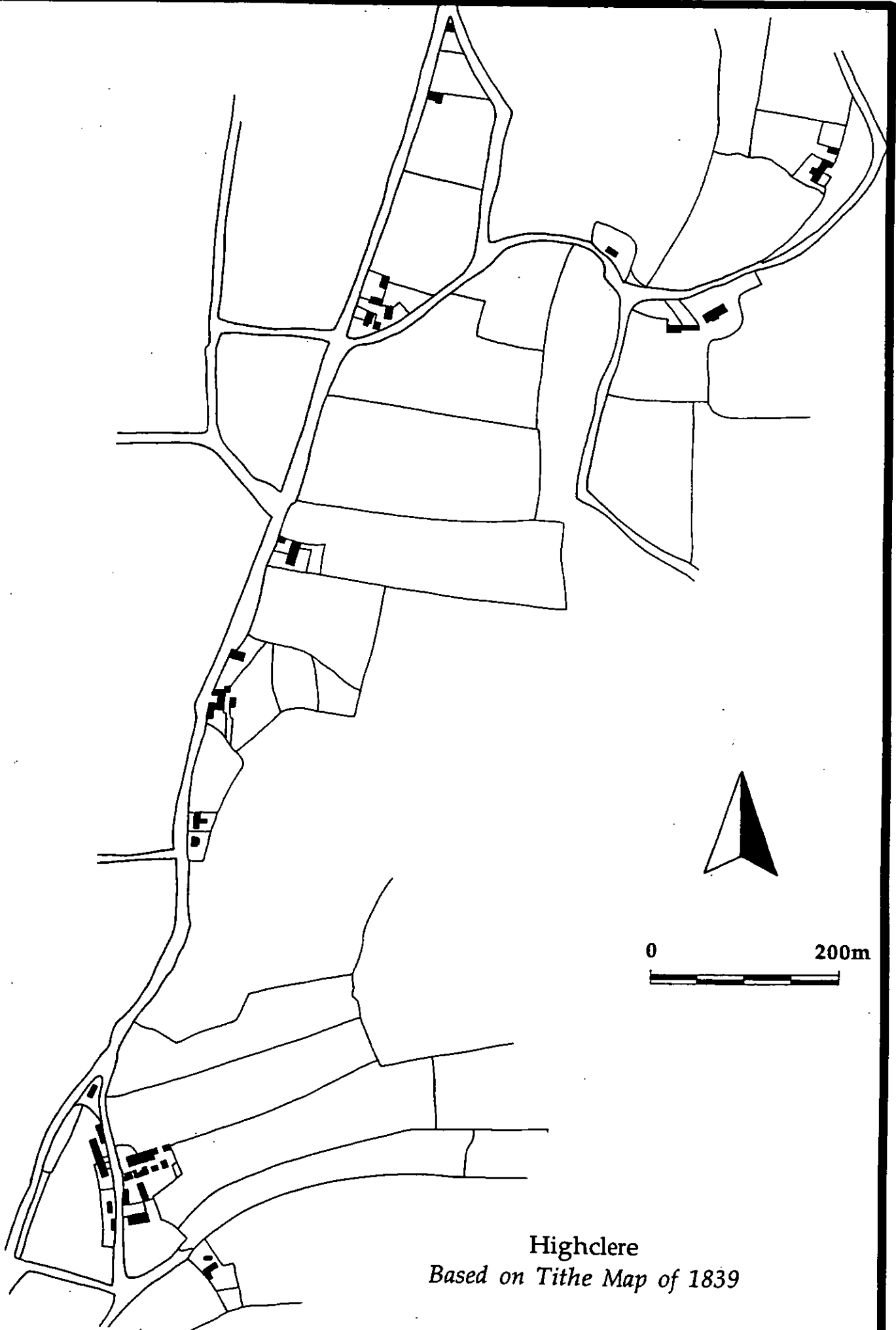
1665                      117 hearths chargeable (50 houses)  
41 hearths not chargeable (34 houses) Total 84 houses

PLACE NAME 749 *cleran* Unknown.

