

1.0	PARISH	Medstead
2.0	HUNDRED	Fawley
3.0	NGR	465500 137100
4.0	GEOLOGY	Clay-with-Flints

5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Map 2)

5.1 Medstead church stands at *c.* 210m AOD at the southern tip of a sub-triangular parcel of land that is also the site of the Old Rectory and the former Church endowed primary school. This parcel land can be therefore regarded as glebe. It is the meeting place for a number of routes and until 1753 one of these was the Winchester Road from Chawton (*q.v.*). The church, being at a high point, would have been an important landmark on the route. There is no obvious surface drainage at Medstead and so presumably the community was served by wells. The settlement has been much enlarged by late C19 and C20 housing, particularly on the south side of the settlement.

5.1.1 The parish boundaries of Medstead have been modified at at least two points since the Tithe Map survey. One of these adjustments has been made to the south-east in order to accommodate the modern parish of Four Marks. A further adjustment has been made to the north-east where Medstead Grange is now in Bentworth.

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

Irregular agglomeration + deserted settlement area

6.1 *Irregular agglomeration* Medstead was a relatively small settlement at the time of the *c.* 1845 Tithe Map survey, being of similar size to the nearby hamlet of Hattingley (*c.* 1km west). The principal concentration of buildings was north of the church where there was an inn (now The Castle of Comfort) and a large barn (probably for the Tithe). A group of buildings east of the barn are on a plot that now has The Rectory, The Church House and Church House cottages. Presumably this too was glebe in 1845. East of Old Rectory Cottage, the Tithe Map depicts a small green with a pond. In 1845 there were just three cottages on the south side of this green.

6.2 *Deserted settlement* From the above mentioned green a footpath leads north-eastwards between Modern properties to the Convent of St Lucy, formerly Medstead Manor. At the rear of the C20 houses the footpath continues as a hollow-way with earthworks on both sides. This seems to be a deserted settlement area and it is just 100m north of here that there is a substantial enclosure of unknown date and purpose (Paragraph 10. 0, No. 11; SAM 110).

6.3 *Discussion* The relationship between the settlement around the church and the conjectural settlement area south-west of St Lucy's (the Manor House) is one that requires more detailed study than was possible in this short survey. First, it needs to be ascertained whether Medstead is a shrunken Medieval settlement. If it is, then it might not be surprising. It was once on the route of the Winchester Road (Paragraph 5.1) and

when this ceased to be the case, Medstead must have declined in importance.

6.3.1 Also of interest is the close proximity of the Manor House to the enclosure (Paragraph 6.2). The enclosure has not been dated but it is possibly Medieval.

6.3.2 One other matter of note is the enormous jump in the Lay Subsidy returns for Medstead between 1334 and 1524 (Paragraph 14.2). This might be due to settlement expansion and this must be considered. Other possibilities are changes in the economic base of the community, or an extension of the total area covered by the return.

6.4 *Site visit condition:* generally sunny but overcast at times; dry (23.3.99)

7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL (Map 5)

7.1 *AsAP*

7.1.1 One area that extends from the sub-triangular plot of land that includes St Andrew's Church, most of the Tithe Map settlement, eastwards to the possible occupation site that aligns the hollow-way, and the Manor House (St Lucy's). The Manor House possibly occupies the site of Medieval manorial centre that was linked to the church by the hollow-way.

7.2 *AsHAP*

7.2.1 The sub-triangular plot that includes the site of St Andrew's Church. In addition to the church, Old Rectory Cottage has some late Medieval features (HTS 6: 226). These buildings occupy an important site alongside the former Winchester Road.

7.2.2 West of St Lucy's Convent, the Hollow-way and associated earthworks comprise an AHAP (Paragraph 11.0, Nos 1, 2, 3 & 4).

7.2.3 The enclosure north-west of St Lucy's (Paragraph 10.0, No. 11; SAM 110). The AHAP that has been defined on Map 5 is virtually indistinguishable from 7.2.2. Consideration could be given to an enlargement of the Scheduled to take into account the wider context of the monument.

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

8.1 St Andrew

- Possibly one of the three churches mentioned under Alresford;
- *c.* 1160 north arcade;
- C13 - 14 features *e.g.* C 14 image bracket on west side of south door;
- Weatherboard and shingle bell turret;
- C19 restoration; a narrow Norman chancel arch was removed in 1833;
- The church was attached to Old Alresford until 1897.

