

NAME King's Somborne
PARISH King's Somborne
HUNDRED King's Somborne
DISTRICT Test Valley
NGR SU 360310
GEOLOGY River gravels and sand. Upper chalk to N and S

SITE CONTEXT King's Somborne lies along the course of a small tributary stream on the E side of the River Test at just below 40m OD. The valley of the Test is 1km to the W of the village. To the N and S the land rises to over 80m OD and as the valley sides rise reasonably steeply, occupation is restricted to the valley floor.

PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION Composite. Irregular agglomeration and irregular row.

At the heart of the settlement opposite the church there is an almost square area bounded by roads that contains the Old Vicarage and Parsonage Farm. Was this the vicar's manse? Facing this area on its SW side is the church with the site of John of Gaunt's palace S of the church. The road leading to the E from the NE corner of the central block follows the line of the stream along which there was an area of green called Perry Green in the C18 where the two lanes curve to the N. These lanes and the plots between and to the E of them add to the irregularity of the plan. A degree of regularity is provided by the long continuous boundary along the back of the properties on the S side of the road to the E. However, the C19 plan shows an irregular row with several vacant plots but the map of 1739 shows some of the plots with houses in them. It is most likely that all the vacant plots were once occupied. The line of the rear boundary is marked by a change in height between the plots and the arable land behind. What is not clear from the plan is that there is probably a similar unit along the N side of the road as well as a rear boundary is evident as part of the earthworks behind Manor Farm.

The main route through the village is the road entering from the SW, running along the W side of the 'square' and leaving the village in the centre N of the plan. Along this road W of the church are a series of small plots, especially along the N side of the road. Where the road climbs out of the village there is a string of small irregular plots which are probably a later accretion to the plan.

AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The large AHAP covers the central area of the village including the square unit, the church and the site of the palace. It also extends along the roads to the SW and E to include the building lines on both sides of the road. Small extensions in the NW cover the site of two cottages which were in existence in the early C18 and Fromans which is of C16 date.

To the N of the village an AAP includes the probable post-medieval expansion along Stockbridge Road, the earthworks N of the Old Vicarage and the land behind the

possible row on the N side of the road to the E. Arable fields about the rear boundary of the plots on the S side of this road and so no AAP has been drawn behind this row.

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD St Peter and St Paul. Part of S arcade early C13 with part of chancel arch of the same time, Dec E window. N and S chancel chapels C14. Arcades of 1886. C13 effigy of a priest in later recess.

BUILDINGS

(Listed)

North Park Fm Hse Mid C18 of 2 builds II
Barn 30m W (c.1800) and granary 30m NW (C18) of N Park Fm Hse II
Howe Park Barn C17 converted 1981 II
Brook Fm Hse C18 altered C19 II
No 11 Brook Cottages C17 extended C18 II
No 7 Brook Cottages C17 II
Barn 50m SW (C17 and C18 and Stable 15m S (C18) of Parsonage Fmhse II
Snowdrop Cottage, The Cross C16 extended C18 II
Austin Cross Cottage C18 II
Muss Cottage, Muss Lane C16 partially rebuilt C18 II
Wisteria C18 II
Dove Cottage C17 extended C20 II
Morecroft and Vine Cottage Late C18 II
Nos 1-4 Diamond Cottages, Nutchers Lane Late C18 II
Nos 1-4 Tarrant Villas Mid C19 II
Riverside Cottage and Cherry Tree Cottage, Old Vicarage Lane Early C19 II
Garden wall W from the Old Vicarage C18 and C19 II
Triangle Cottages Late C18 altered C19 II (GV)
The Old Vicarage C18 II*
Stables 10m E of the Old Vicarage Later C18 and C19 II
Old Palace Lodge and Palace Fmhse Now 2 C16 core refronted C17 and C18 altered C19 remodelled 1965 II
Goosehill, Romsey Rd Mid C19 II
Parsonage Fmhse Early C18 altered C19 II
Church of St Peter and St Paul II*
Rose Cottage C17 and cross wing of C19 II
Frohams Fmhse C16 altered C18 and C19 II
Barn and shed NW of Frohams Fmhse C18 II
Cob wall around garden 40m SE of Frohams Fmhse C18 II
Yew Tree Cottage C17 II
The Crown PH C17 altered C18 and late C20 II
Sheppon Once 2 Early C19 II
Crown Hill Cottage C16 II
Willow Cottage Early C19 II
Yew Tree Cottage C17 encased C18 and refronted C19 II
Pear Tree Cottage Early C19 II
Thatched Cottage and Middle Cottage Once 1 C16 enlarged C18 and C20 II
September Cottage C18 II

