

# Martyr Worthy

<b>1.0</b>	<b>PARISH</b>	Martyr Worthy, now Itchen Valley CP (Map 1)
<b>2.0</b>	<b>HUNDRED</b>	Fawley
<b>3.0</b>	<b>NGR</b>	451550 132790
<b>4.0</b>	<b>GEOLOGY</b>	Upper Chalk

## 5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Map 2)

The parish of Martyr Worthy is divided diagonally into two parts by the route of the M3, and also by the A33 Basingstoke Road. The parish is now a part of Itchen Valley CP. The settlement of Martyr Worthy is sandwiched between the river Itchen (south) and the B3047 (north). The Church of St Swithun stands at a minor crossroad junction where Church Lane (north / south) leads downhill to the river where it crosses, as a footbridge, into Easton. The route westward from St Swithun's is represented by the Pilgrims' Way, a leisure path. The eastbound route is the lane / footpath to the tithing of Chilland.

## 6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION (Maps 3, 4 and 5)

### Irregular agglomeration

**6.1** There are no buildings earlier than C18 north of the Church of Swithun though some buildings on the north side of Chilland Lane are shown on the 1811 parish survey (paragraph 11.0, no.2). South of the church, there are C20 houses but the rest are C16 / C17 or earlier. All of these early buildings existed in 1674 (Sharpe 1990: 8; HTS 1: 157, 161). They fall into four holdings. On the east side of Church Lane, south of Chilland Lane, are *Budds Upper Living* (Comfrey Cottage) and *Budds Lower Living* (Church Cottage). These two buildings are situated within a rectilinear plot of c. 100m<sup>2</sup>. The southern boundary of Budds Livings is shared with the relatively narrow east / west plot that was known as *Widow Lacys* (Hornton Cottage). This is a river-side property. On the west side of Church Lane and immediately south of St Swithun's and the Pilgrims' Way was a farm known as *Broadways*. Now known as *Priory Cottage*, this farmhouse is much modernised but has C16 and C17 fabric. The former farmyard is c. 100m<sup>2</sup> and it is almost a perfect square in shape, but the south-east corner is occupied by the house and grounds once known as *Wattes* (Tumbledown).

**6.2** *Synthesis* First impressions suggest that Martyr Worthy is a regular row settlement. This is not the case; it comprises an agglomeration of four late medieval (or earlier) holdings, and a church that are clustered around the approach to a fording point on the river Itchen. The layout is similar to that of Abbots Worthy c. 2km to the west, where the riverside buildings include a mill. Domesday Book mentions a mill worth 25s at Martyr Worthy and it is possible that this is a reference to the mill in the tithing of Chilland. It is equally possible that there was also a mill at Martyr Worthy itself. A

# Martyr Worthy

riverside *drain* 50m west of Tumbledown has little obvious purpose other than as a mill race. Access to this site is achieved from the church via the Pilgrims' Way, and by way of a footpath that skirts the northern perimeter of Tumbledown (see paragraph 11.0, no.4). The community does not include a medieval manor house. The house of that name on the north side of the church was once the Rectory (C19). Martyr Worthy Place on the B3047 is C18.

**6.3** *Site visit conditions:* strong sun (18.6.2002)

## **7.0** ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL (Map 5)

### **7.1** *AsAP*

Note new sites itemised in paragraph 11.0, nos 3 and 4 and Map 4.

### **7.2** *AsHAP*

**7.2.1** The church and churchyard of St Swithun is almost certainly a pre-Conquest site (see paragraph 14.1).

**7.2.2** The whole of the vernacular settlement east and south of the parish church including the four holdings and the grounds of the Hall as described in paragraph 6.1 and 6.2. The grounds of the community Hall have been examined (see above) but no building remains were reported. Cartographic evidence indicates that there was at least one building on this site, therefore further investigation could prove worthwhile. The grounds of the five C16 / C17 buildings have archaeological potential but from the available evidence it is not clear whether this extends beyond the standing buildings. At the very least one might expect to find rubbish disposal pits. It is worth noting that all of the buildings in this group are of roughly the same date that suggests that there was a rebuild of the entire settlement over a relatively short period of time. However, this hypothetical rebuilding probably made use of pre-existing plots.

