

<b>1.0</b>	<b>PARISH</b>	Hursley (Map 1)
<b>2.0</b>	<b>HUNDRED</b>	Buddlesgate Hundred
<b>3.0</b>	<b>NGR</b>	442780 125280
<b>4.0</b>	<b>GEOLOGY</b>	Upper Chalk

## **5.0** SITE CONTEXT (Map 2)

**5.1** Hursley is a large parish immediately to the west and south of Winchester. The settlement of Hursley is approximately at the centre of the parish on the route of the A3090. The principal feature is Hursley Park within which is Hursley House (64m AOD). Adjoining the Park to the east is the civil settlement with the A3090 as its axis. One km to the north are the remains of Merdon Castle. Ampfield was once a part of Hursley but it was made a separate parish in 1894.

## **6.0** PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION (Maps 3, 4 / 1, 4 / 2, 5 / 1 and 5 / 2)

### **Regular row**

**6.1.1** Hursley is not mentioned in Domesday Book and neither are any of the Hursley farmsteads / hamlets of Ampfield, Cranbury, Sharland, Silkstead, Standon, or Pitt. The only identifiable manor is Merdon is not mentioned either. One possible reason for this is that the area now known as Hursley parish was one of woodland and, as a result, settlement within it was thin and essentially the product of later medieval assarting. VCH (3: 417) describes early C20 Hursley as thickly wooded to the south of the parish with a number of cottages probably brought into existence by the necessity of workers at the saw-mills. The place-name *Hursley* has a second element that implies a clearing (paragraph 15.1).

**6.1.2** Against this background one needs to consider Merdon Castle, thought to have been founded and fortified in 1138 by Henry of Blois, Bishop of Winchester (VCH 3: 418) and used by him as a palace. This relatively late foundation would explain the absence of Merdon from the Domesday Book. However, the establishment of the castle in 1138 could have been a refurbishment of an earlier fortification, either a motte and bailey, or even a component of the Late Saxon burghal defences of Winchester. At c. 105m AOD Merdon Castle has commanding views to the south and of the A3090 routeway into Winchester. The Castle stands within the pale of Hursley Park and the northern course of these bounds to the castle suggest that they originated as the limits of the bailey.

**6.1.3** Approximately 1.2km south of the castle is the Queen Anne style mansion of Hursley Park, built in 1721 as a replacement for a Tudor house (possibly a park lodge). The earlier building was built in 1552 and it is thought to have been the first manor house at Merdon / Hursley (VCH 3: 418). Rawdon (1994: 6) states that the foundations of the C16 house / lodge can be seen on the lawn of the existing building during periods of dry weather. A medieval fish pond is situated c. 0.5km to the west-south-west.

**6.2** *Regular row* The Hursley Park pale follows a north / south course c. 30m east of the mansion house and it is shadowed by the route of the A3090. The course of the pale was probably determined by that of the road that passes through a dry valley at this point. The property plots of the civil settlement of Hursley are set out at right angles to the A3090. On the west side the plots are almost rammed between road and pale; the churchyard is one of these plots, suggesting that the location of the church was part of the overall plan. Immediately east of the church, Port Lane and Collins Lane head off north-east and east respectively. Together with a minor lane, these routes form a triangular space, one that resembles a medieval market place. It is in this area of Hursley where the highest concentration of medieval buildings can be found (C16 and C17).

**6.3** *Site visit conditions:* strong sun (25.4.2002).

## **7.0** ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL (Maps 5 / 1 and 5 / 2)

### **7.1** *AsAP*

**7.1.1** The core of the settlement including the parish church, the central commercial area around the road junction and the double row of medieval buildings that are set out on the west side of the A3090 from the church (north) to the Dolphin Inn (south). On the east side the row spans from Collins Lane to the north boundary of the C20 Pelican Court. North End House and South End House probably occupied the open spaces at each end of the late medieval settlement.

### **7.2** *AsHAP*

**7.2.1** The area of lawn south of Hursley Park house where parch marks have revealed the foundations of the earlier manor house (paragraph 6.1.3).

## **8.0** CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

### **8.1** *All Saints*

Rawdon (1994) argues that there could have been as many as many as four churches on the present site. This estimation is based upon the following evidence:

- Phase One Pre-Conquest (Marsh 1808) Local tradition has it that a number of decorated stones bearing *Saxon* ornamentation were found in different parts of the village. There is a ring of truth in this assertion. Marsh was writing just 56 years after a major rebuilding of the church in 1752 and stones might well have been in circulation as a result of this project. Unfortunately, none of these stones could be located at the time of this survey (IH 2002).
- Phase Two Post-Conquest (Norman) can be substantiated by way of physical evidence. Moulded stones of this date have been found within the structure of the tower, the two lower courses of which are C14 / C15. There is a scratch dial on the west door arch that once must have been on the south wall, the only place where it could have functioned. Presumably, this feature must be earlier than the building of the tower.
- Phase Three Post-medieval (1752) when a part-Dutch, part-Palladian building was constructed, probably on the approximate foundations of the previous church (Rawdon 1994: 9).
- Phase Four Modern (1847-8), essentially the present church. The architect was JP Harrison who was foremost amongst the Oxford Movement and a follower of Pugin. A spire was added but became unsafe and was removed in 1960 (Rawdon 1994: 10).
- Phases Two, Three and Four can be attested. The argument for the pre-Conquest phase is weak and there are some difficulties with Phase Two (Norman) for reasons outlined in paragraph 6.0 above. It is quite possible that some of the Phase Two mouldings represent plundered stonework from Merdon Castle, just 1.4km north-north-west.

