

NAME Leckford
PARISH Leckford
HUNDRED King's Somborne
DISTRICT Test Valley
NGR SU 376376
GEOLOGY Upper chalk and alluvium to W

SITE CONTEXT The village is sited on the SE bank of the River Test at between 40-50m OD. The small road heading E out of the village towards Chilbolton Down leaves the village in a small tributary valley which now appears to be dry. Immediately SE of the main road running along the line of the valley of the Test, the land rises sharply, confining the settlement to a small terrace above the flood plain.

PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION Irregular row

The NE-SW road has an irregular row along the NW side. Most of the tofts here are small and irregular with some evidence for later accretions, for example to the N of the church.

The road to the SE has irregular rows on both sides and the different toft lengths, especially on the S side which probably represent growth phases. There are further additions S of the church with a farm complex at the extreme SW end of the village.

AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The AHAP includes all of the land on the NW side of the road through the village from where the road leaves the line of the railway to Abbots Manor Farm and also the land alongside the road on its SE side to the small lane to the SE near the Old Rectory. Nos 16-19, lying in the E corner of the junction of the main road and the road to the SE date from C16 and the C19 plots to the NE suggest that there may have been further occupation along this side of the road.

The various sized plots along the road to the SE are included within the AAP as is the area including the Old Rectory and Abbess Cottage. These areas probably represent later accretions to the main part of the settlement but of exactly what date is uncertain. Nos 1-3 on the N side of the SE road have a C17 core and show that development along this road was under way in the early post-medieval period at least.

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD St Nicholas. External features are all Perp. Chancel off centre from the nave so it is possible that an aisle existed and has been removed.

The churchyard is an irregular quadrangle.

BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Leckford Hut PH Mid C18 extended C19 and C20 II
Nos 1 and 2 Leckford Lane Mid C18, possibly earlier core with C19 additions II
Ashborne Once 2 C18 with C19 additions II (GV)
Nos 16-19 C16 and C17 probably originally 2 buildings II
Church Cottage C17, altered C19 II
May Tree Cottage Late C18 II
Church of St Nicholas II*
No 28 C17, refaced C18 II
No 29 C18 altered C19 II
The Old Rectory Early and mid C29 II
Fishing Cottage Early C19 II
Leckford Abbas 1900 II
Folly Once 2 Late C18 and early C19 II
Nos 1-3 Winchester St Once 1 C17 core encased in C18 II
Forge Cottage and attached former smithy Now 2 C18 and early C19 II
Nos 8-11 Early C19 II
Nos 13 and 14 Mid C19 II
The White House early C19 altered C20 II
No 12 Early C19 II
Cob wall running from No 12 Early C19 II
New Farm House C17 core, re-built C18 and extended C19 II
New Farm Cottage C17 II
Barn 100m N of New Farm House C17 altered C19 and C20 II
Barn 125m N of New Farm House C17 reclad C19 II

(Un-listed)

SMR DATA

48	37803760	Prehist strip lynchets
61	37503771	Med building C16 and C17 cottages
63	37393764	Med church
66	37503760	Med village mentioned in Domesday Book
113	37303750	Roman coin
114	37503770	Med pot found during drainage trench operations

ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

1	37173770	Site of 2 detached cottages on the waterfront shown on Tithe map
2	37603765	Site of 4 cottages ?The ones still there but drawn incorrectly?
3	37223753	Site of a series of outbuildings arranged around the four sides of a yard shown on Tithe map
4	37283750	Site of outbuilding shown on Tithe map
5	37663751	ditto
6	37363763	Site of cottage and outbuilding shown on Tithe map

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| 7 | 37443757 | Site of cottage shown on Tithe map |
| 8 | 37603757 | Site of 2 cottages to SW of chapel and 1 cottage and an outbuilding to NW shown on Tithe map |
| 9 | 37183744 | Three or four linear boundaries at right angles to the road running down the slope to near the road |

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES 1:2,500 SU 3637-3737; Tithe map 21M65/F7/141/2 (1843); 1M38 (1734).

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

BIBLIOGRAPHY

PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

Domesday St Peter's of Winchester. Before 1066 it answered for 5 hides; now for 2.5 hides. Land for 3 pl. In lordship 1 pl; 2 slaves; 1.5 mills at 22s 6d; meadow, 20 acres. Value before 1066 and later £3; now £4.

St Mary's Winchester. It was always in the lands of the Church. Before 1066 it answered for 5 hides; now for 1 hide. Land for 3 pl. In lordship 2; 5 villagers and 2 smallholders with 2 pl. 3 slaves; meadow, 15 acres. Value before 1066 £3; later and now £4.

