

NAME Ibsley
PARISH Ellingham, Harbridge and Ibsley
HUNDRED Fordingbridge
NGR SU 150095
GEOLOGY Valley Gravels

SITE CONTEXT Ibsley lies on the E bank of the River Avon at around 25m OD. The flood plain of the river stretches to the E for just over 1km.

PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION Irregular row. The main part of the settlement lies alongside the main N-S road with all the settlement on the E side of the road. A road to the E from the church also has settlement along it which also forms an irregular row. The older properties lie along the N-S road and although there is a boundary that runs behind these properties it did not appear to act as a rear boundary to most of them in the C19 with little to indicate that there was any regularity of plot size which could suggest that the row was a planned unit.

AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The AHAP covers the line of properties along the E side of the main N-S road up the relatively modern rear boundary which they share but which acted as a boundary for some of the plots in the C19. The AHAP includes the site of the church and also covers the area facing the church on the S side of the road to the W and extends to the W side of the road to include the properties between the road and the river.

There are two AAPs: The first takes in an area that was not accessible to field survey within a meander of the River Avon where the modern OS map shows earthworks of some form and marks 'Fish Ponds'. What date the ponds are is unknown but they do not appear to be marked on the 1st Edition OS 6". The 1st Edition map does show a leat running through this area and the modern maps call it 'Mill Stream'. A mill is recorded in the manor of Ibsley in the Domesday Book together with a quantity of eels. This is a possible site for a medieval mill. The second AAP covers the land to the rear of the properties on the E side of the main road. Although the plan is that of an irregular row, the possibility that it was once regular and has experienced some shrinkage can not be ruled out. Evidence for earlier divisions of the land into regular plots may still survive in this area.

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD St Martin. 1832 Gravestones of the C18 indicate that the church was built on the site of an earlier church. Inside the church there is a monument to Sir John Constable of 1627.

BUILDINGS

(Listed)

The Old Smithy C18 C19 II

Nos 39 Weir Cottage and 38 Old Baliffs Cottage Early C19 II

Avon Cottage Late C15 and C17 C18 Cruck frame II

Thatched Eaves C17 C18 C19 II

The Old Beams Inn Late C15 C18 Cruck II

Church of St Martin 1832 II
The Old Rectory Early C19 II

(Un-listed)
Dairy Cottage Late C18

SMR DATA

SU10NW

31	14700930	BA occupation site
32	14700930	IA occupation site
33	14700930	Roman occupation site
46	14800910	Prehist flint debitage, Roman pot, Med pot (low density)
47	14900920	Ditto (Med pot density 9.2/ha)
54	14890877	BA ring ditch AP site
55	14920883	Linear feature AP site
56	14920931	BA ring ditch AP site
57	14920926	Linear feature AP site

SU10NE

36	16640997	BA bowl barrow
37	16491958	ditto
38	16780999	ditto + BA pot and cremation burial SAM 448
45	16000800	Med village mentioned in Domesday Book
46	15100903	Medieval hamlet and weir mentioned in Domesday Book
51	16201920	Flint debitage, Roman pot, med pot
52	16200950	ditto
53	15900950	ditto
54	15290803	BA ring ditch
55	15330892	ditto

ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

1	15100924	Bunker protected by an earthwork to the NE as shown on the OS 1:2,500. A similar bunker exists 100m to the E Part of the WWII airfield
2	14780945	The modern OS 1:2,500 marks Fishponds at this point. Upstream there are two sluices which are used to create a water supply for this part of the river. The sluices are not modern and the river course is more or less as shown in the mid C19. Water management here has probably been undertaken here since Domesday at least when a mill was recorded
3	15160932	Possible earthworks. There has been some disturbance in this area with the construction of an underground structure but there also appears to be some other unrelated 'humps and bumps' near the road
4	19960938	Site of a large outbuilding shown on the OS 1st Ed 6" map

- 5 15050969 Site of cottage shown on OS 1st Ed 6" map. An outbuilding is also shown approximately 25m to the N. These sites may have been lost due to widening of the road
- 6 14920936 Site of possible medieval or post-medieval church. The existing church is said to date from 1832 (Pevsner & Lloyd, 1967) but gravestones of the late C18 survive in the churchyard and probably indicate that there was an earlier church on this site. Inside the chrch is a memorial of 1627. Of what date the antecedent church was is unknown

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES Tithe map 21M65/F7/127/2 (1841); OS 1st Ed 6" 1870 ; OS 1:2,500 SU 1409-1509.