## 9.0 BUILDINGS (Maps 4 / 1 and 4 / 2)

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
1406	Church of All Saints: lychgate	mid C19	II
14649	Down Farmhouse, Port Lane	C18, c. 1900	II
308	Lychgate Cottage	mid C19	II
41164	Merdon Cottages, 244 Merdon	early C20	II
41165	Merdon Cottages, 245 Merdon	early C20	II
41169	Upper Silkstead Farmhouse, 2 Silkstead Lane	C16, 18, 19, 20	II
41170	Upper Silkstead Farmhouse, 1 Silkstead Lane	C16, 18, 19, 20	II
41174	Dolphin Inn: stable block 10m S of (see 9254)	mid 18	II
7865	Cranbury Park: reassembled ruins	C13, C18	II
828	58 Collins Lane	C19, 20	II
9219	131, A31 (cottage)	C17, 19	II
9220	Milestone at junction of A21 & A3090	early C19	II

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9222	Milestone 500m south of Standon Cottage	early C19	II
9223	Northend House, A3090	C17, 18, 19, 20	II
9224	Culvers, 36 A3090	C18, 19	II
9225	Home Close, 38 A3090	mid C18	II
9226	37 A3090	C18, 20	II
9227	42 A3090	C17, 19	II
9228	Kings Head public house, A 3090	early C19	II
9229	76 A3090 (PR Pratt, Butchers)	late C18, 19	II
9230	77 A3090 (Post Office)	C16, 18, 19	II
9231	78 A3090	no details	II
9232	79 A3090	C17, 18, 19	II
9233	The Forge, A3090	C17, 18, 19	II
9234	83 A3090	C17, 19, 20	II
9235	84 A3090	C17, 19, 20	II
9236	85 A3090	C17, 18, 19	II
9237	29 A3090	late C18 / 19	II
9238	30 A3090	late C18 / 19	II
9239	31 A 3090 (Wilson's the Grocers)	late C18 / 19	II
9240	The Old Vicarage, A3090	mid C19, 20	II
9241	All Saints churchyard, A3090: 7 x tomb chests 10m north of church tower & 2 at 5m south-west of the church	mid C19	II
9242	Church of All Saints: mausoleum 20m south- west of	late C18	II
9243	93 A3090	C16, 18	II
9244	94 A3090	C16, 18	II
9245	95 & 95a A3090	C17, 18, 19	II
9246	96 A3090	C18	II
9247	97 A3090 (2 cottages)	C16, 17, 18, 19	II
9248	97a A3090	C16, 17, 18, 19	II
9249	98a A3090	C17, 19, 20	II
9250	98 A3090	C17, 18, 19, 20	II
9251	99 A3090	C17, 18, 19	II
9252	100 A3090 (Hursley Bakery)	C17, 18, 19	II
9253	The Dolphin Inn, A 3090	C17, 18, 19	II
9254	The Dolphin Inn: stable block 10m south of (see 41174)	mid C18	II
9255	109 A3090	mid C19	II
9256	137 Ladwell, B3043	C18, 19	II
9257	138 Ladwell, B3043	C18, 19	II
9258	146 Ladwell, B3043	C18, 19	II
9259	Red House, Ladwell	C17, 18, 19	II
9260	Red House: milestone 50m south of	early C19	II

9261	Shawlands Farmhouse, Bunstead Lane	C18, 20	II
9262	Shawlands Farmhouse: granary 20m south-east of	early C19	II
9263	Shawlands Farmhouse: cartshed 40m east-south-east of	late C18	II
9264	Shawlands Farmhouse: barn 100m south-west of	late C18	II
9265	Shawlands Farmhouse: barn 100m south-south-west of	C17	II
9267	Parsonage Farmhouse & attached donkey-wheel house	C18, 19, c. 1980	II
9268	Parsonage Farmhouse: barn 50m east-south-east of	late C18	II
9269	57 Collins Lane	early C19	II
9270	59 Collins Lane	early C19	II
9271	81 Collins Lane	early C19	II
9273	Top Lodge, Cranbury Park	mid C19	II
9274	The Castle, Cranbury Park	mid C18, 19, c. 1960	II
9275	Cranbury House, Cranbury Park	1790, 1830, mid C19 c. 1960	I
9276	Cranbury House: carriage shed attached to west end and south front	early C19	II
9277	Cranbury House: stable block at	1864, 1963	II
9278	Cranbury House: gatepiers between carriage shed & stable	1864	II
9279	Cranbury Park: Ha Ha at 100m south-east of the house	early C19	II
9280	Cranbury House: Pond & fountain in front of east façade	early C19	II
9281	Cranbury House: Middle Pond 150m north-east of	early C19	II
9282	Cranbury House: grotto 200m east-north-east of	early C19	II
9283	Cranbury House: pergola 100m north-west of	C19	II
9284	Cranbury House: dairy 80m north-west of	late C18, c. 1978	II
9285	Cranbury House: spring 100m north of	early C19	II
9286	Cranbury House: sundial 200m north-west of	1720	II
9287	Cranbury House: ruined orangery at west of	late C18 C17, 20	II II