#### PHOTOGRAPHS

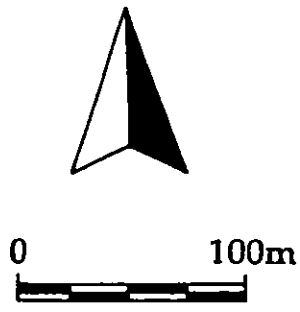
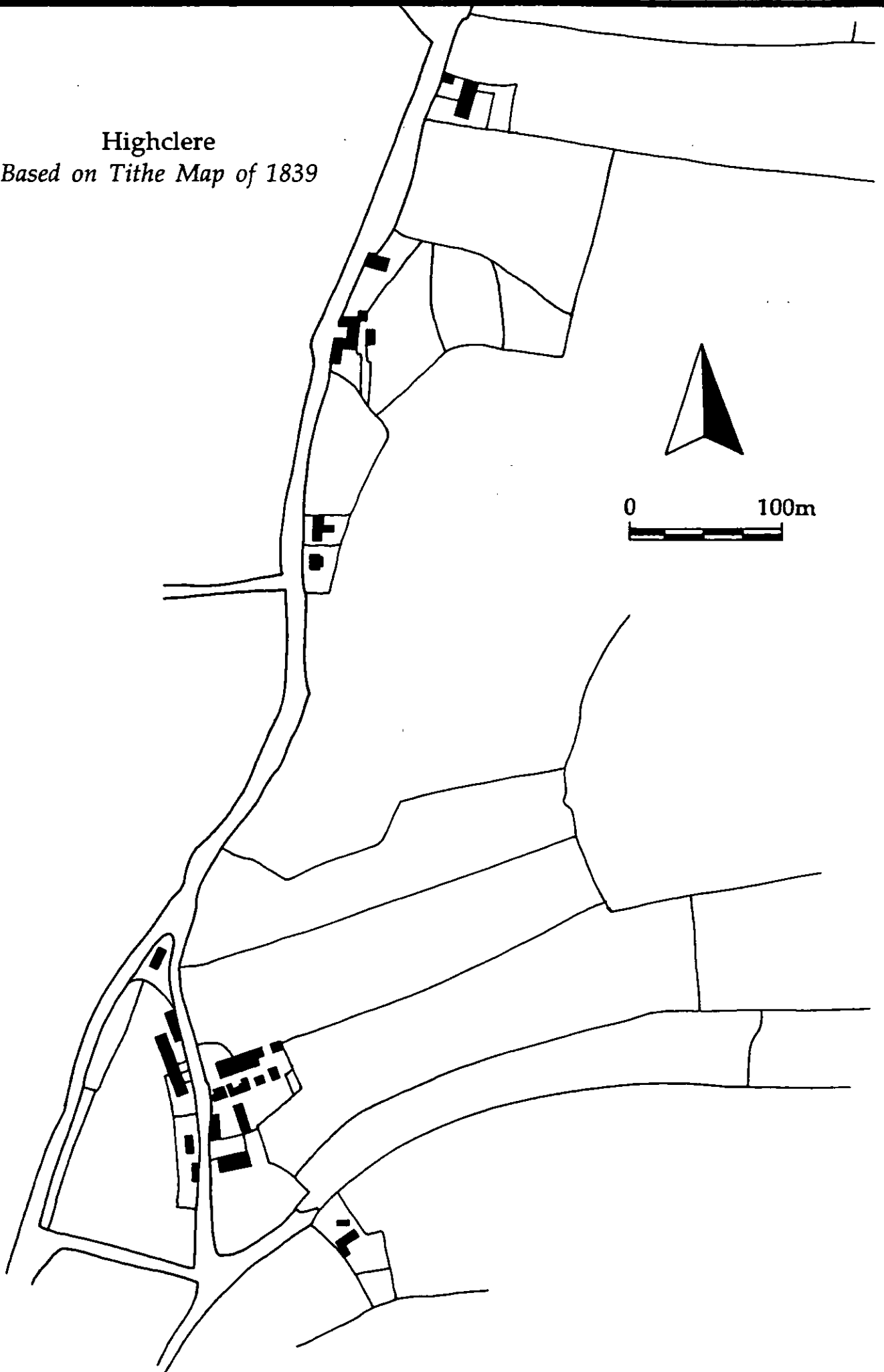
#### OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

Mentioned in charters of 749, 955, 956, 963x975 and an undated charter (refs. 258, 567, 680, 819 and 381 and in Sawyer, 1968, p 136, 202, 226,259 and 164).