Hayes Fmhse C16 altered C18 II
 Barn 20m S of Hayes Fmhse C17 II
 Marsh Court Farm Cottages, Stockbridge Rd Early C20 Lutyens II
 Sheds to rear of Marsh Court Fm Cottages Early C20 Lutyens II
 Cowshed 25m E of Barn and cartshed 25m NW of Barn Early C20 II
 Barn alongside road at Marsh Court Farm Early C20 Lutyens II
 Cartshed 10m NW of barn along road Early C20 Lutyens II
 Manor Farmhouse Mid C18 altered mid C19 earlier core II
 Methodist chapel, Winchester Rd 1826 II
 Old Butchers Shop Mid C18 altered C20 II
 Spencers Fm Cottages Once 1 Early C18 II
 Granary 2m E of Manor Fmhse C18 II
 Barn and stables 20m SE of Manor Fmhse C18 II
 New Fmhse Early C18 altered C19 II
 The White House C18 altered C19 II
 Westfield Villa Early C19 II
 Andover Arms PH C17 encased C18 extended early and late C19 II
 No 9 Early C19 II
 Woodmans Cottage C18 II
 The Cruck Cottage C15 extended C18 and C20 II
 Prospect House Mid C18 extended late C18 possibly earlier core II
 Briar Cottage Once 3 C17 encased C18 extended C19 II
 Nos 1 and 2 Red Hill Cottages Once 1 C17 extended C18 II
 Manor Fm Cottages Once 2 Early C19 II

(Un-listed)

Modern development has mainly occurred on the S side of the village on land adjoining the site of the Palace and on the outskirts of the village on the road to the SW. As with most settlements there has been some infill on vacant plots within the core of the settlement.

SMR DATA

45	36023098	Med church
46	36003119	Frohams Fm Hse C16
47	35883097	Crown Hill Cottage C16
48	35713082	Hayes Fm Hse C16
49	35783088	Thatched Cottage, Middle Cottage C16
52	36633128	Manor Fm Hse C16
53	36603129	Negative evidence. Excavation 1 sq m, 0.9m deep
57	36003085	Med manor house - John of Gaunt's manor
58	35003130	Med deer park
59	35193052	Med fish ponds
60	36033093	Ewk Archery butt?
67	36503150	Meso flint trenchet axe
78	35983095	Saxon ditch containing pot, faunal remains and slag
135	36803050	Meso flint debitage
144	35753089	Med pot from exc in Middle Cottage
146	36203050	Prehist ditch and pot

147	36203050	Ditch - Eldon Close date unknown - no finds
150	36053105	Parsonage Barn Fm c.1600 Med pit and pot
153	36063082	Saxon pot Edge of Saxon occupation?
154	36003090	Saxon sunken floored hut and post-holes

ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

- 1 35803108 Site of two cottages shown on Tithe map with another cottage in the SW corner of the field at 35863101. The field has been ploughed but the surface is uneven which may be due to the presence of ploughed out earthworks which extend beyond the areas of the cottages
- 2 36583136 Earthworks. NW of Manor Fm. Along the line of the footpath is a scarp slope facing Manor Fm. NW of this scarp are at least two linear earthworks running at right-angles to the scarp slope. In the area between the two linear features and directly NW of Manor Fm there are humps and bumps including a possible small platform. The scarp slope along the footpath continues to the SW behind other properties and also to the NE into the field across the road. A map of 1734 shows a small square structure which may be a dovecote to the N of this area
- 3 36703122 Scarp slope along the line of the rear boundary to Manor Fm Cottages. At the NE end of the enclosure there are 'humps and bumps'. The map of 1734 shows three cottages in this tapering plot with a possible vacant plot at the NE end
- 4 36383106 Site of house shown on map of 1734. There are some earthworks on this site, mainly short lengths of scarp slopes
- 5 36493123 Site of house shown on map of 1734
- 6 36153120 'Humps and bumps' and several scarp slopes. The scarps are more in the middle and N end of the field with the humps and bumps at the S end of the field alongside the road and possibly represent occupation