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9293	Hursley House, Hursley Park	1721-4	II*	
9294	Hursley House: stable block 25m distant from	1829	II	
9295	Hursley Park: Keeper's Lodge	early C19		II
9296	Hursley Park: Home Farmhouse	early C19	II	
9297	Anmery Lodge	mid C19	II	
9298	Anmery Cottage	mid C19	II	
9299	Abraham's Cottage	mid C19	II	
9300	Slackstead Manor, Lower Slackstead	mid C18, 19	II*	
9301	Slackstead Manor: wall in front of	C18	II	
9302	Meredon Cottages, 243 Meredon	early C20	II	
9393	Milestone opposite junction of A3090 & Pitt	early C19	II	
9304	Wayside Cottage, Pitt	C15, 16, 18, 1983	II	
9305	Oddicombe, Pitt	C15, 16, 18, 1983	II	
9306	Swallows Rest, Pitt	late C18, 19, 20	II	
9307	Pitt Chapel School	1858	II	
9308	White Cottage, Pitt	late C18, 19	II	
9309	Pitt Vale Farmhouse	early C19	II	
9310	Pitt Vale Farmhouse: barn 35m south of	early C19	II	
9311	Field House, Pitt	C16, 19, 20	II	
9312	Pitt Manor Farmhouse	C16, 18, 19, 20	II	
9313	Pitt Manor Farmhouse: cartshed 20m south of	mid C18	II	
9314	Pitt Manor Farmhouse: barn 25m south-east of	C18	II	
9315	Pitt Manor Farmhouse: barn 10m east of	C16	II	
9316	Pitt Manor Farmhouse: staddle barn 100m east of	C18	II	
9317	Pitt Manor Farmhouse : cartshed 100m east-south-east of	early C19	II	
9318	Lower Silkstead Farmhouse & adjoining barn, Poles Lane, A31	C15, 16, 19, 1983	II	
9319	52 Port Lane	C17, 18, 19	II	
9320	53 Port Lane	C17, 18, 19	II	
9321	54 Port Lane	C17, 18, 19	II	
9322	The Old Audit House, 55 Port Lane	late C18	II	
9323	Upper Silkstead Farmhouse, 1 Silkstead La. (see 41170)	C16, 18, 19, 20	II	
9324	Upper Silkstead Farmhouse: barn 10m east of	C17	II	

9325	Upper Silkstead Farmhouse: cottage 10m south of	early C19	II
9326	Silkstead House, Silkstead Lane	C17, 18, 19, 20	II
9327	Silkstead House: barn 5m south-west of	C18	II
9328	Silkstead House: granary 25m west-south-west of	C18	II
9329	Silkstead House: barn 25m west of	late C18	II
9330	Silkstead House: barn & stabling 25m south of	late C18 / 19	II
9331	Silkstead House: cartshed 40m west-south-west of	C18	II
9332	Silkstead House: barn 70m south-south-west of	C17	II
9333	South Lynch House, South Lynch	mid C19 & earlier	II
9334	South Lynch Farmhouse, South Lynch	C18, 19, 20	II
9335	Standon Farmhouse, Standon	C18, 19	II
9336	Standon Farmhouse: barn 10m north-east of	early C18	II
9337	Standon Cottage	C17, 18, 1981	II
9338	211 Upper Slackstead	C17, 18	II
9340	Field House	C16 / 17, 18, 19	II
9341	Field House: barn 50m west-north-west of	C17	II
9342	Field House: granary 50m north-west of	C17	II
940	Church of All Saints, A3090	C14, 1947-8	II*

#### 10.0 SMR DATA (Maps 4 / 1 and 4 / 2)

SW 442410 I24635, NE 443110 I25940;  
SW 439340 I27205, NE 439955 I28015

SU42NW	No.		
	24	442840 I25310	Post-medieval forge. C17 timber-frame bay building. Blacksmiths forge and bellows intact (1977).
	26	442780 I25280	Medieval parish church of All Saints (see paragraph 8.0).
	30	442800 I25200	Medieval. First documented record of Hursley, AD 1167.
	32	442820 I25170	Medieval. C16 timber-framed building of three bays and original three centred arch doorway.
	33	442830 I25230	Medieval. C16 timber-framed building substantially altered.

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	34	442850 125270	Medieval. C16 timber-framed building of 3 bays. Cottage added.
SU42SW	2A	442780 124750	Roman cremation burial with urn found during road widening in 1957.
** SU42SE	6	450000 123000	Roman coin find spot reported. Details are vague.
SU32NE	15	439740 127480	Medieval. Manor House shown on Taylor's map of 1759.
	19	439740 127440	Medieval parish church (see paragraph 8.2).
	20	439770 127670	Post-medieval. Napoleonic Wars semaphore station.
	32	439600 127700	Mesolithic. Three tranchet axe heads found on Farley Farm.
	51	439510 127460	Modern earthwork.
	56	439700 127600	Roman pottery finds.

## 10.1 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

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

## 10.2 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

<i>SAM No.</i>	<i>NGR</i>	<i>Site</i>
29	442100 126500	Merdon Castle.
311	440100 129200	Camp west of Farley Mount.
502	442500 126000	Length of deer park boundary bank, Hursley Park.

## 11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Maps 4 / 1 and 4 / 2)

1	442750 125380	Approximate location of a linear earthwork, possibly a Modern feature such as a pipeline.
2	442440 125400	Approximate site of parch marks of late medieval house / lodge foundations as described by Rawdon (1994: 6).
3	442980/125290	Site of building within irregular plot in Collins Lane shown on OS 1: 10,560 map of 1872 but subsequently demolished. Two similar buildings within irregular plots stood on the opposite side of the lane. These have been demolished also but their sites have been incorporated into the rear gardens of C20 houses.



## 12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/124/2 (1839 / 1842)
- GSGB 299 Winchester
- OS 1: 2500 SW 442410 I24635, NE 443110 I25940
- OS 1:2500 SW 439340 I27205, 439955 I28015
- OS 1: 25000 Explorer 132: Winchester, New Alresford & East Meon;
- OS 1: 10,560 443012 I25210 (1872)
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- Rawdon SC 1994 *All Saints Church Hursley* Hursley Parochial Church Council
- VCH 3: 417-22 (Hursley)

## 14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

### 14.1 Domesday Book

Not mentioned.