## **8.0** CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

### **St Swithun**

- Church listed under Martyr Worthy entry in Domesday Book;
- The church is situated on a south-facing slope above the river Itchen;
- c.1140-50 single cell nave and chancel;
- C12 north and south doorways;
- There is scratch dial on the on the east jamb of the south door;
- C12 window east of south doorway;
- East jamb of south door has a consecration cross;
- Some C15 work including two light west window;
- Apsidal chancel added 1866 and other restoration carried out at this time;
- C19 vestry
- Wooden-framed bell turret of 1871.

# Martyr Worthy

## 9.0 BUILDINGS (Map 4)

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
1240	Church of St Swithun, Church Lane	C12, 15, 1865	II*
14293	Martyr Worthy Minor (garden feature)	not given	not listed
41008	Park House, Basingstoke Road: outbuilding at	not given	not listed
9519	Burntwood Farm, A33: milestone 300m north-east of entrance to	late C18 / early C19	II
9520	Burntwood Farmhouse, A33	early C18, 20	II
9521	Burntwood Farmhouse: barn 50m north of	C17, 18, 19	II
9522	Burntwood Farmhouse: stable range 15m north-west of	early C19, 20	II
9555	Worthy Park House, B3047	c. 1829	II*
9556	Worthy Park House: stable block 25m north-east of	1829, 20	II
9557	Graces Farmhouse, B3047 (Martyr Worthy Farm)	C18, 19	II
9558	Graces Farmhouse: barn 50m east of	C18	II
9559	Martyr Worthy Place, B3047	early C18, 19, 1911	II
9560	Martyr Worthy Place: gazebo 25m north of	C18, 20	II
9561	Martyr Worthy, B3047: war memorial at	early C20	II
9566	Upper Chilland House, Chilland Lane	early C18, 19	II*
9567	Lower Chilland House, Chilland Lane	mid C18, 1960II	
9568	The Mill House, Chilland Lane	mid C18, 20	II
9569	Chilland Ford, Chilland Lane	late C18, 19, 20	II
9570	Chilland Mill, Chilland Lane	late C18, 20	II
9579	The Manor House, Church Lane (formerly the rectory)	early C19, 20	II
9580	St Swithuns churchyard: 6 x tomb chests at	late C18, 19	II
9581	*3 Church Lane	C16, 17, 20	II
9582	*4 Church Lane	C16, 17, 20	II
9583	*5 Church Lane	C16, 17, 20	II
9584	Church Cottage (formerly Budds Lower Living, Church Lane)	C17, 20	II
9585	Hornton Cottage, Church Lane (formerly Widow Lacys)	C17, 20	II

# Martyr Worthy

## Additions:

- Priory Cottage (formerly Broadways), Church Lane C16, 17, 20 unlisted
- Tumbledown ((formerly Wattes), Church Lane C17, 20 unlisted?

\* In reality nos 3, 4, and 5 Church Lane are in Chilland Lane. This terrace is now a single unit known as *Comfrey Cottage* but in C17 it was called *Budds Upper Living* (HTS 1: 157)

## 10.0 SMR DATA SW 451250 I32435, NE 451995 I33115 (Map 4)

SU53SW	No.		
	5	451570 I32770	Medieval parish church of St Swithun (see paragraph 8.0).
	23	451600 I32800	Prehistoric (neolithic). Approximate find spot of
			flint assemblage.
	50	451600 I32800	Medieval. First documentary record AD 825.

## 10.1 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

Hants No.	NGR	Parish	NAR / NMR Nos
			None known, however the Roman road from Winchester to Silchester runs diagonally across the western portion of the parish.

## 10.2 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

SAM No.	NGR	Site
514	449900 I32900	Anglo-Saxon cemetery in Worthy Park at boundary between Kings Worthy parish (Abbots Worthy) and Martyr Worthy parish IH 10.2001).
527	450600 I33700	Late Iron Age settlement site north of Grace's Farm (but not at Kings Worthy as described).

## 11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Map 4)

1	451660 I32800	Approximate point amongst a series of linear earthworks that begin in the grounds to the rear of the community hall (C20) and from there continue eastwards into the adjoining field. The OS 1:10,560 map (1874) has a pond marked to the rear of the hall and these earthworks might have been associated with that feature. HTS (1: 161) gives details of an excavation on this site.
2	451650 I32785	A line sketch of the parish of Martyr Worthy, dated 1811 (HRO: 37M/72/PR/2) shows a building on the north side of Chilland Lane, seemingly on the site of the pond mentioned in paragraph 11.0, no 1.