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES 1:2,500 SU 3631-3731, 3630-3730, 3431-3531, 3430-3530; Tithe map 21M65/F7/135/2 (1841); Estate map 2M37/56 (1734).

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Hase, P. 1988 'The Mother Churches of Hampshire' in *Minsters and Parish Churches* Oxford University Committee for Archaeology Oxford

- Hill, R. 1975 'The manor of Stockbridge' in *Proceedings of the Hampshire Field Club* Vol 32 pp 93-101.
- Hill, R. 1976 'Some Parish Boundaries in Hampshire' in Sawyer, P.H. [Ed] *Medieval Settlement* Edward and Arnold
London

PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

Domesday The King holds Somborne in lordship. It was a royal manor but it was not apportioned in hides. Land for 10 pl. In lordship 3 pl. 25 villagers and 8 smallholders with 8 pl. 2 slaves; 3 mills at 15s. 7 freedmen; meadow, 20 acres; pasture at 17s; from grazing 10d. The jurisdiction of two Hundreds belong to this manor. 2 churches, to which 0.5 hide belong in alms. The reeve claims for the use of this manor 1 virgate and the pasture which they call the Down, which pays 15s. The Count of Mortain holds it but the Hundred testifies that it ought to lie in the King's lordship revenue; it was so before 1066 and the meadow in it.

Waleran. Roger from him. Ednoth TRE from the King. Then and now it answered for 1.5 hides. Land for 1 pl. 2 villagers with 0.5 pl. Meadow, 18 acres. Value before 1066 and later 30s; now 20s.

Waleran also holds 1 hide and Roger from him. Maynard held it from King Edward. Land for 1.5 pl. 3 smallholders. Meadow, 6 acres. Value before 1066, 30s; later 20s; now 10s.

Another entry simply states Somborne and has not been assigned to Kings, Little or Up Somborne.

William of Eu holds 'SOMBORNE' from the King. Toli the Dane held it from King Edward. Then it answered for 14 hides; now 7.5 hides. Land for 12 pl. In lordship 2 pl; 19 villagers and 5 smallholders with 8 pl. 13 slaves; a mill at 10s; meadow, 68 acres; 9 burgesses' residences pay 12s 2d. Value before 1066, later, and now £14; however, it pays £16 of revenue.

Subsidy Rolls

1334	7. 8. 2
1524	3. 14. 4 (41 taxpayers but at second survey the amount was 14. 9. 4 with 74 taxpayers)

Manorial Documents

Hearth Tax

1665	88 hearths chargeable (41 houses) 50 hearths not chargeable (49 houses) Total 90 houses
------	--

PLACE NAME 909 *swinburnan*; 1086 *Sunburne*. OE 'pig stream', a left tributary of the Test. A royal manor before and after 1066.

PHOTOGRAPHS

OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

A mother church on C12 evidence (Hase 1988, p63). Stockbridge and Little Somborne were dependent chapels (Hill 1976, p63).