Subsidy Rolls

1334	2. 0. 0
1524	3. 12. 4 (39 taxpayers (with Fullerton))

Manorial Documents Manors of Leckford Abbots and Leckford Abbess. An C18 map also suggests that there was a third tithing.

Hearth Tax

1665	Leckford Abbots
	30 hearths chargeable (17 houses)
	2 hearths not chargeable (2 houses) Total 19 houses
	Leckford Abbess
	17 hearths chargeable (8 houses)
	15 hearths not chargeable (15 houses) Total 23 houses

PLACE NAME 947 *leahtforda*, *leghford*. Possible that there was an OE word *leaht* meaning 'irrigation channel, side channel' and thus ancestor to ME *leat*. Therefore 'the ford across the leat'.

PHOTOGRAPHS

OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

941 King Edred granted 10 *mansae* which were to be divided equally between St Mary Winchester and St Peter, Winchester (Hyde Abbey).

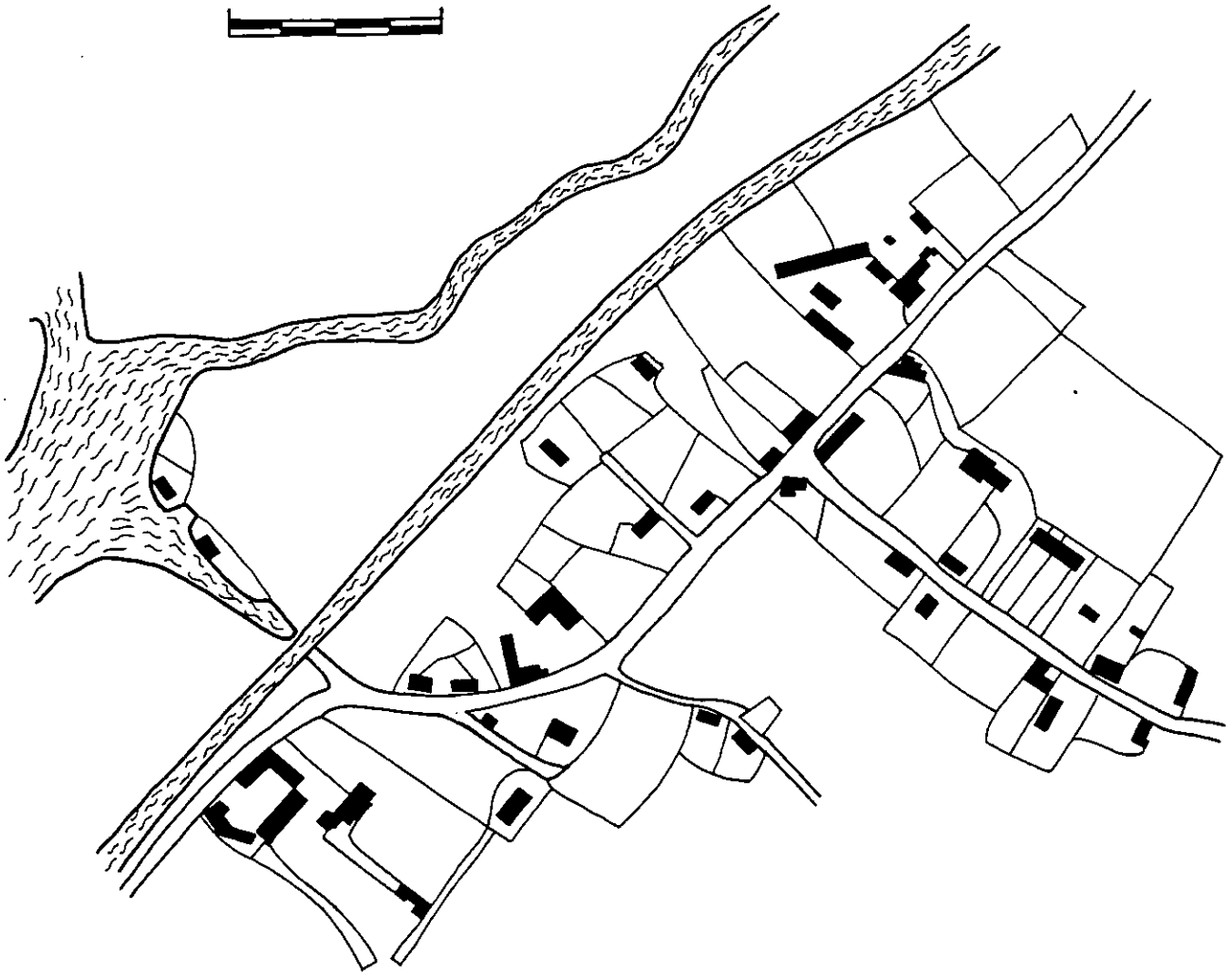
1315 Richard de Leckford held a mill pond in Leckford (VCH Vol IV p 446).