# Martyr Worthy

- 3     451660 132650     The 1811 map shows a lost sub-rectangular barn yard and cottage within 50m north of the earthworks in question (behind the Old School House). This barn complex no longer exists but it might have been a part of Martyr Worthy Farm (Grace's Farm) that is situated 400m west-north-west on the B3047.
- 4     451400 132630     Conjectural mill site referred to in paragraph 6.2.

## 12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map     21M65/F7/153/2     (\* / 1841)
- GSGB 299     Winchester
- OS 1: 2500     SW 451250 132435, NE 451995 133115
- OS 1: 25000     Explorer 132: Winchester, New Alresford & East Meon
- OS 1: 10,560     451830 132726     (1874)
- HRO:     37M/72/PR/2     (1811)

## 13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Coates R 1989 *The Place-names of Hampshire* Southampton, Ensign
- HTS 1: 149-161 (includes other former parishes in the Itchen Valley)
- Finn P & Johnston P (ed) 1999 *A History of the Worthy Villages* Headbourne Worthy, Worthys Local History Group
- Sharpe MC 1990 *Martyr Worthy and Chilland* Parish Council
- VCH 3: 325-7

## 14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

### 14.1 Domesday Book

3, 13 (*Martyr*) Worthy was always in the (lands of the) Monastery (of Winchester). Before 1066 and now it answered for 3 hides. Land for 4 ploughs. In lordship 3 ploughs; 7 villagers and 9 smallholders with 1 plough. A church; 7 slaves; a mill at 25s; meadow, 6 acres. Value before 1066 and later £8; when acquired £6.

**NB** Sharpe, the local historian for Martyr Worthy (and Chilland) states that the settlement is not in Domesday Book, which is not correct. The source of the error is VCH 1: 326 where the same assertion was made. The fault was not corrected when Sharpe's booklet was revised (posthumously) in 1990 (6 and 19). The persistence of this inaccuracy is a cause for concern.

### 14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£0.9.9	
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	£1.9.8	(17 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£1.6.10	(15 taxpayers)

# Martyr Worthy

## 14.3 Manors

Worthy (Martyr); Chilland.

## 14.4 Hearth Tax 1665

17 hearths chargeable (6 houses)

3 houses not chargeable (2 houses). Total: 8 houses.

## 15.0 PLACE NAME

825 (C12) (*æt*) *worþige*, *worðige* (Martyr Worthy); 854 (C12) (to), *æt worðige* (?Headbourne Worthy); 904 (?C16) (to) *worthigsætena* (*mearc*) (Headbourne Worthy); 904 (? C16) (*andlang*) *worthihæma* (*mearc*) (Headbourne Worthy). 955 x 958 (C14) (*æt þan twan*) *worþigum* (?King's and Martyr Worthy); 1001 *worðig* (?Headbourne Worthy); 1026 (C12) *wurthige* (Abbot's Worthy in King's Worthy); 1086 *Ordie* (all) (Coates, 1989: 182).

## 16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

- None taken.

## 17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS

### 17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters

- AD 854 Æthelwulf, king of Wessex, to the Church; general grant of privileges with specific grant to Hunsige, *minister*, for land at Martyr Worthy, Hampshire. *Latin with English bounds* (146 / **304**).
- AD 868 Æthelred, king of Wessex, to Hunsige, his *minister*; grant of land at Martyr Worthy, Hampshire. *Latin with English bounds* (155 / **340**).
- AD 963 X 975 King Edgar to the church of Winchester; confirmation of land at Twyford, Crawley, Owslebury, Hensting in Colden Common, Hampshire; *Hortun*; Bishopstoke, Otterbourne, Chilland in Martyr Worthy, Easton and Hunton, Hampshire. *Latin* (260 / **827**).

### 17.2 Other parish settlements include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>NGR / map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
Chilland	1385	452110 132640	1158

# Martyr Worthy

## 17.3 Enclosures

### *Parliamentary:*

<i>NEP No.</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
None.				

### *Formal Agreements:*

<i>NEP No.</i>	<i>Agreement</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
----------------	------------------	--------------	----------------

Martyr Worthy was enclosed by informal means by 1840. A *line sketch* of the parish dated 1811 (HRO: 37M/72/PR2) shows an almost fully-enclosed landscape with no commons. It is also clear that the process of enclosure was a protracted one. Some of the enclosure boundaries are shown as having meandering boundaries, a clear sign that open field furlong divisions had been used to parcel-up the land. This type of enclosure would be consistent with a late C16 or C17 date. At the south end of the parish, either side of the B 3047, the boundaries are straight and formal and the enclosures are smaller, a layout more consistent with C18 and C19 practices.