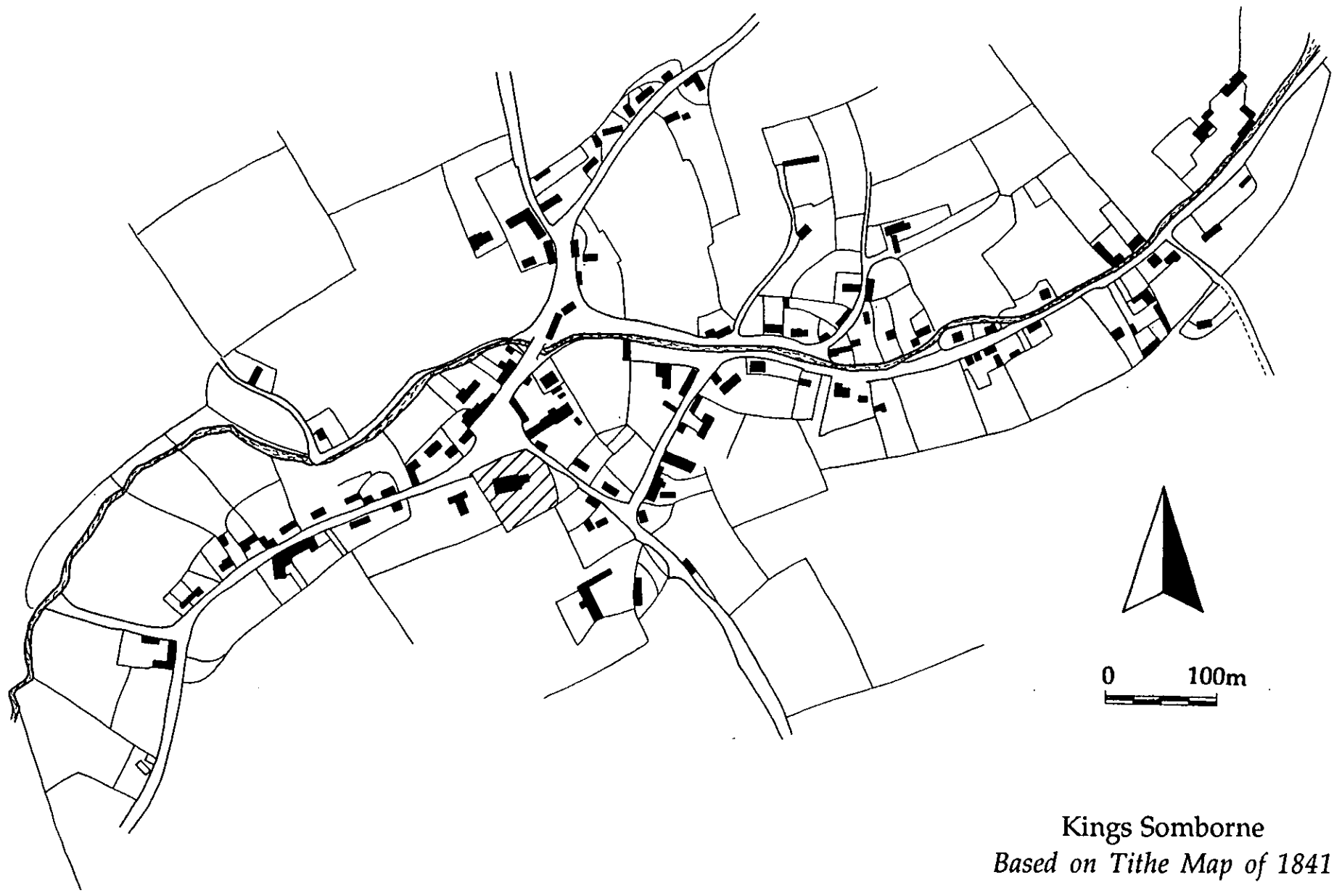
VCH locate the last Domesday entry above as being Up Somborne but Hill believes that it is Stockbridge that is being recorded (Hill 1975).

The vicar's 'manse' in King's Somborne was accidently burnt down between 1305 and 1322 (Hill 1976, p63).

1530-1 The king's mill had fallen into a state of decay. Orders were given that it should be repaired. (Horsebridge Mill).