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PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

Domesday Hugh of Port and Ralph from him. Algar held it from King Edward in freehold. Then it paid tax for 4 hides; now for 2 hides. Land for 5 pl. In lordship 2 pl; 6 villagers and 10 smallholders with 3 pl. 3 slaves; a mill at 10s; 700 eels; meadow, 75 acres; woodland, 1 pig. 2 hides of the manor are in the Forest. value before 1066 £4; later 40s; now 60s; what is in the Forest, 20s.

Subsidy Rolls

1327	13 taxpayers
1334	2. 14. 0
1524	4. 9. 10 (43 taxpayers)

Manorial Documents

Hearth Tax

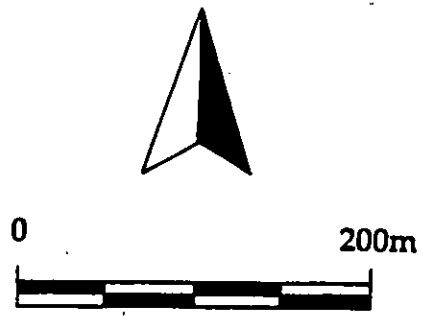
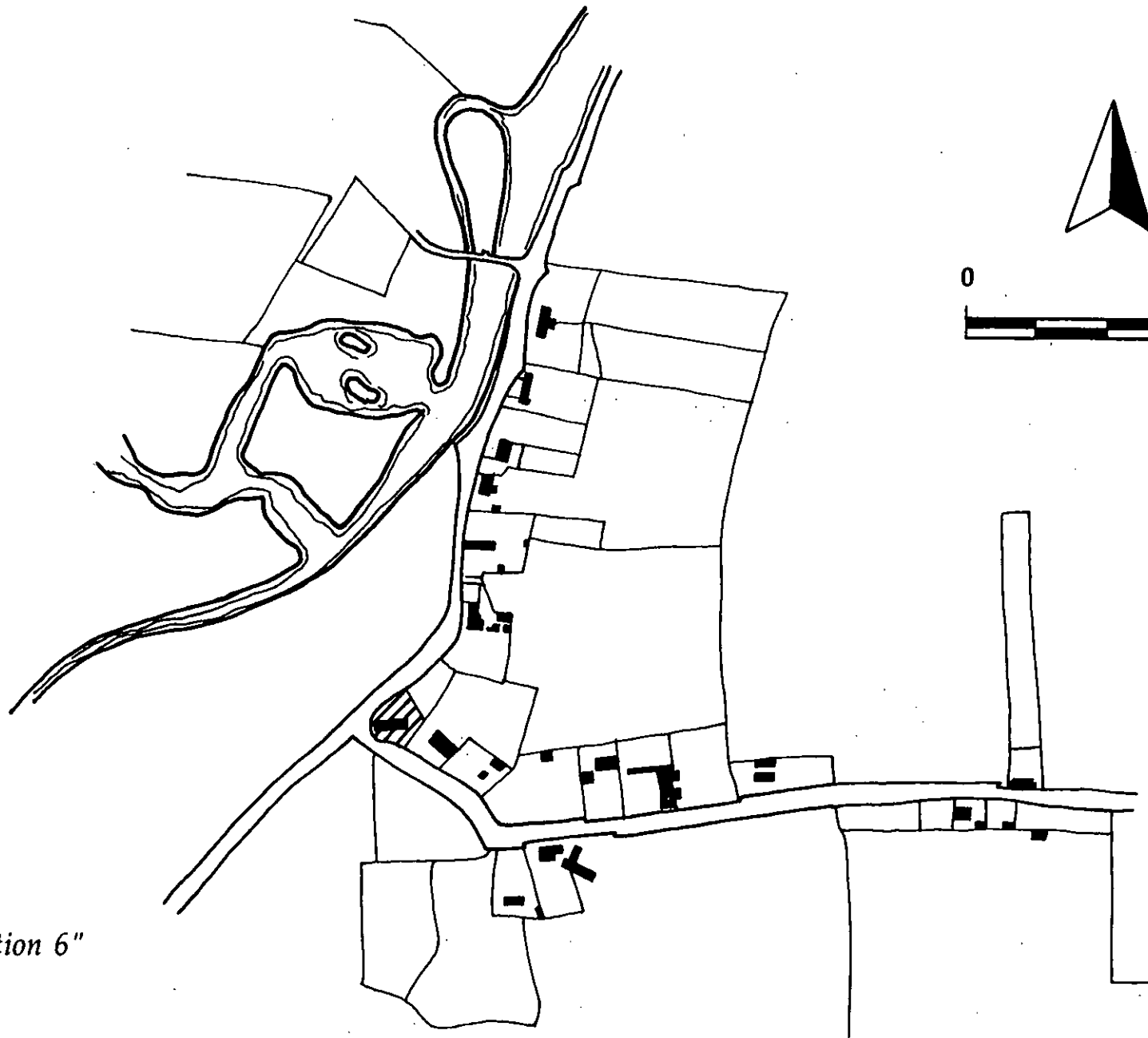
1665	67 hearths chargeable (39 houses) 10 hearths not chargeable (10 houses) Total 49 houses
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PLACE NAME 1086 *ibeslei* OE 'Tibb(i)'s wood/clearing'.