## 17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

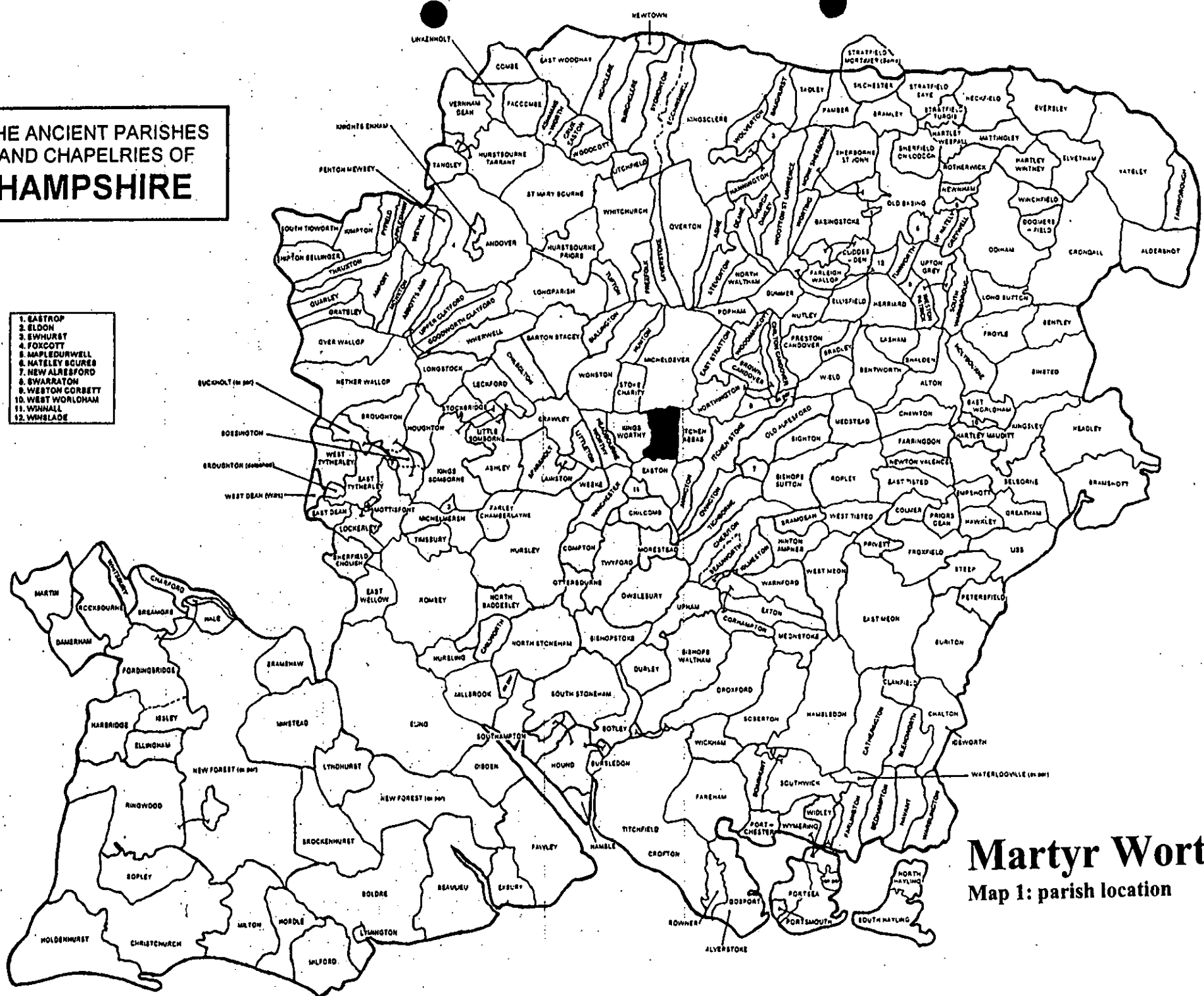
None recorded in 1874 (see paragraph 17.3).

## 18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

- 1 Map 1: Parish location (not to scale)
- 2 Map 2: General (settlement) location at 1: 25000
- 3 Map 3: Ordnance Survey First Edition County Series (c. 1870s) not to scale
- 4 Map 4: Development & archaeological features at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 5 Map 5: Areas of archaeological potential at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%.