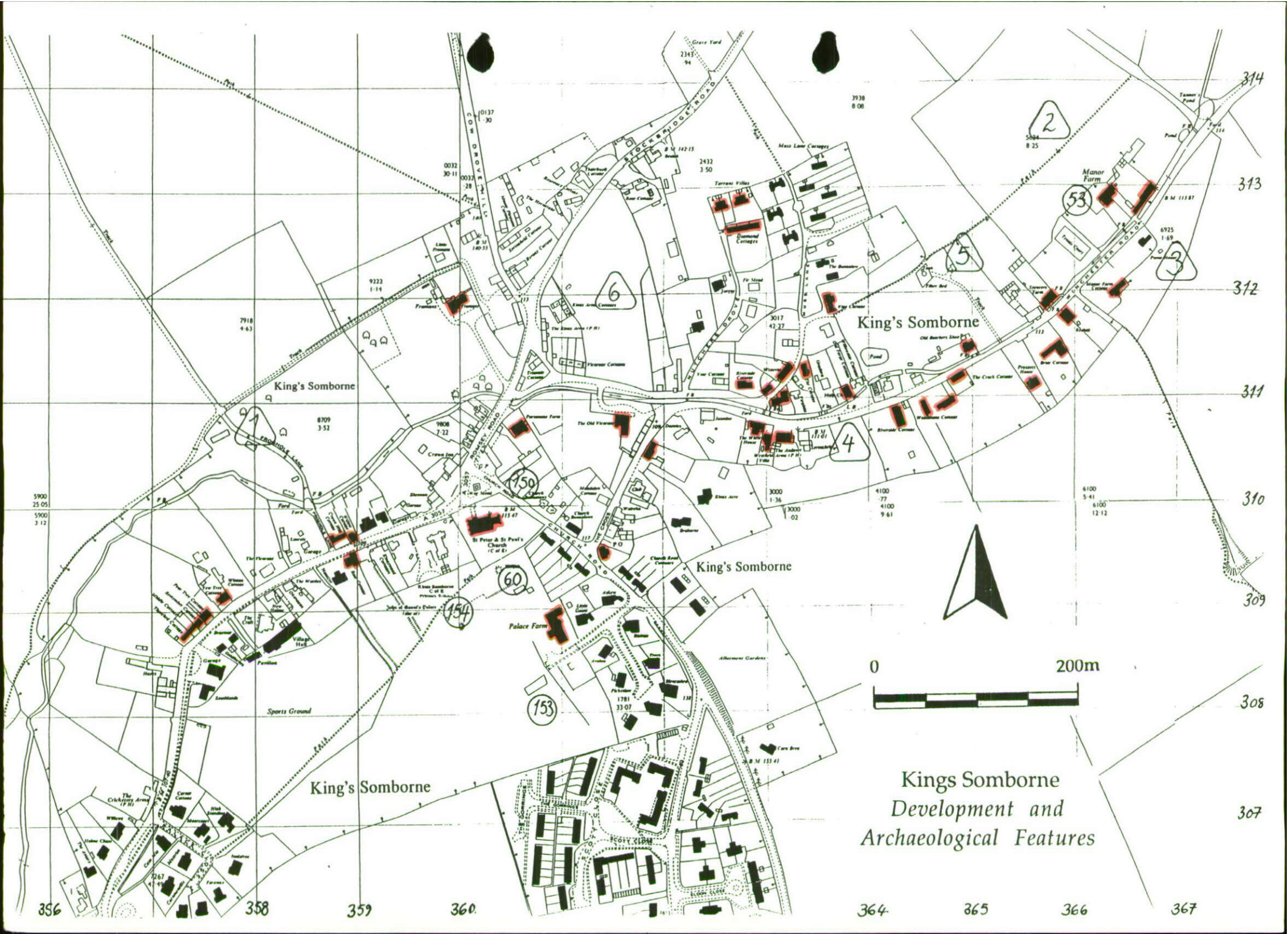
1651 Commonwealth Commisioners Report. Somborne Park. Warren and Lodge: All that messuage called the Warreners Lodge on the E of the park and near the middle of the warren consisting of a hall, a fair wainscot parlour, a kitchen, a mill house and other necessary rooms. . . bounded on the E and N by the town fields and on the W by Cowleas Meadow.

In King's Somborne parish there is the decayed parish of Upper Eldon. The old church stands in the farmyard of Manor Farm. This church may be the second church referred to in the Domesday Book.