### 14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334

Hursley	£1.7.0
Merdon (with Pitt & Silkstead)	£4.19.11

1524

Ampfield	<i>1st survey:</i>	£1.8.8	(26 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£ No separate return	(taxpayers)
Cranbury	<i>1st survey:</i>	£0.9.10	(3 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£ No separate return	(taxpayers)
Hawstead	<i>1st survey:</i>	£1.11.10	(3 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£ No separate return	(taxpayers)
Hiltingbury	<i>1st survey:</i>	£0.5.8	(4 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£ No separate return	(taxpayers)
Hursley	<i>1st survey:</i>	£3.5.6	(31 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£ No separate return	(taxpayers)
Merdon	<i>1st survey:</i>	£0.19.6	(9 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£ No separate return	(taxpayers)
Pucknall	<i>1st survey:</i>	£0.3.2	(4 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£ No separate return	(taxpayers)

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Silkstead	<i>1st survey:</i>	£0.12.6	(7 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£ No separate return	(taxpayers)
Standon	<i>1st survey:</i>	£3.4.8	(7 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£No separate return	(taxpayers)

### 14.3 Manors

**14.3** According to VCH 3 (418) the only manor in the parish of Hursley is Merdon (after the ancient castle within its bounds). However, Merdon and Hursley were taxed as separate entities in 1334. The 'hamlets' of Pitt and Silkstead were taxed with Merdon whilst Hursley was, apparently, taxed alone. The parish of Hursley included the hamlet of Hursley but this name now belongs to Cranbury Park (VCH 3: 420). Standon (a hamlet), and the tenements of Longmoor and Sharland were also within its bounds. Ampfield (appurtenant to the manor of Merdon), Pucknall, Hildingbury and Hawstead comprised the new parish of Ampfield, created in 1894 (VCH 3: 421)

### 14.4 Hearth Tax 1665

*Hursley*                      271 hearths chargeable (85 houses)  
81 hearths not chargeable (74 houses). Total: 159 houses.

### 15.0 PLACE NAME

1167 *Herselega Episcopi*; 1171 *Hurseleye*. Smith (1956: 276) accepts Ekwall's suggestion that there was a lost OE form *hyrse* 'mare', which would account for this place-name far better than *hors* 'horse'. Probably, therefore, OE *hyrsanleah* 'mare's clearing or wood'. It was part of the Bishop of Winchester's Merdon manor, hence *Episcopi*. Merdon (note also Merdon Castle) was 1138 *Merdona*, 1184 *Meredon*, apparently 'Mæra's Hill' according to Gover, because it is on no known boundary (*gemære*) and there is no pond (*mere*) there. But why not from *miere* 'mare', confirming the parish name (the reason for the duplication being obscure) and accounting for the 1167 form *Meredon(a)* from *Mierenadun* 'hill of mares' (Coates, 1989: 96-7)?

### 16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

None taken.

### 17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS

#### 17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters

None mentioned by Sawyer (1968).

## 17.2 Other parish settlements include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>NGR / map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
Cranbury House	1331	444470 172330	1245
Enmill Farm	1332	443730 128370	1208
Field House	1334	443200 123500	1327
Merdon	1338	442000 123500	1138
Pitt	1339	445100 128000	1167
Silkstead	1341	439400 125300	1243
Standen	1342	442800 126800	1167
Slackstead (Lower)	0936	439500 125300	903

## 17.3 Enclosures

### *Parliamentary:*

<i>NEP No.</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
14077	49 Geo. III cap. 3, 1809			2,566.56 acres (actual); 2,850 acres (Act); Green Marsh, Hele Coppice, The Out-Wood, Homing Coppice, South Home Coppice, Eamer Common, Anfield Common, Pit Down, waste in the manor of Merdon. A substantial part lay in the Modern manor of Ampfield.