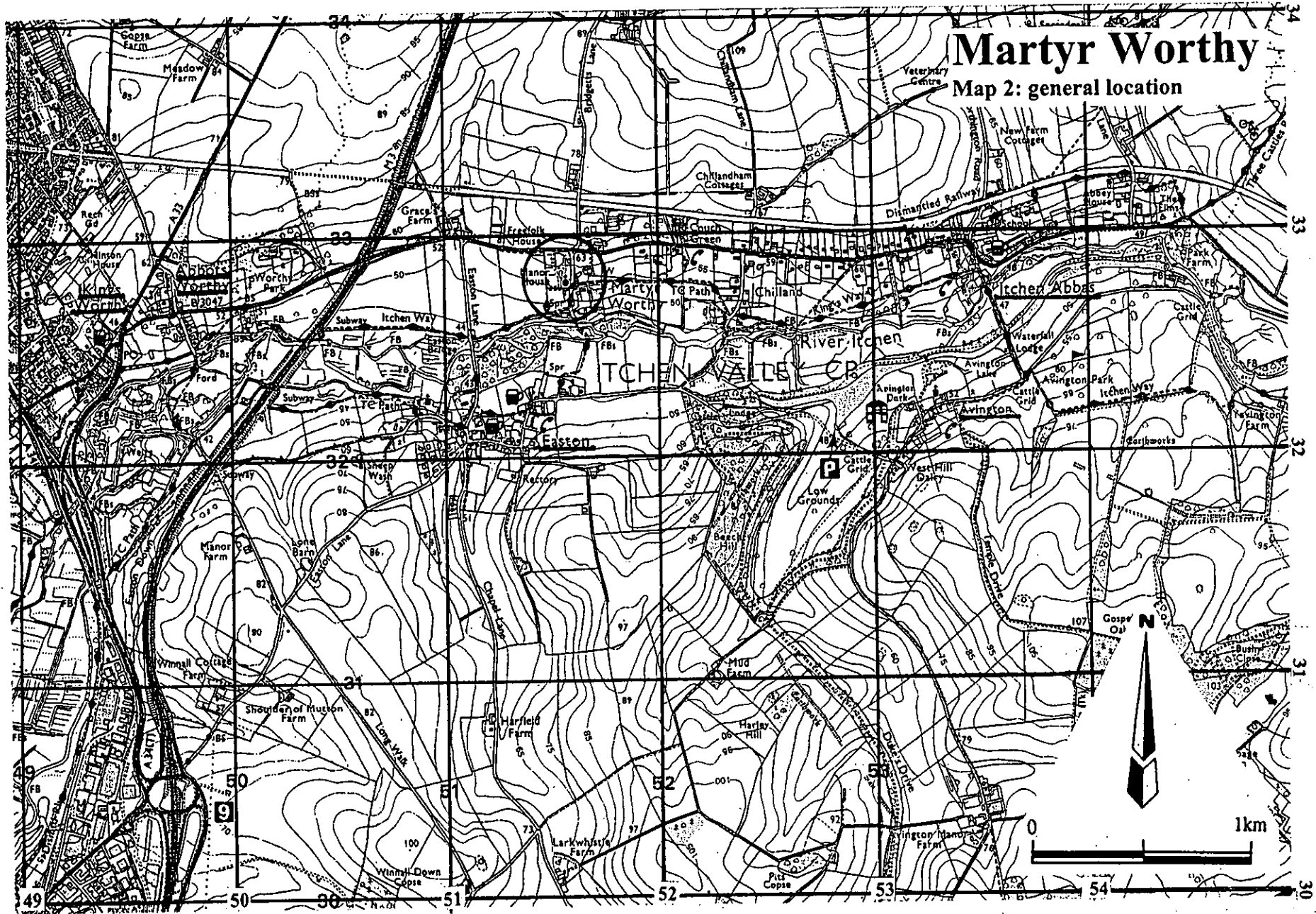
**THE ANCIENT PARISHES AND CHAPELRIES OF HAMPSHIRE**

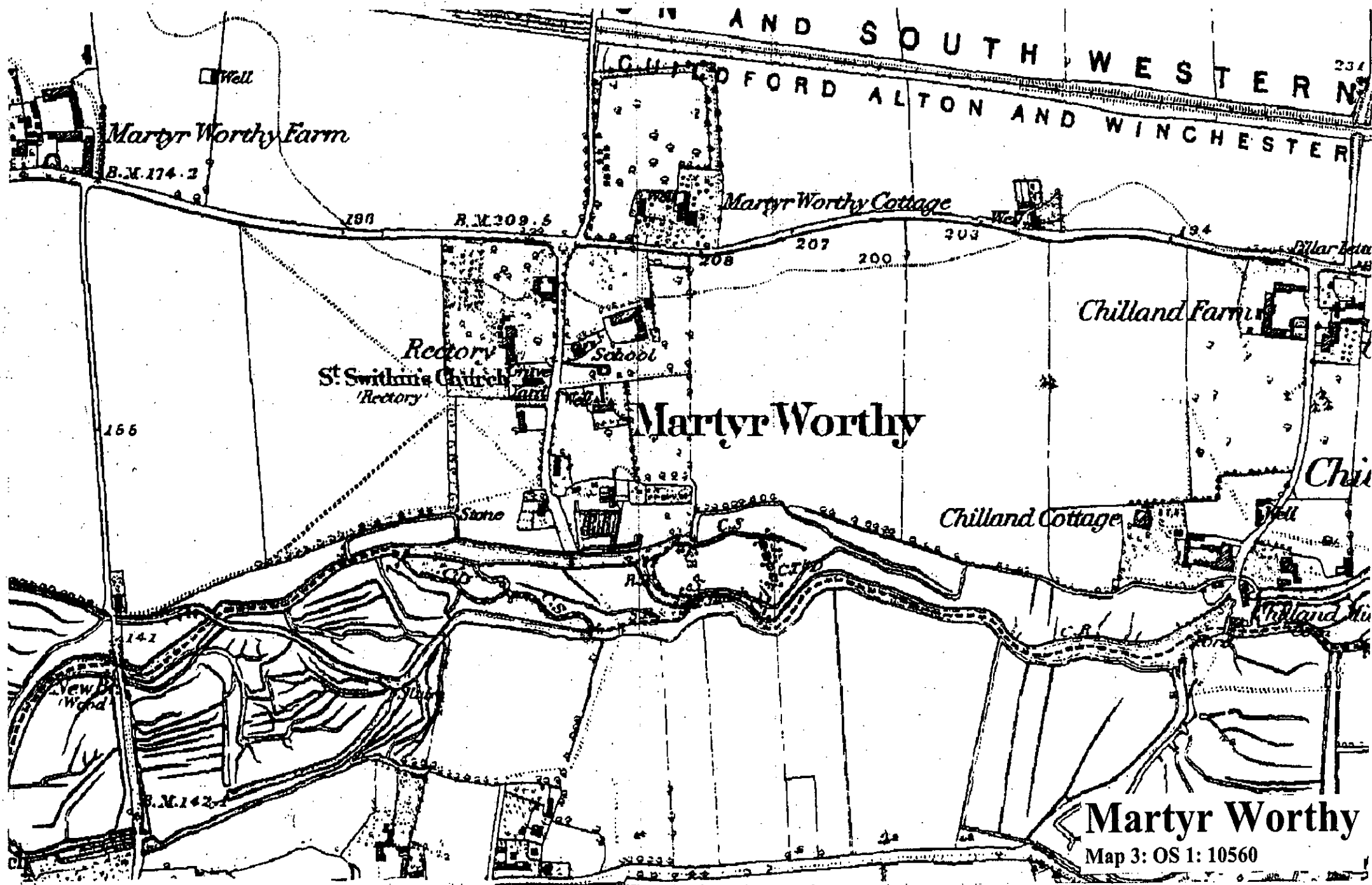
- 1. EASTROP
- 2. ELDON
- 3. EWMHURST
- 4. FOXCOTT
- 5. MAPLEDURWELL
- 6. MATELEY BURES
- 7. NEW ALRESFORD
- 8. SWARATON
- 9. WESTON CORBETT
- 10. WEST WORLHAM
- 11. WINNALL
- 12. WINDSLADE



**Martyr Worthy**  
Map 1: parish location







AND SOUTH WESTERN  
C. H. D. FORD ALTON AND WINCHESTER

Martyr Worthy Farm

B.M. 174.2

Martyr Worthy Cottage

Rectory  
St. Swithun's Church  
'Rectory'

School

Martyr Worthy

Chilland Farm

Chilland Cottage

Martyr Worthy

Map 3: OS 1: 10560

Well

Well

Billar Lane

R.M. 209.5

190

208

207

200

203

194

156

Stone

C.S.