8.2 Churchyard

- The boundary describes a regular polygon.

9.0 BUILDINGS (Map 4)

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
*	Church of St Andrew	1160, C14, 19	II
*	Southtown Old Farmhouse, South Town Road	C18, 20	II
*	Southtown, South Town Road	C18	II
*	Old Rectory Cottage	C16 / 17 features	Not listed

10.0 SMR DATA SW 464500 136500, NE 465900 138500 (Map 4)

SU 63 NE	No.		
	10	465250 137790	Bronze Age. Bowl barrow. Diameter 26m; 1.6-2.1m high.
	11	465670 137390	Undated. Sub-rectangular enclosure c. 1.75ha.
	12	465470 137160	Medieval. Parish Church (see 8.0).
	32	465000 113700	Post-Medieval. Possible site of donkey wheel.
	33	465600 137500	Medieval. Pottery scatter. HCMS Acc. no. A1980 17B.
	41	465230 138220	Medieval?. Linear feature running NNW-SSE. Removed parish boundary. HCC AP ref.: run 17e 027.
	42	465830 138020	Undated. Linear earthwork. HCC AP ref.: run 18e 257.
	46	465580 137610	Undated. Linear earthwork complex NW of SU 63 NE 11; SAM 110. AP ref.: 6537/3/154.
SU 63 NW	1	464700 137300	Roman. Coins found.
	14	464930 137330	Bronze Age. Bowl barrow in Burrough Field. 27m x 17m. 1.5m high.
	29	464600 136740	Iron Age. Banjo enclosure with trackway on western side. AP refs: SU 6436/17-22, 23
	31	464790 136880	Undated. Complex of linear features (multiple enclosures). AP refs: BRN 50-3 6436/9/71-3.
	32	464870 137090	Undated. Trackway running NE/SW. AP refs: BRN 50-3 6436/9/71-3.

10.2 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

Hants No. *NGR* *Parish* *NAR / NMR Nos*
None listed but a number of Roman / Romano-British finds Medstead parish are known (e.g. Paragraph 10, No. SU 63 NW 1).

10.3 *Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)*

<i>SAM No.</i>	<i>NGR</i>	<i>Site</i>
110	465700 137400	Medstead Camp (earthwork enclosure) 100m north-west of the Convent of St Lucy
12150	464930 137330	Bowl barrow 325m west of Towngate Farm
12151	465250 137780	Bowl barrow 240m south of Trinity House.

11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Map 4)

1	465740 137315	Earthwork. A slightly raised area at the northern end of the field immediately west of the Convent of St Lucy. Probably part of a post-Medieval enclosure.
2	465700 137280	Hollow-way west of St Lucy's runs approximately south-west / north-east and divides before the eastern edge of the field. It probably originated at the small green close to the parish church.
3	465670/137270	Earthworks extending along the northern edge of the hollow-way.
4	465680 137260	Earthworks extending along the southern edge of the hollow-way.
5	465490 137175	Remains of curvilinear churchyard boundary.
6	465520 137200	Site of pond on residual green north-east of the parish church.
7	465700 137040	Shallow earthworks (depression).

12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/169/2
- GSGB 300 Alresford
- OS 1: 2500 SW 464500 136500, NE 465900 138500
- OS 1: 25000 Pathfinder 1244 (SU 63/73), Alton & Four Marks.

13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

- HTS 6: 223-226
- VCH 2: 483, 496
- VCH 3: 302, 303, 327-9, 349

14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

14.1 Domesday Book

Not mentioned, but probably included in Alresford. Domesday Book for Alresford mentions 3 churches, one of which could be Medstead. However, one church must have been at Alresford itself and the other two could have been at Soberton and Beauworth for these places are mentioned by name in the Alresford Domesday entry (2, 1). One-and-a-half hides of land at an un-named place and held by an anonymous Englishman could be a reference to Medstead.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£0.12.6	
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	£5.13.6	(33 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey</i>	£4.15.2	(31 taxpayers)

14.3 Manorial Documents

Manors recorded are Medstead and Medstead Court

14.4 Hearth Tax 1665

72 hearths chargeable (34 houses)
25 hearths not chargeable (25 houses)

15.0 PLACE NAME

1202 *Medested*; 1262 *Medestede*. OE *mæd(we)stede* 'meadow place'.

