

NAME Kimpton  
PARISH Kimpton  
HUNDRED Andover  
DISTRICT Test Valley  
NGR SU 281467  
GEOLOGY River and Valley gravels, surrounded by Upper chalk.

SITE CONTEXT The village lies in a wide shallow valley at just under 90m OD. The road into the village from the S runs up the valley and divides in the village; one route continues N following the line of a smaller valley while another route forks to the W along the line of a second small valley with a very low spur between the two. The village is sited at the junction of the two small valleys. The surrounding land rises gently to generally a little over 100m OD. A drain is marked on the 1:2,500 OS map in the valley bottom and the land to the E of the road entering the village from the S is certainly quite wet.

PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION Irregular agglomeration/Irregular row with green.

The main unit of the settlement is the block principally N of and including the church which has an irregular row along the frontage to the E-W road. The tofts are all irregular in size though mainly squarish in shape.

To the E of the church is a green which has had some encroachment on at the S end.

In the NW corner there is a small unit surrounded by roads and N of the green is another similar sized unit. Did the road along the N side of the W unit continue across to the N of the E unit forming a small grid?

Earthworks N of the E-W road between the last two mentioned units need further investigation and may add to the picture of this part of the village.

#### AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The AHAP covers the large central unit of the C19 plan which includes the church and most of the sites of occupation within the settlement at that time. However, it also extends to the N to include the earthworks, house sites and the area of the former road on the N side of the lane bounding the central block and to the S of the church and Kimpton House into the area of park which appears to contain earthworks. The N part of the park is regarded as being an AHAP because of the earthworks and its proximity to the church and Kimpton House - a possible early focus for settlement.

Not all of this park area is included in the AHAP, the part to the S forms part of the AAP but the need for more information from survey in this area must be stressed. It is possible that there has been some shift in settlement during the creation of the park for the earlier Kimpton House. Also an AAP is the field on the E side of the road to the S opposite the park which has some earthworks of unknown function.

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD St Peter and St Paul. Chancel C13 with lancet windows and early C14 tomb recess. C13 blocked N door, S arcade Dec, Perp NW window. Tower 1837.

The churchyard is an irregular polygon

## BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Kimpton Manor Farmhouse C16 and early C19 II\*  
Service building 10m W of Kimpton Manor Farmhouse Early C19 II (GV)  
Stable 30m W of Kimpton Manor Farmhouse Early C19 II  
Garden walls to Kimpton Manor Farmhouse Early C19 II  
Church of St Peter and St Paul I  
Coach-house and wall converted to a dwelling 1835 II  
Bailiff's Cottage Late C18 II  
Kimpton Down Inn Late C18 and mid C19 II  
Alexander Cottage Once 2 Early C19 II (GV)  
Paddock Cottage Late C18 II  
Manor Cottage Farmhouse 1740 with C20 W side extension II  
Barn 10m SW of Manor Cottage Farmhouse C18 II  
Cartshed 20m NW of Manor Cottage Farmhouse Early C19 II (GV)  
Stable and cartshed range E of Manor Cottage Farmhouse C18 and early C19 II  
Cob boundary wall to Manor Cottage Farmhouse Early C19 II (GV)  
Garden Cottage Once 2 separate C16 timber framed buildings linked in C18 II  
Kimpton and Yew Tree Cottages C17, C19 and late C20 extensions II  
Wall Cottage Late C18 II  
The Vines Late C18 and early C19 II

(Un-listed)

## SMR DATA

5	28354668	BA ring ditch crop mark
8	28114662	Med church
13	28124733	Roman ornament C3
14	28204660	Saxon coin Edw. Confessor
39	28104660	Med village mentioned in Domesday Book
45	28304690	Saxon coin Edw. Confessor
59	28154648	Ewks Unclass Area of parkland with low linear banks
60	28254655	Ewks Large and irregular depressions and mounds
62	28964670	Possible DMV Littleton Fm
66	28004720	Site of post-med windmill
68	28114672	Roman? Treat with caution
72	28004660	Victorian landscape park
73	28154666	Med building C16

## ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

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| 1  | 28194684 | Site of 3 detached cottages which ran along the line of the N boundary of Barn Tiles and Old Bakery   |
| 2  | 28234681 | Site of building shown on Tithe map   |
| 3  | 28144676 | Site of cottage shown on Tithe map  |
| 4  | 28104674 | ditto   |
| 5  | 28054675 | ditto   |
| 6  | 28034672 | Site of outbuilding shown on Tithe map  |
| 7  | 27994658 | Site of Kimpton House shown on Tithe map  |
| 8  | 28184664 | Site of cottage shown on Tithe map. The cottage stood on an island surrounded by roads. To the W of the cottage in the paddock E of the church was a large outbuilding ranged around three sides of the paddock   |
| 9  | 27954682 | Course of former road   |
| 10 | 27954676 | Site of 2 detached cottages shown on Tithe map. Although there is no earthwork directly associated with this site, the field on the N side of the road does contain earthworks, one of which may be associated with the former road (New Site 9). Earthworks are also visible, though very slight, in the field to the E of this site which meets the road to the N between Ridgeway House and Old Bakery |
| 11 | 27984671 | Site of cottage shown on Tithe map  |
| 12 | 27944674 | ditto   |

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES 1:2,500 SU 2646-2746, 2846-2946; Tithe map 21M65/F7/132/2 (1839).

#### AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY

#### PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

**Domesday** Hugh of Port. Geoffrey holds from him. Wynsi TRE in freehold. Then and now it paid tax for 2 hides. Land for 3 pl. In lordship 2 pl; 2 villagers and 8 smallholders with 1 pl. 1 slave; useless woodland. Value before 1066, 60s later 40s; now £4.

#### Subsidy Rolls

1334	3. 3. 2/2f
1524	7. 4. 6 (29 taxpayers)

(Both records are for Kimpton and Littleton).

**Manorial Documents** Two manors- Kimpton and Littleton and Shoddesdon

#### Hearth Tax

1665	55 hearths chargeable (19 houses)
	11 hearths not chargeable (11 houses) Total 30 houses

PLACE NAME 1086 *Chementune*. OE *Cymantun/Cymingtun* 'Cyma's farm'.

PHOTOGRAPHS

OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

Kimpton  
*Based on Tithe Map of 1835*