Well

142

View  
'Ward'

B.M. 142

142

142

142

142

142

142

142

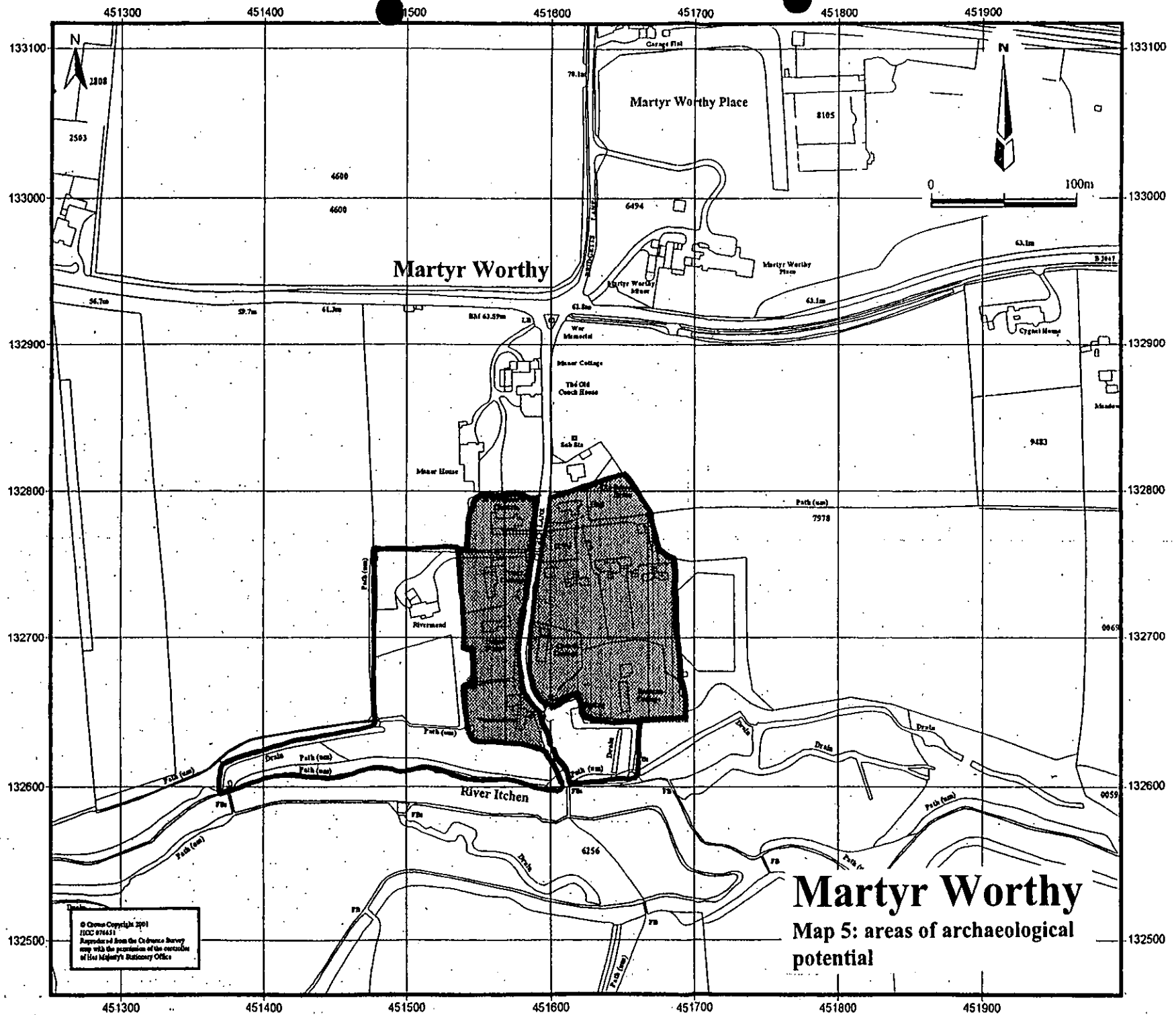
142

142

142

142





© Crown Copyright 2001  
 1000 074641  
 Reproduced from the Ordnance Survey  
 map with the permission of the controller  
 of Her Majesty's Stationary Office

**Martyr Worthy**  
 Map 5: areas of archaeological  
 potential