16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS

17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters

None.

17.2 Other parish settlements include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>Map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
Grove Farm	1646		1447
Hattingley	1647	464300 137200	1204
Hazeldene	1648		1288
Soldridge	1650	465300 134900	1233
Stancombe Farm	1651	464600 135000	1256
Town (south)	2738	465700 139200	

17.3 Enclosures

Parliamentary:

<i>NEP no.</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
14004	1736		1737	Stankham & Soldridge Commons.
14088	1798		1799	Lower Church Field, Upper Pace Field, Middle Field, Lower Pace Field, Upper Church Field, North Field

Formal Agreements:

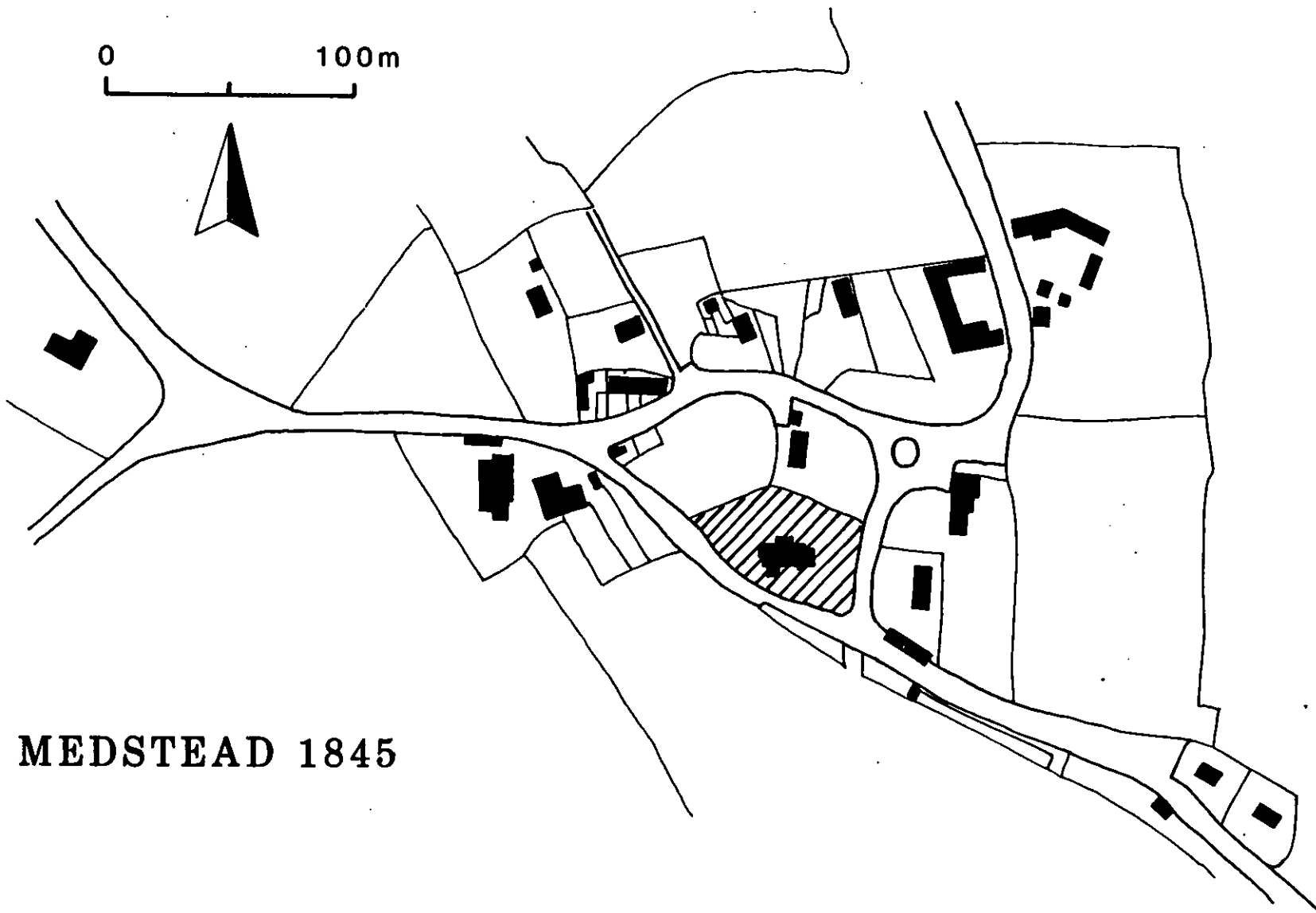
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None.			