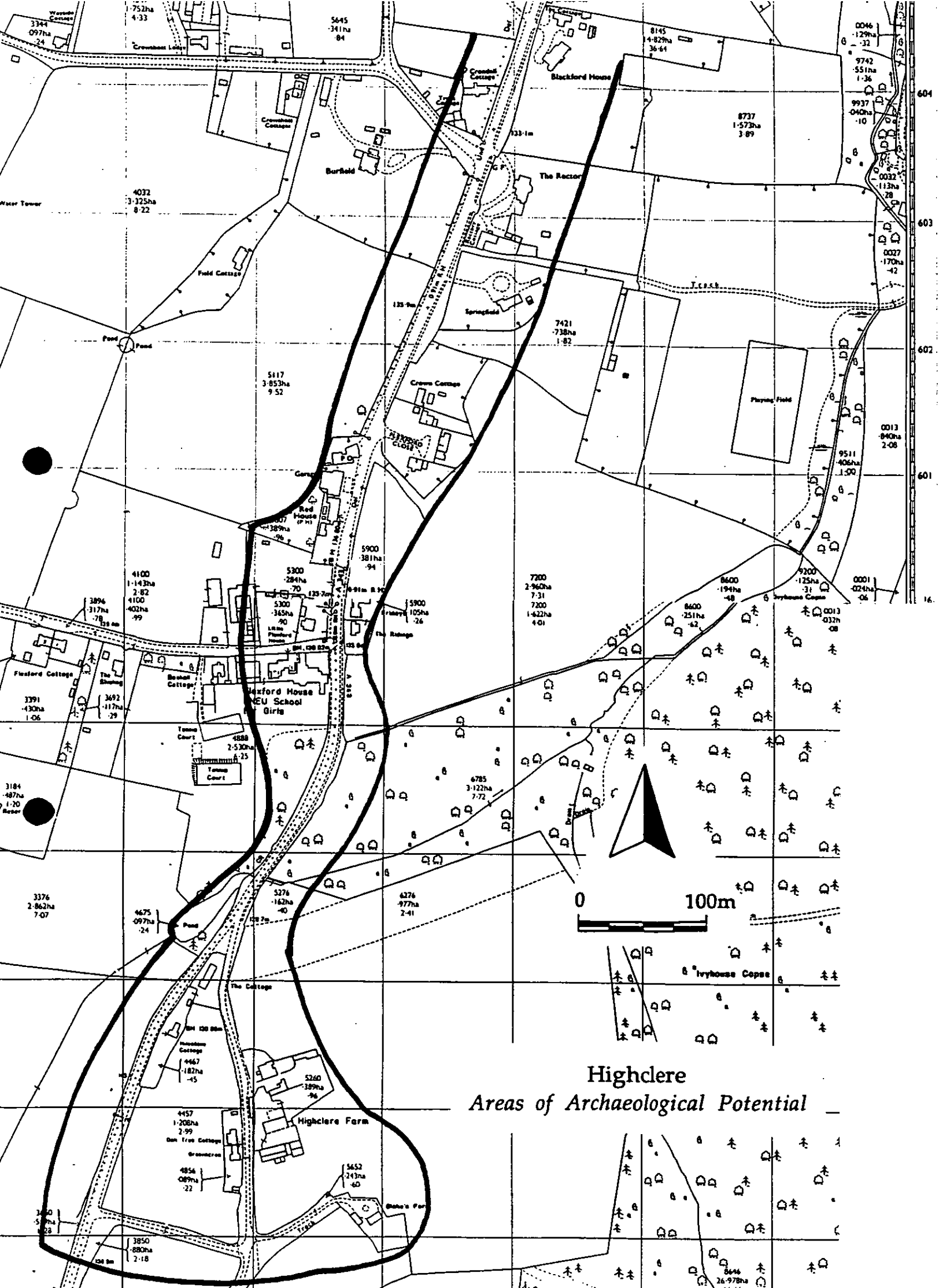


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