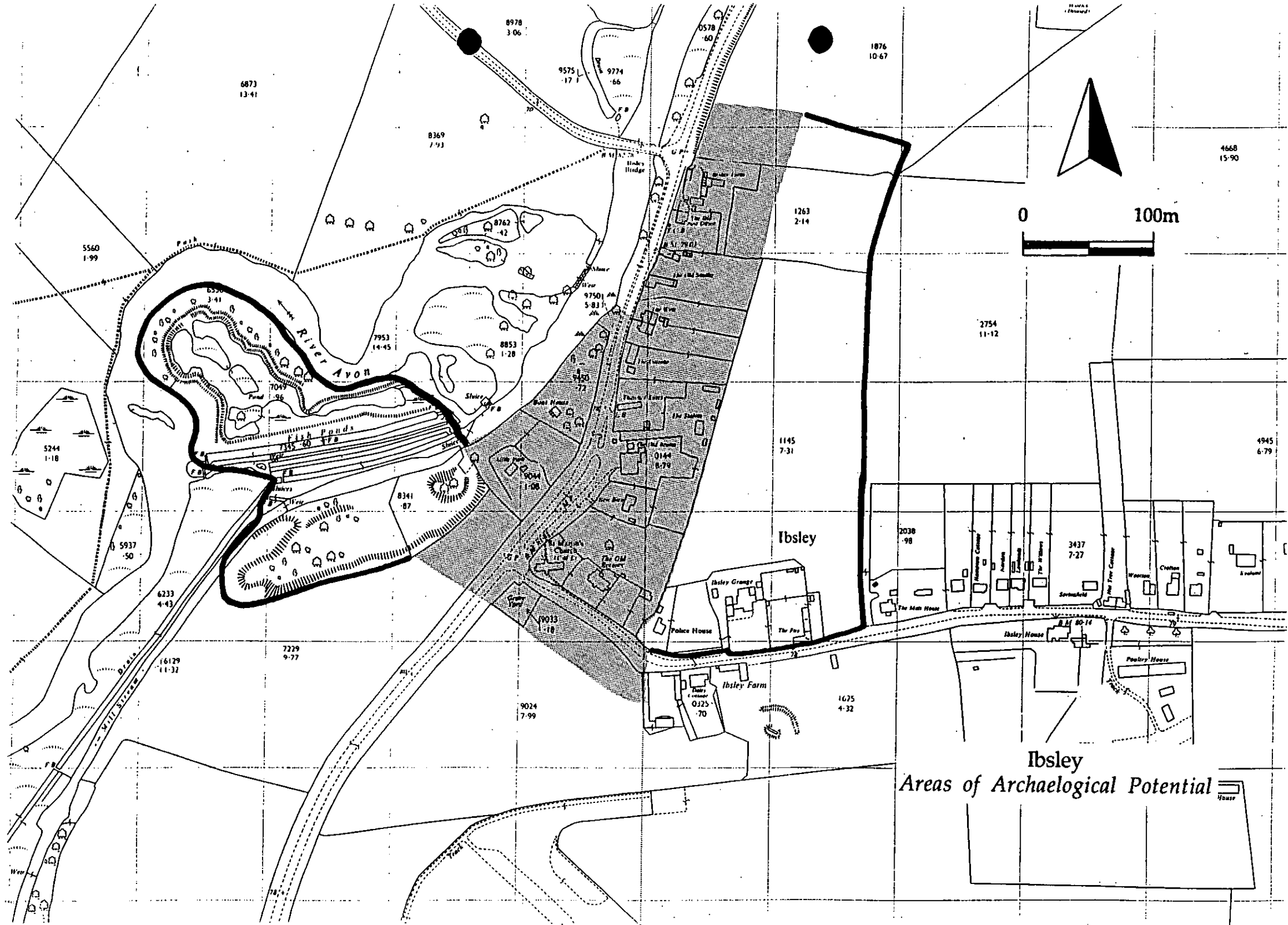
PHOTOGRAPHS

OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

Fieldwalking S of Ibsley produced a thin scatter of med pot, probably from manuring.



Ibsley
Based on OS 1st Edition 6"
map of 1886



Ibsley
 Areas of Archaeological Potential