17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

Medstead Green and Knapps remain though parts are in the modern parish of Four Marks.

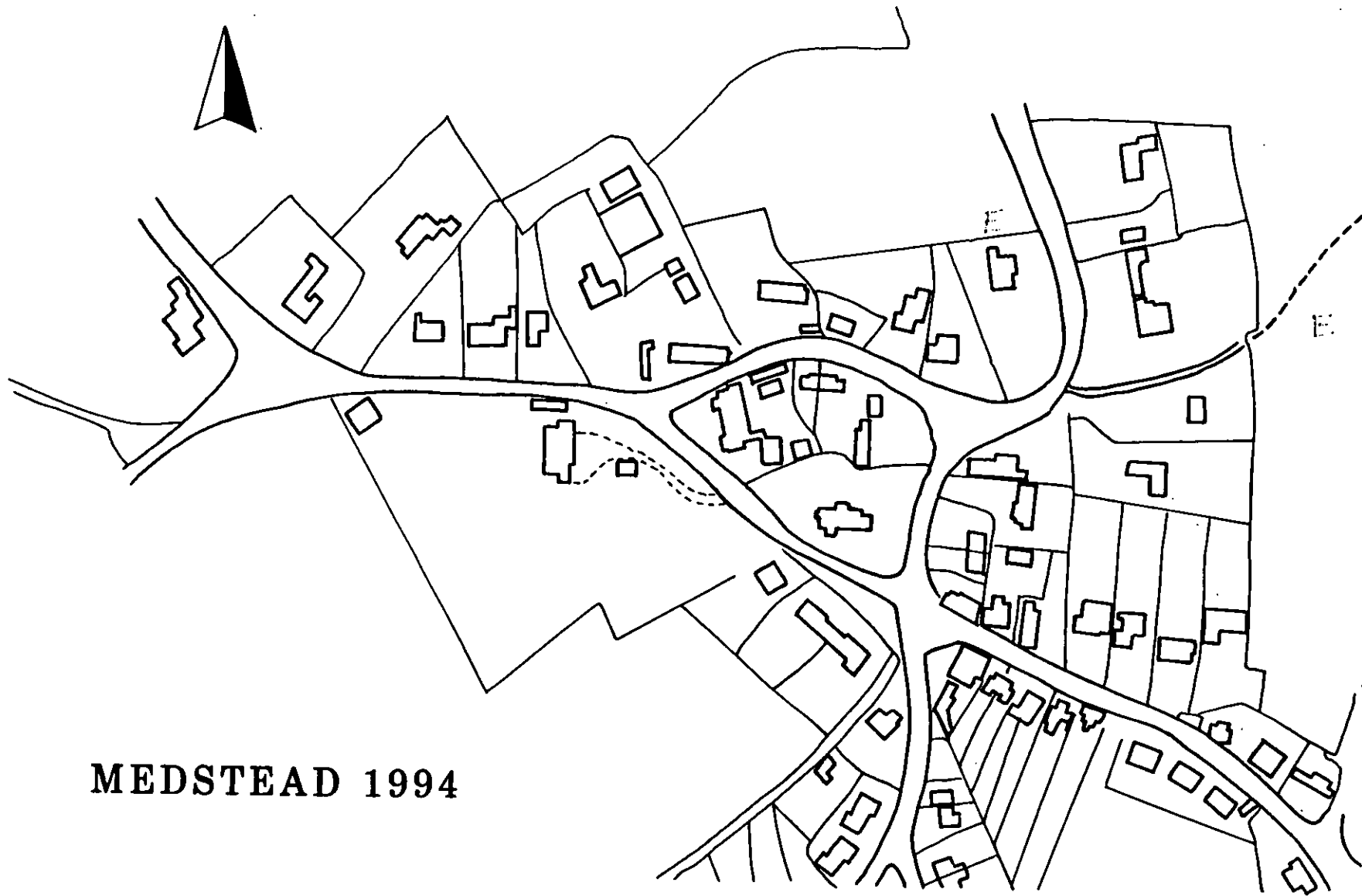
18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

- 1 Map 1: Parish location (not to scale)
- 2 Map 2: Settlement location at 1: 25000
- 3 Map 3: *c.* 1845 Tithe Map transcribed at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 4 Map 4: Development & archaeological potential at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 5 Map 5: Areas of archaeological potential at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%.



