

NAME Little Somborne
PARISH Little Somborne
HUNDRED King's Somborne
DISTRICT Test Valley
NGR SU 383327
GEOLOGY River gravels and sand. Upper chalk to N and S

SITE CONTEXT The settlement is sited at the junction of two small valleys at a little below 50m OD. The remains of the settlement and the church all lie in the northern most of the two valleys. The spur between the valleys rises to 70m OD and to the W of the settlement the valley sides reach 90m OD.

PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION C19 Irregular agglomeration with green. C18 Regular row.

The Tithe map shows a small cluster of cottages around a green with the church on the W side and a farm to the SW. To the N is Little Somborne House.

The C18 picture is very different in that there was a regular row of houses along the E side a road from the church to Little Somborne House with the odd house on the W side.

AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The area around the Saxon church and between the church and Little Somborne House is an AHAP. Along the valley N of the church there are earthworks of the former houses and around the green there were many more houses than at present although they are not represented by earthworks. Also within the AHAP is Park Farm and the area facing the green on the SW side of the road.

The area surrounding Park Fm is an AAP as it is possible that settlement extended along the line of the former road to King's Somborne.

Within Little Somborne Park there is a least one earthwork feature recorded on the SMR which has been tentatively assigned to the medieval village so any part of the park should be evaluated before ground disturbance takes place.

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD All Saints. Saxon nave. Late Norman W doorway and several altered Norman windows. Also late Norman blocked former chancel arch. 2 lancets in E wall.

BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Little Somborne House Mid C18 with early C19 addition at one end II
Whitehall Early C19 II
All Saints church II*
Church Cottage C18 with older core II
Little Somborne Fmhse C17 encased and ext C18 altered C20 II

Barn 5m SE of Little Somborne Fmhse C17 II

SMR DATA

35	38703265	Ditch of unknown date
54	38223265	Saxon church
66	38303270	Med shrunken village
73	38503250	Meso flints Pick factory
129	38353275	Boundary of unknown date
131	38263285	Moated site Suggested
141	38103300	Med linear Ewk Part of DMV?
156	38153280	Landscape park around Little Somborne House

ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

1	38133261	Site of several outbuildings shown on Tithe map W and SW of Park Fm
2	38243263	Sites of several cottages and outbuildings that were arranged along the SE side of a green opposite the church on the Tithe map

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES 1:2,500 SU 3832-3932; Tithe map 18M70/PD2.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

BIBLIOGRAPHY

PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

Domesday Bernard Pancevolt. Godwin held it from King Edward. Then it answered for 2 hides; now for 1 virgate. Land for 2 pl. In lordship 2 pl; 1 villager and 7 slaves. Value before 1066, 60s; later and now 70s.

Subsidy Rolls

1334	2. 3. 4
1524	9. 1. 8 (15 taxpayers)

Manorial Documents

Hearth Tax

PLACE NAME 909 *swinburnan* OE 'pig stream', a left tributary of the Test.

PHOTOGRAPHS

OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

1318 Mention of a mill (VCH Vol IV p 480).

Little Somborne
Based on Tithe Map of 1841