### *Formal Agreements:*

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

## 17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

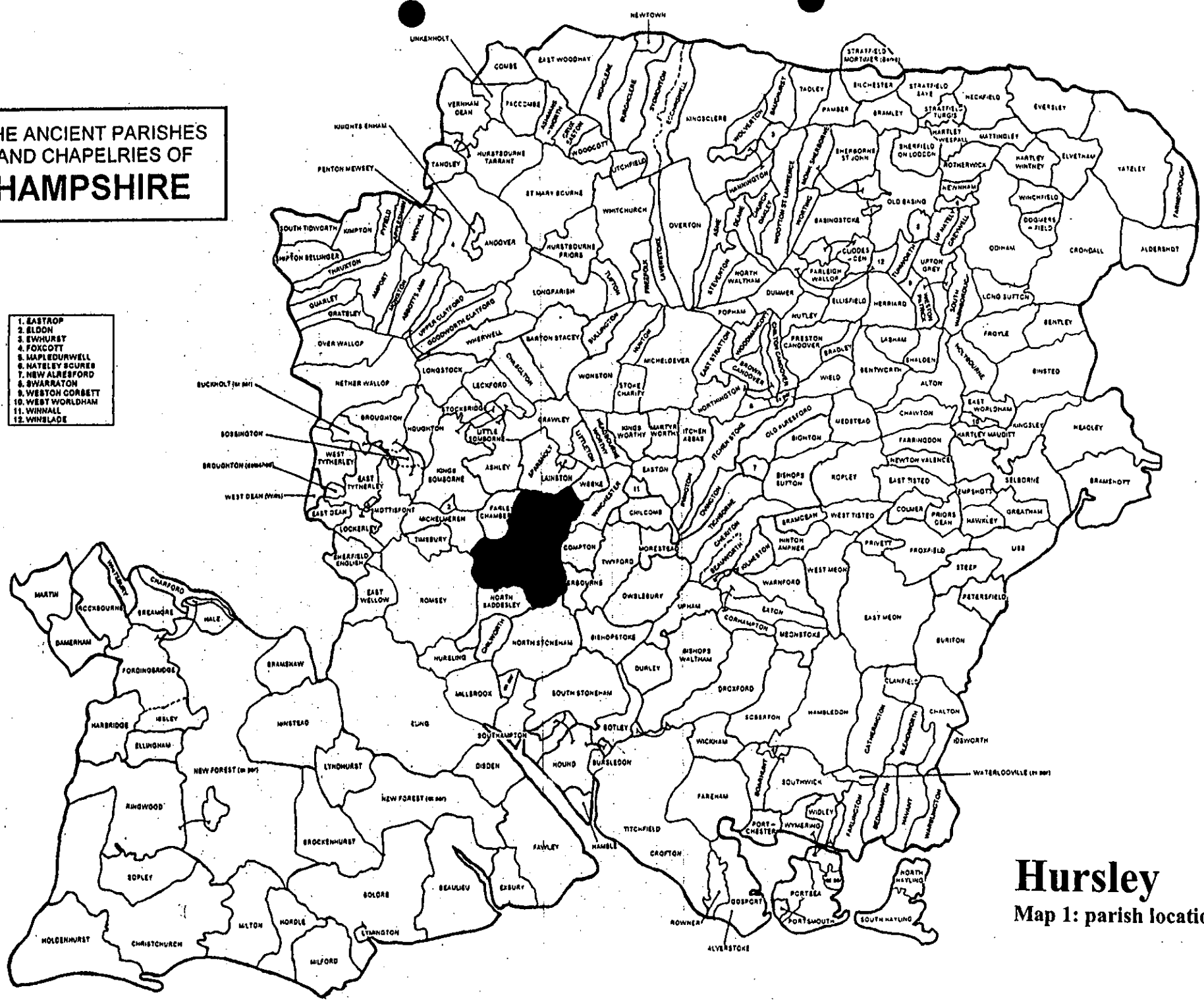
Hiltingbury Common was in Hursley until the parish of Ampfield was created in 1894.

## 18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

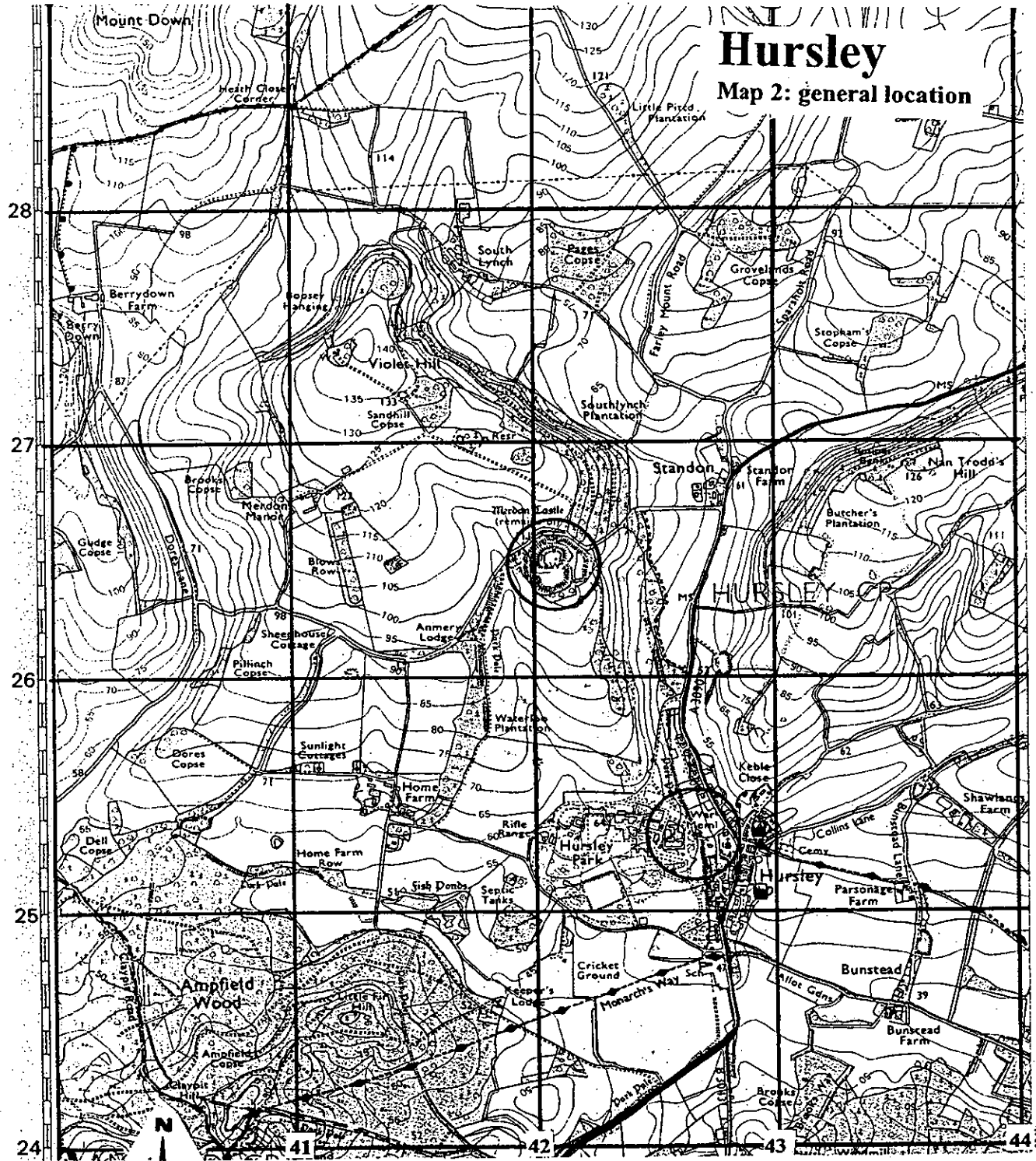
- Map 1: Parish location (not to scale)
- Map 2: General (settlement) location at 1: 25000
- Map 3: Ordnance Survey First Edition County Series (c. 1870s) not to scale
- Maps 4 / 1 and 4 / 2: Development & archaeological features at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- Maps 5 / 1 and 5 / 2: Areas of archaeological potential at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%.