Grant of land by King Eadred to Eadwulf, priest of land at Leckford 947 (ref. 526 in Sawyer, 1968, p 195).

Grant of land by Eadwulf, priest, to Nun's Minster, Winchester 947x955 (ref. 1419 in Sawyer, 1968, p 399).



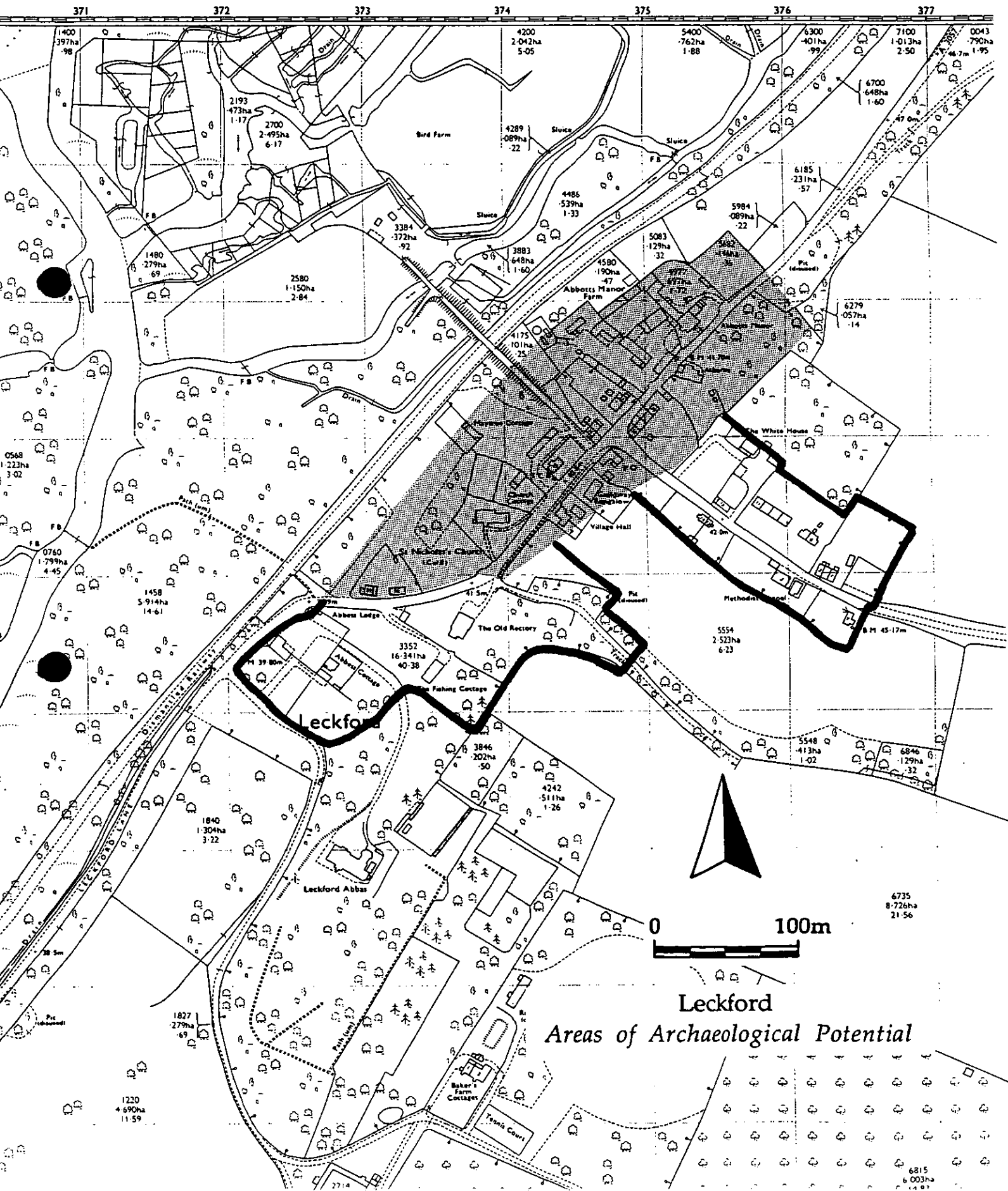
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A horizontal scale bar with alternating black and white segments, indicating a distance of 100 meters.

Leckford
Based on Tithe Map of 1839



Leckford
Development and
Archaeological Features



Leckford
Areas of Archaeological Potential