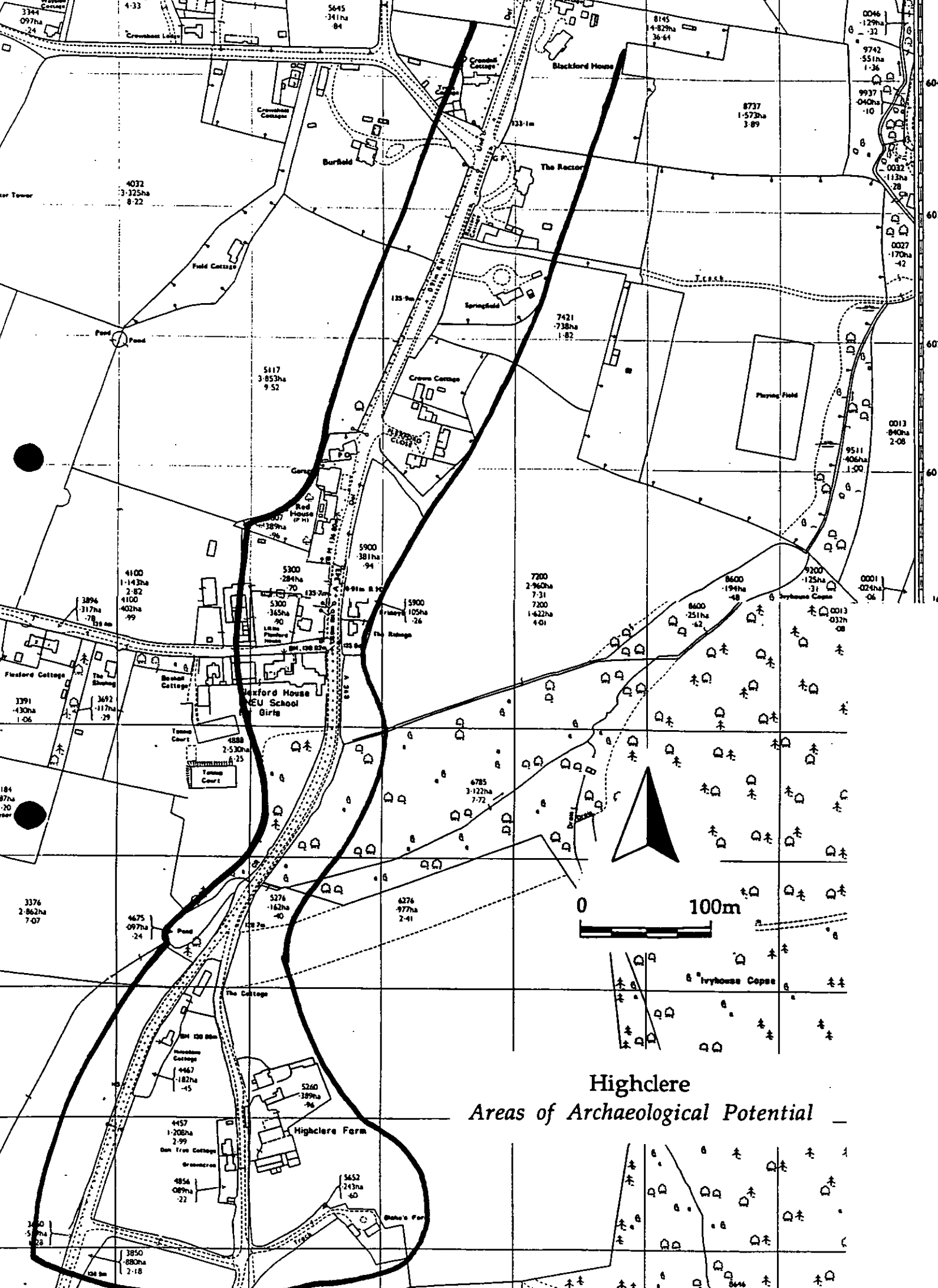
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