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AND CHAPELRIES OF  
HAMPSHIRE**

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2. ELDOH
3. EWHURST
4. FOXCOTT
5. MAPLEDURWELL
6. HATELEY SCURES
7. NEW ALRESFORD
8. SWARRATON
9. WREYTON CORBETT
10. WEST WORLDHAM
11. WINNALL
12. WINSLADE



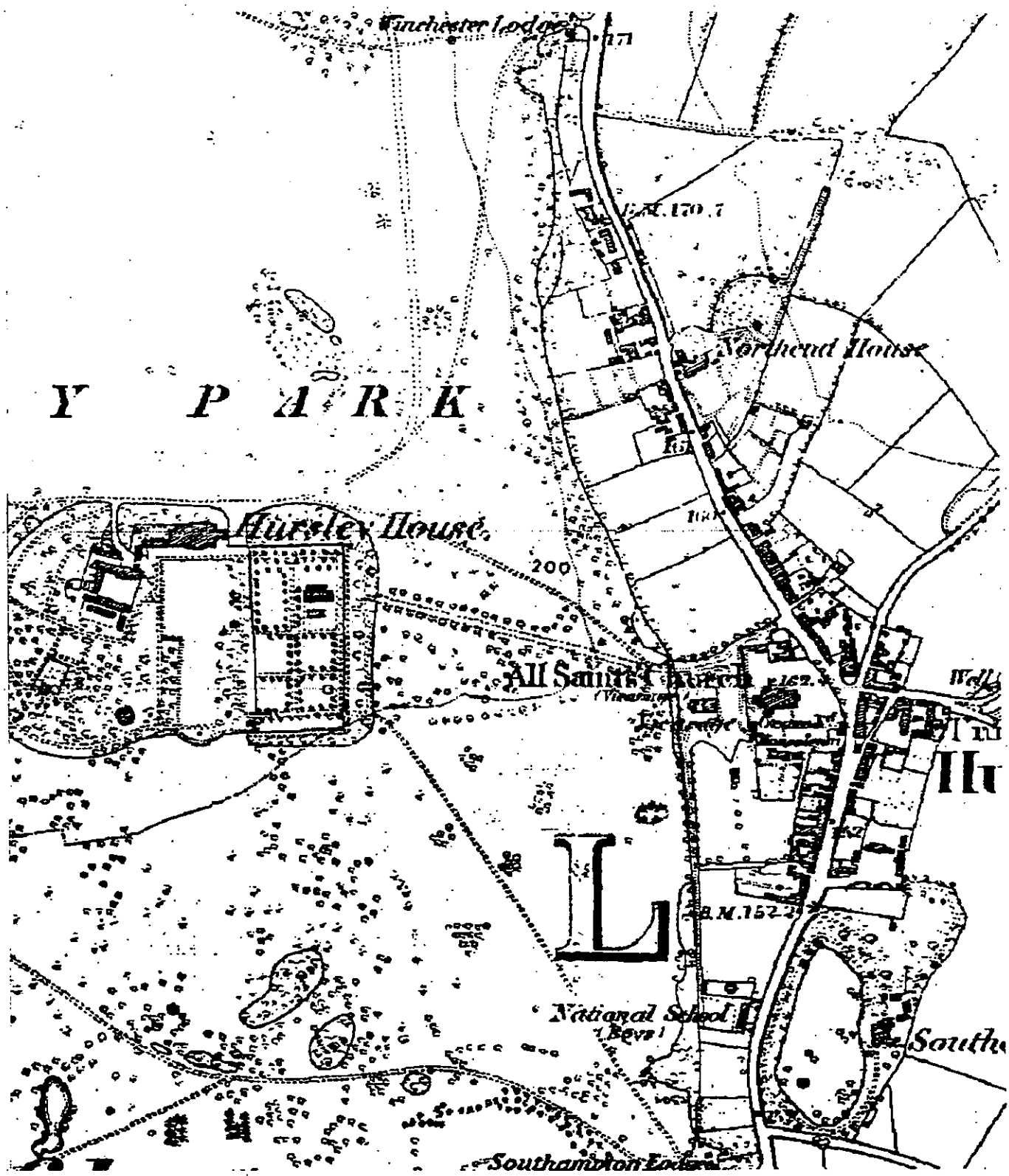
**Hursley**  
Map 1: parish location



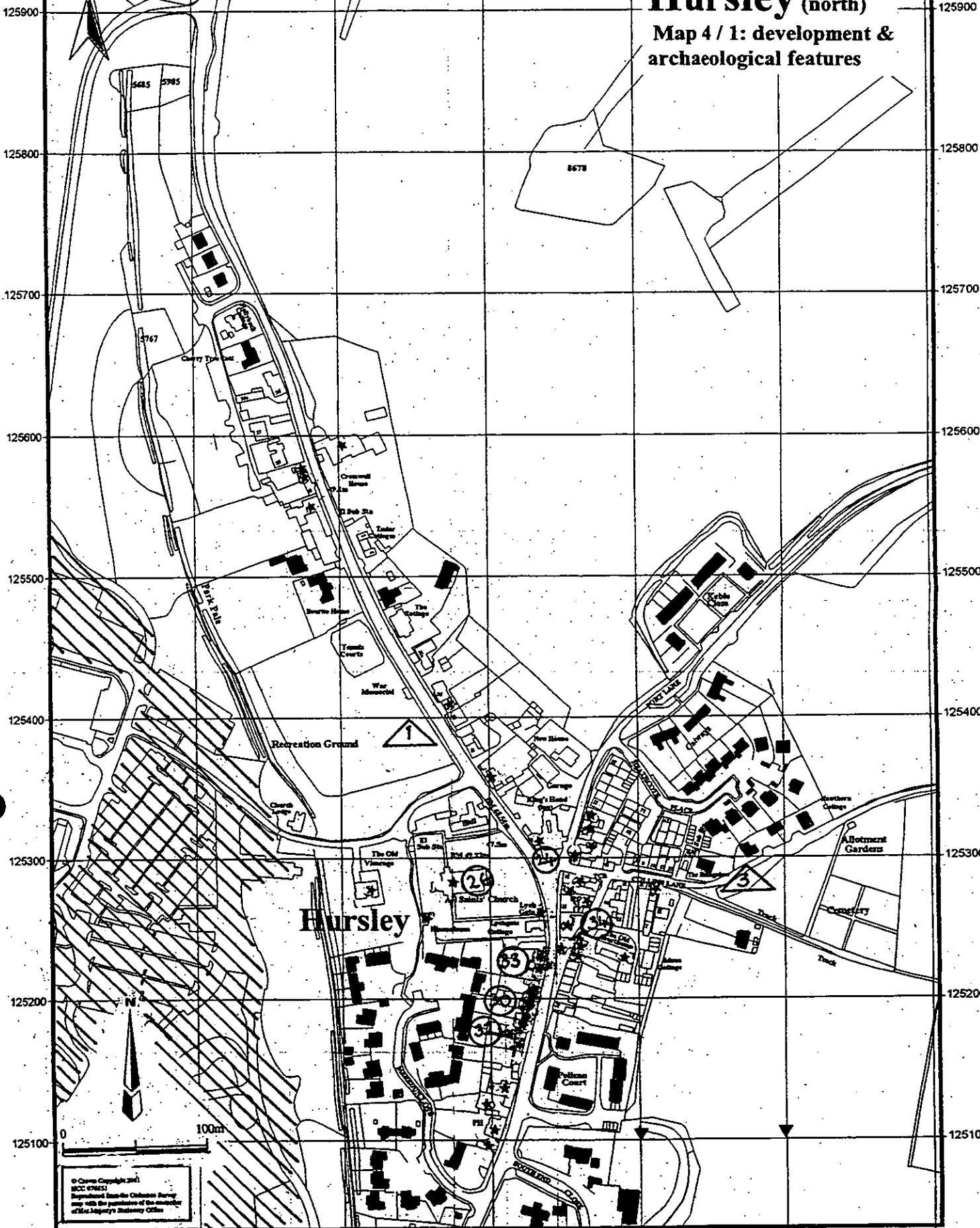
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## Map 2: general location