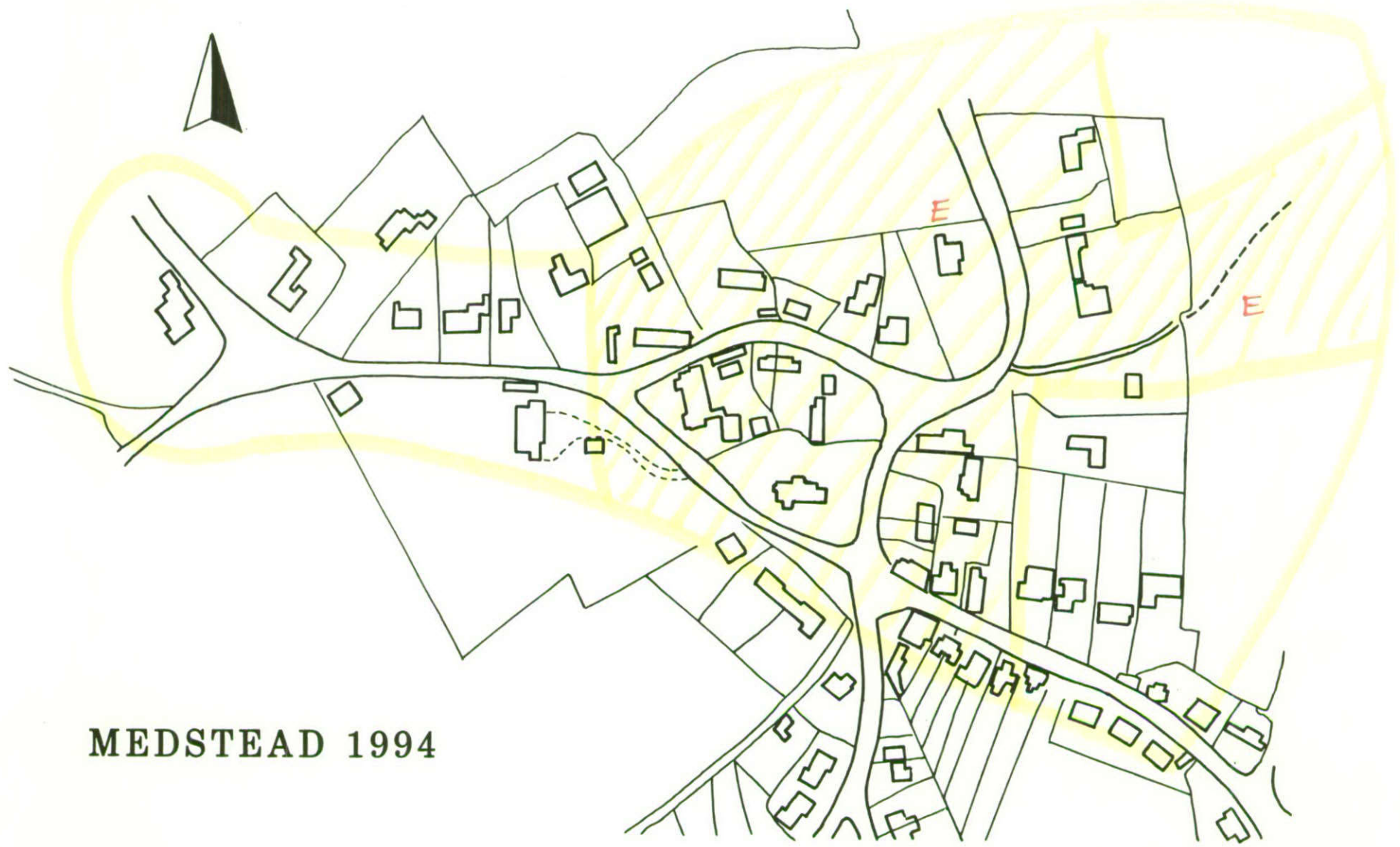
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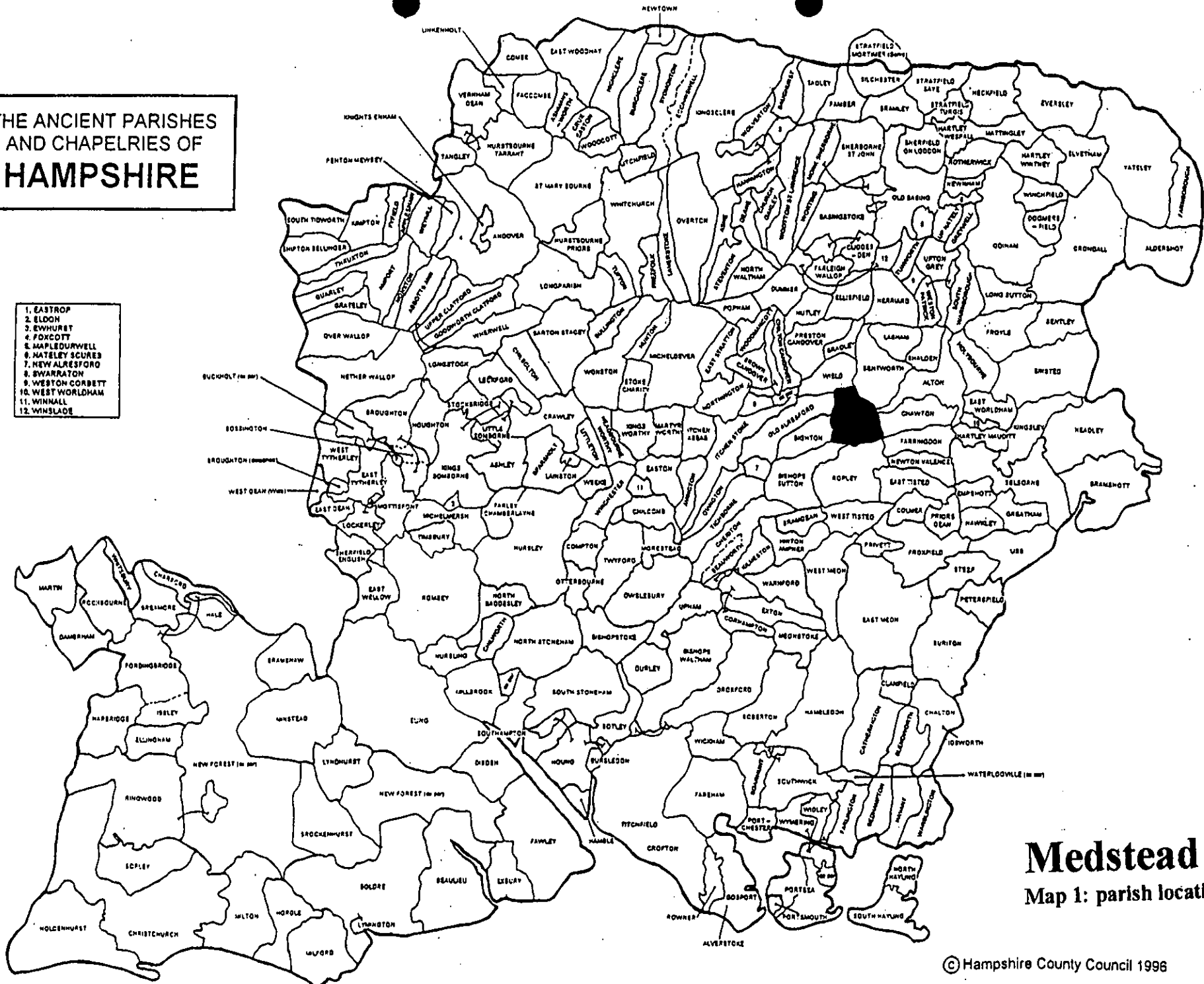
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THE ANCIENT PARISHES AND CHAPELRIES OF HAMPSHIRE