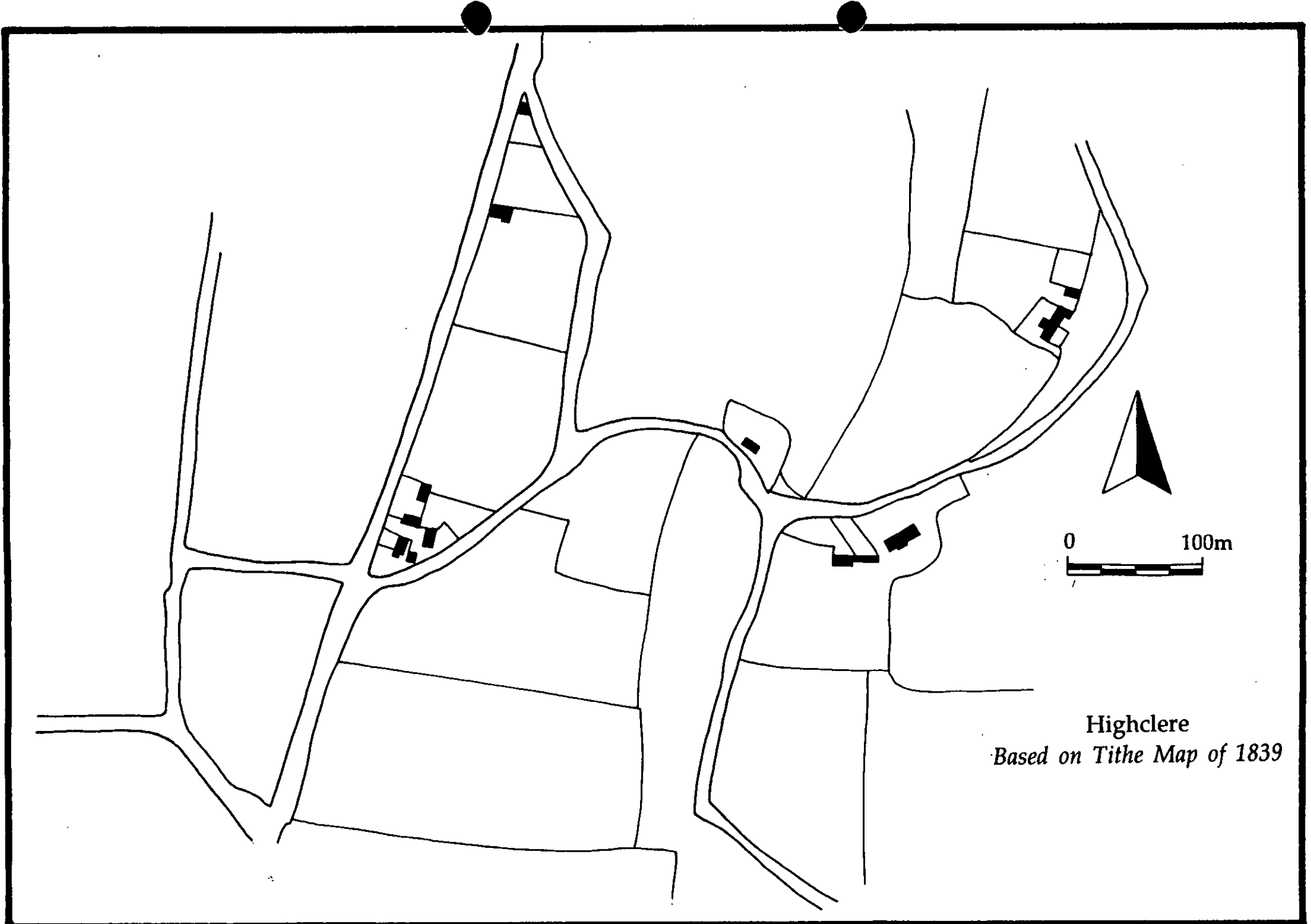