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Map 3: OS 1: 10560



# Hursley (north)

## Map 4 / 1: development & archaeological features

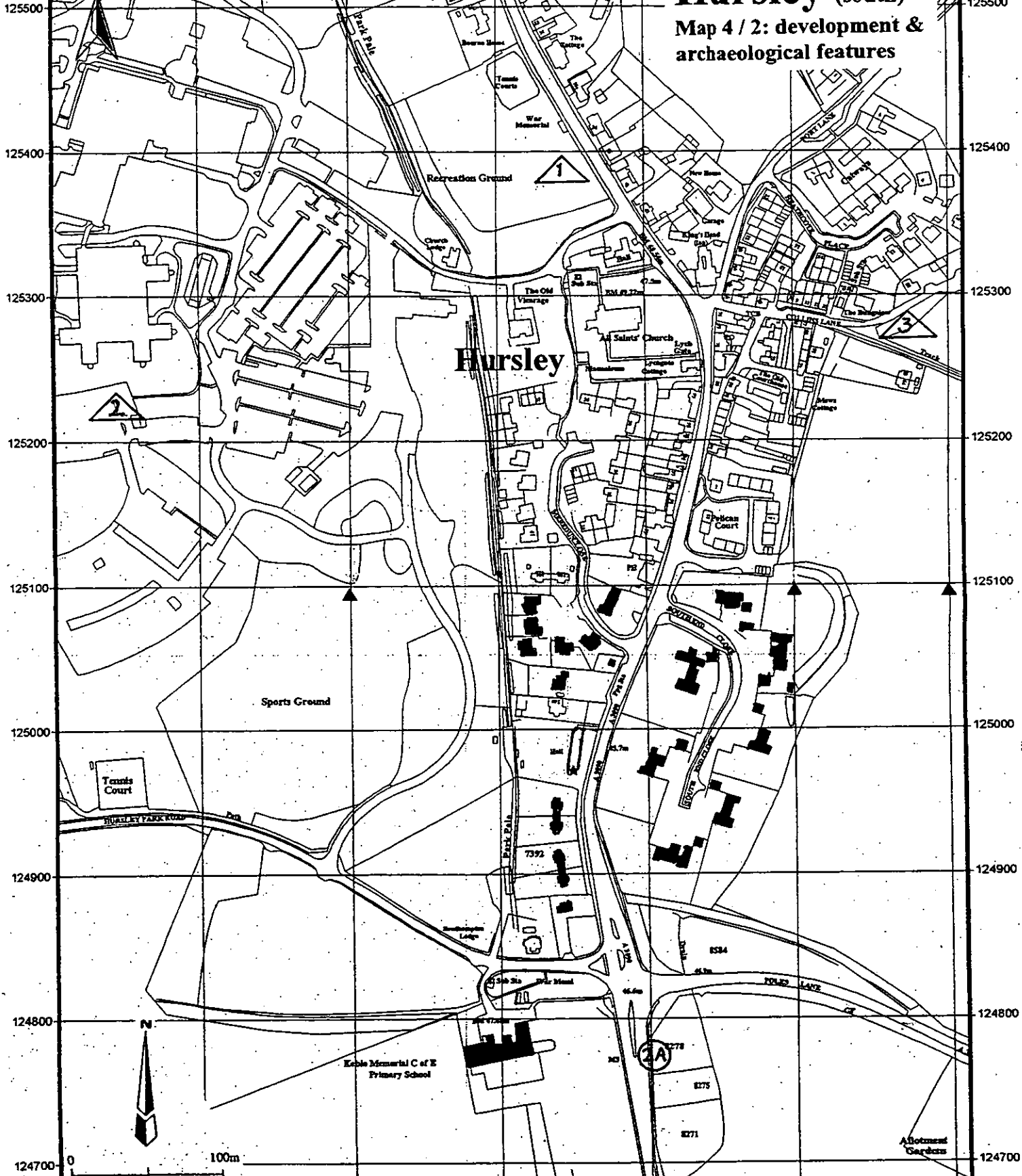
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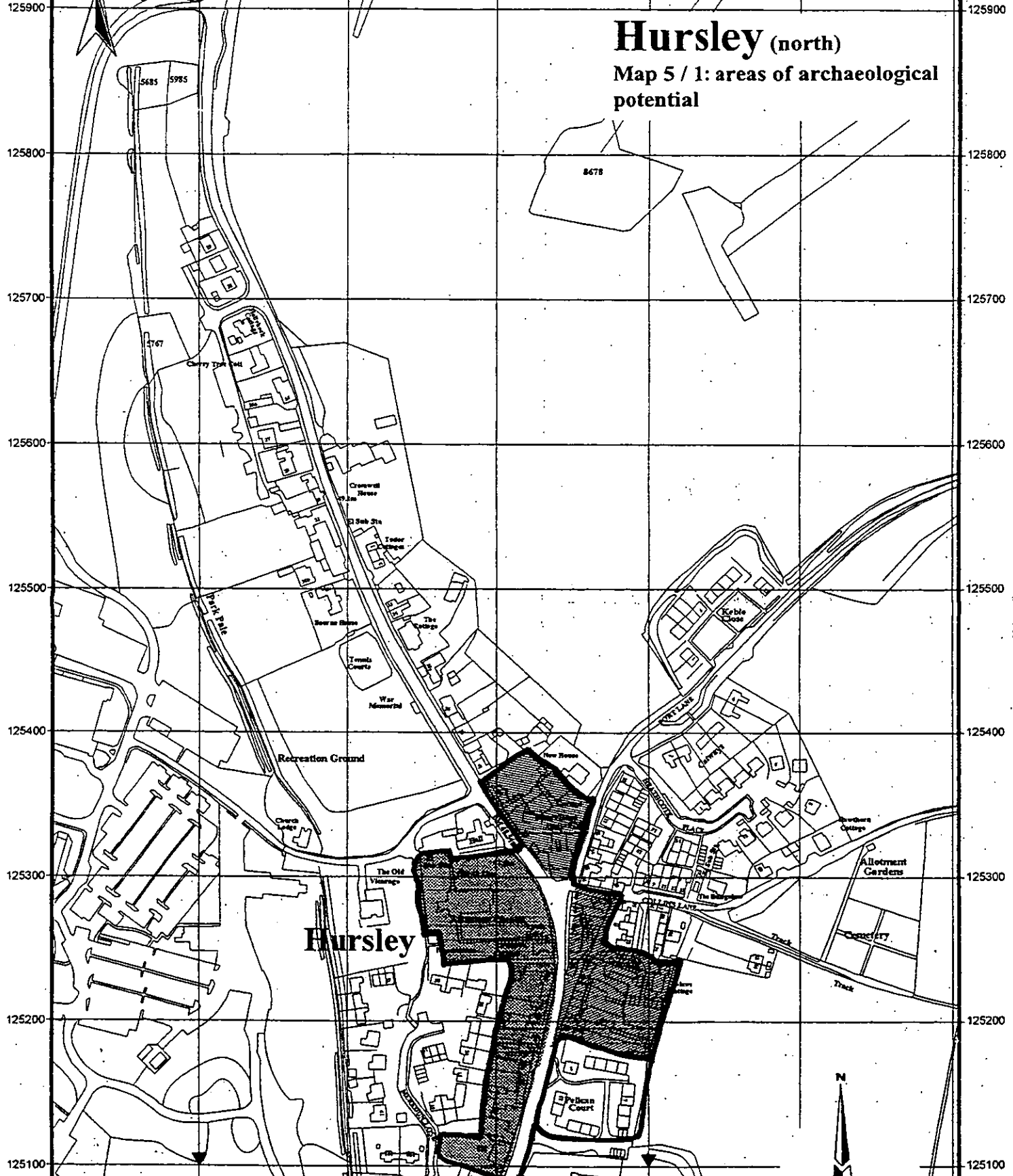
# Hursley (south)

## Map 4 / 2: development & archaeological features



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# Hursley (north)

## Map 5 / 1: areas of archaeological potential

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