0 100m

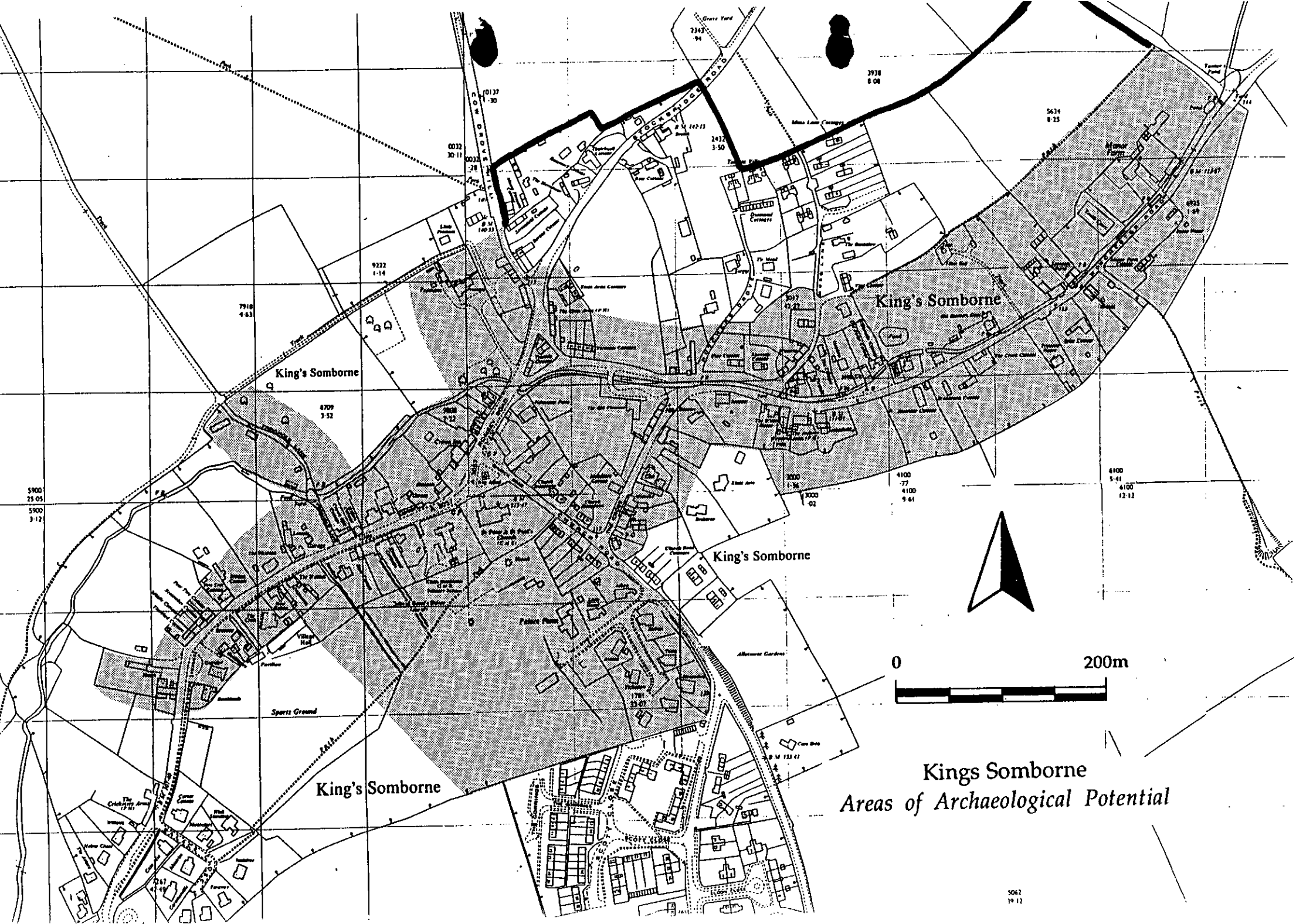
Kings Somborne
Based on Tithe Map of 1841



Kings Somborne
Development and
Archaeological Features

356 358 359 360 364 365 366 367

314
313
312
311
310
309
308
307



King's Somborne

King's Somborne

King's Somborne

King's Somborne



Kings Somborne
Areas of Archaeological Potential