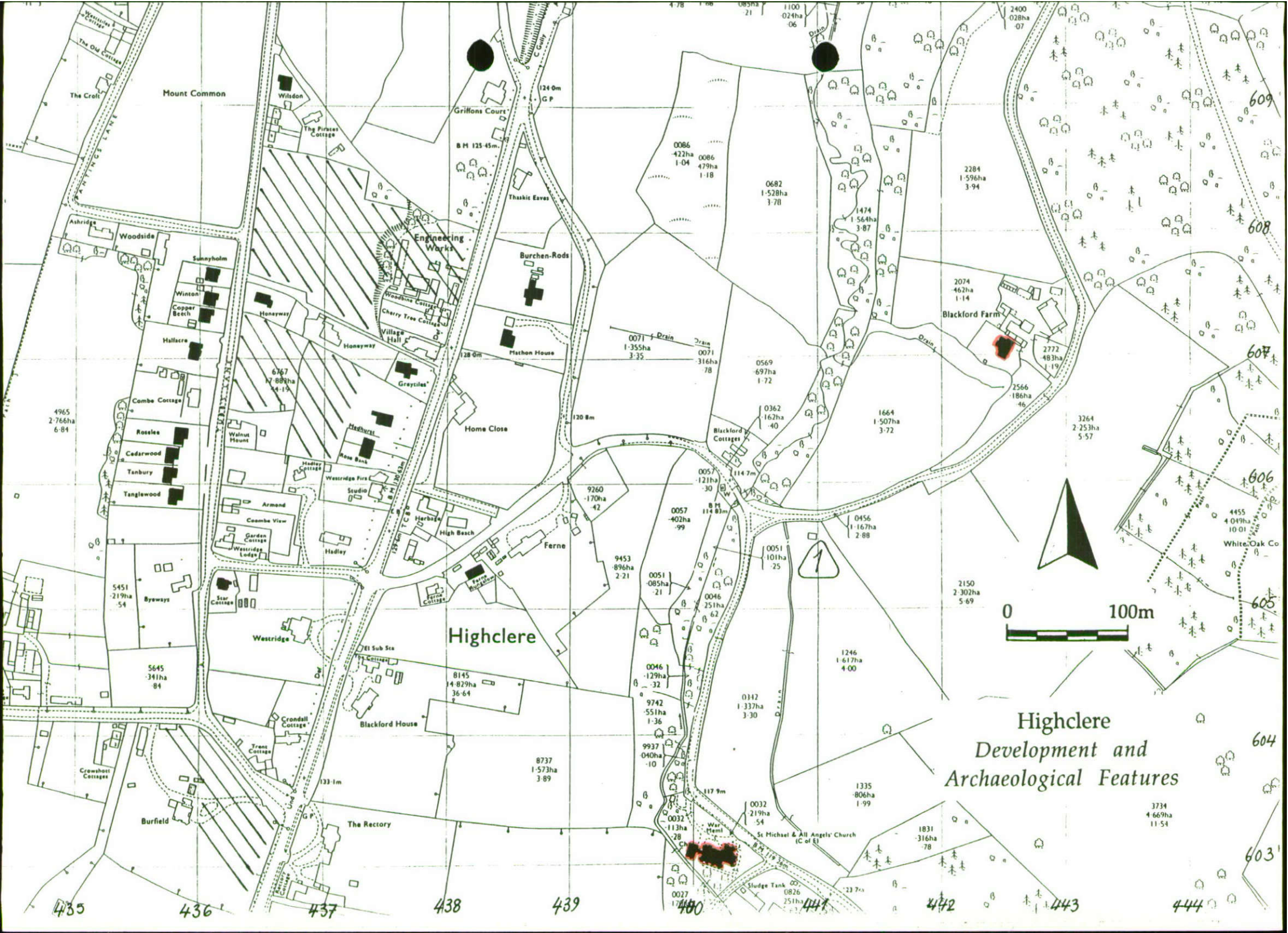
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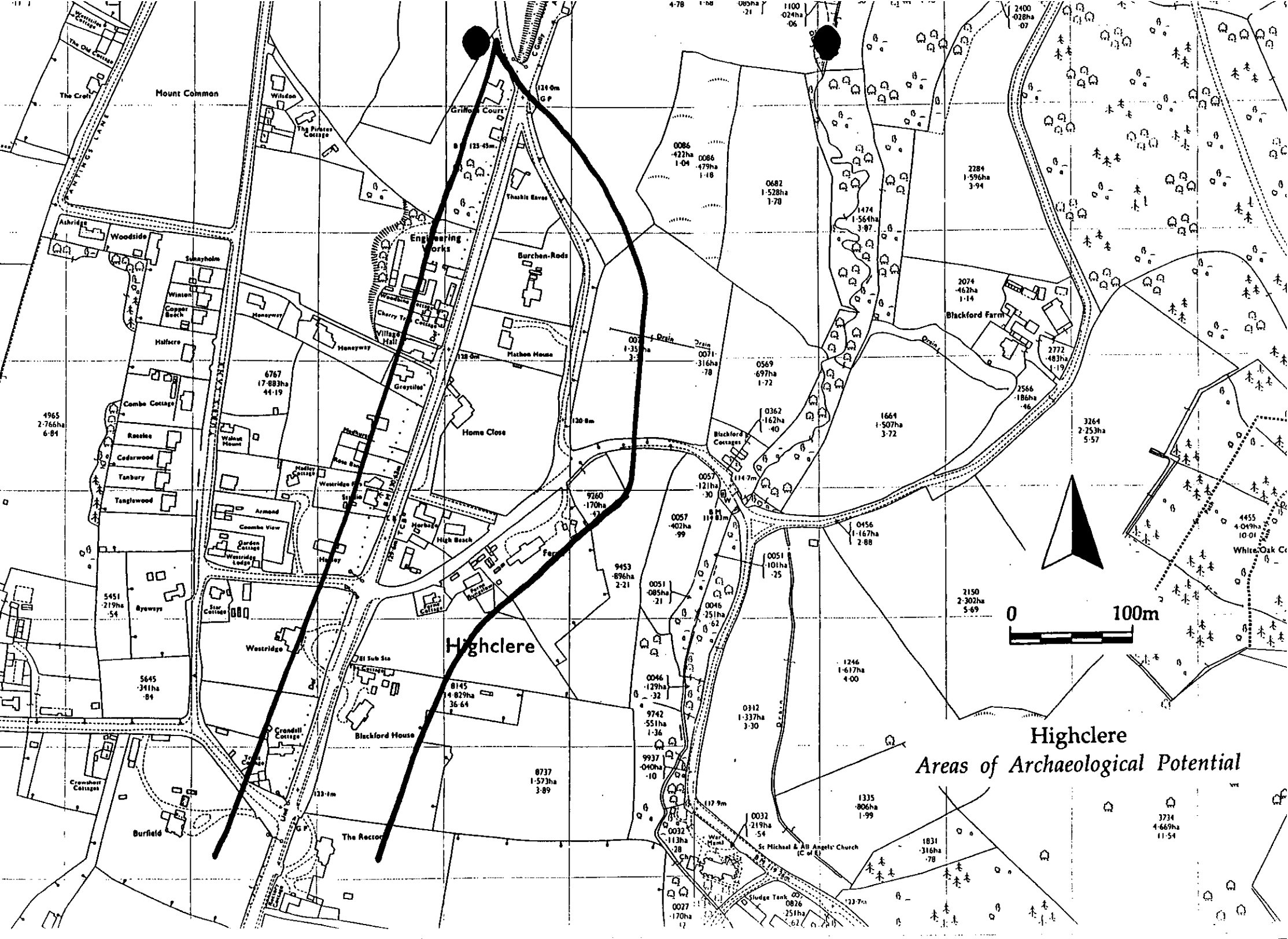




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