1. EASTROP
2. ELDOH
3. EWHURST
4. FOXCOTT
5. MAPLEDURWELL
6. HATELEY SCURES
7. NEW ALKRESTOR
8. SWARRATON
9. WESTON CORBETT
10. WEST WORLDHAM
11. WINNALL
12. WINSLADE



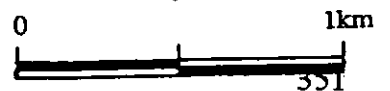
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Map 1: parish location

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Map 2: general location

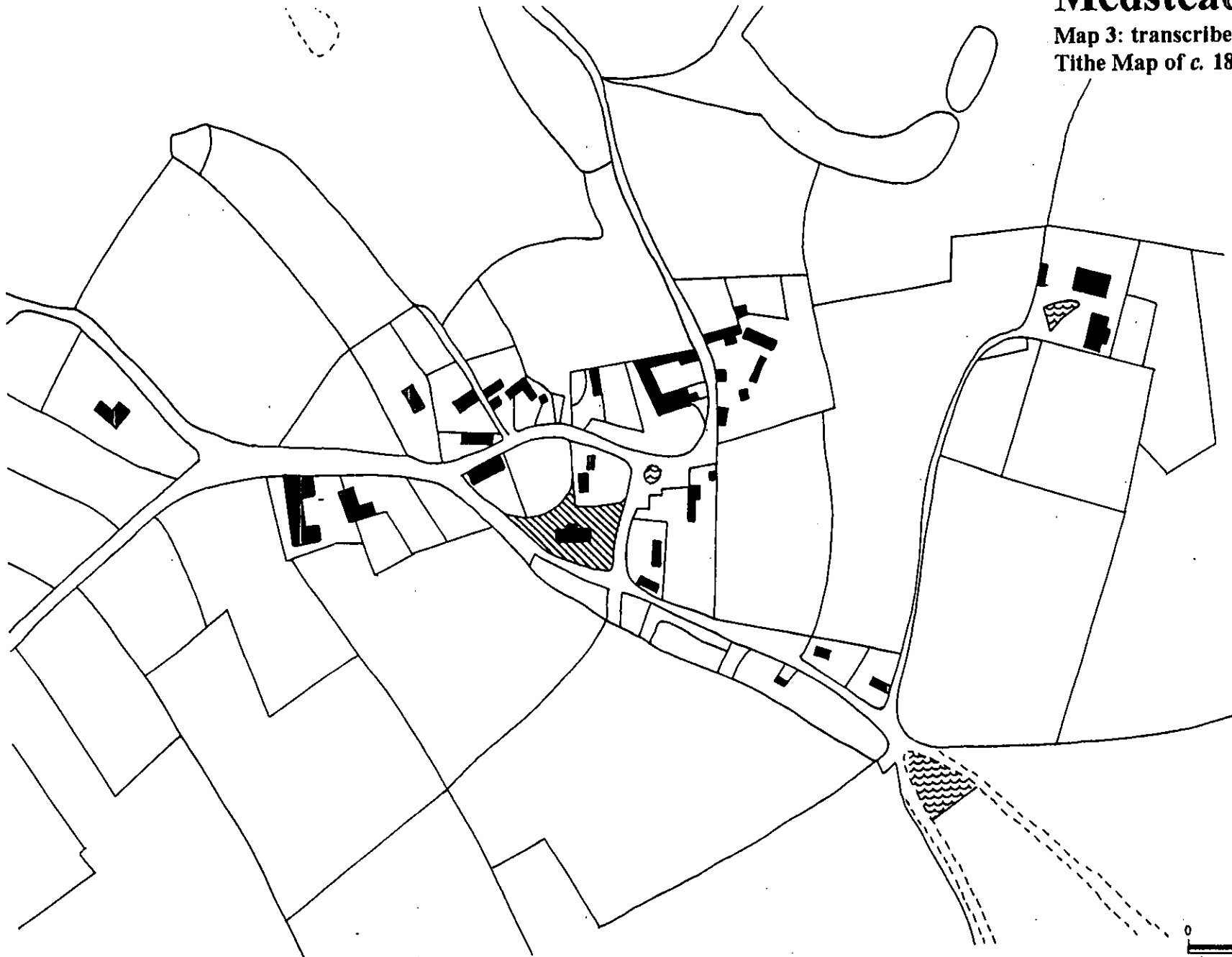


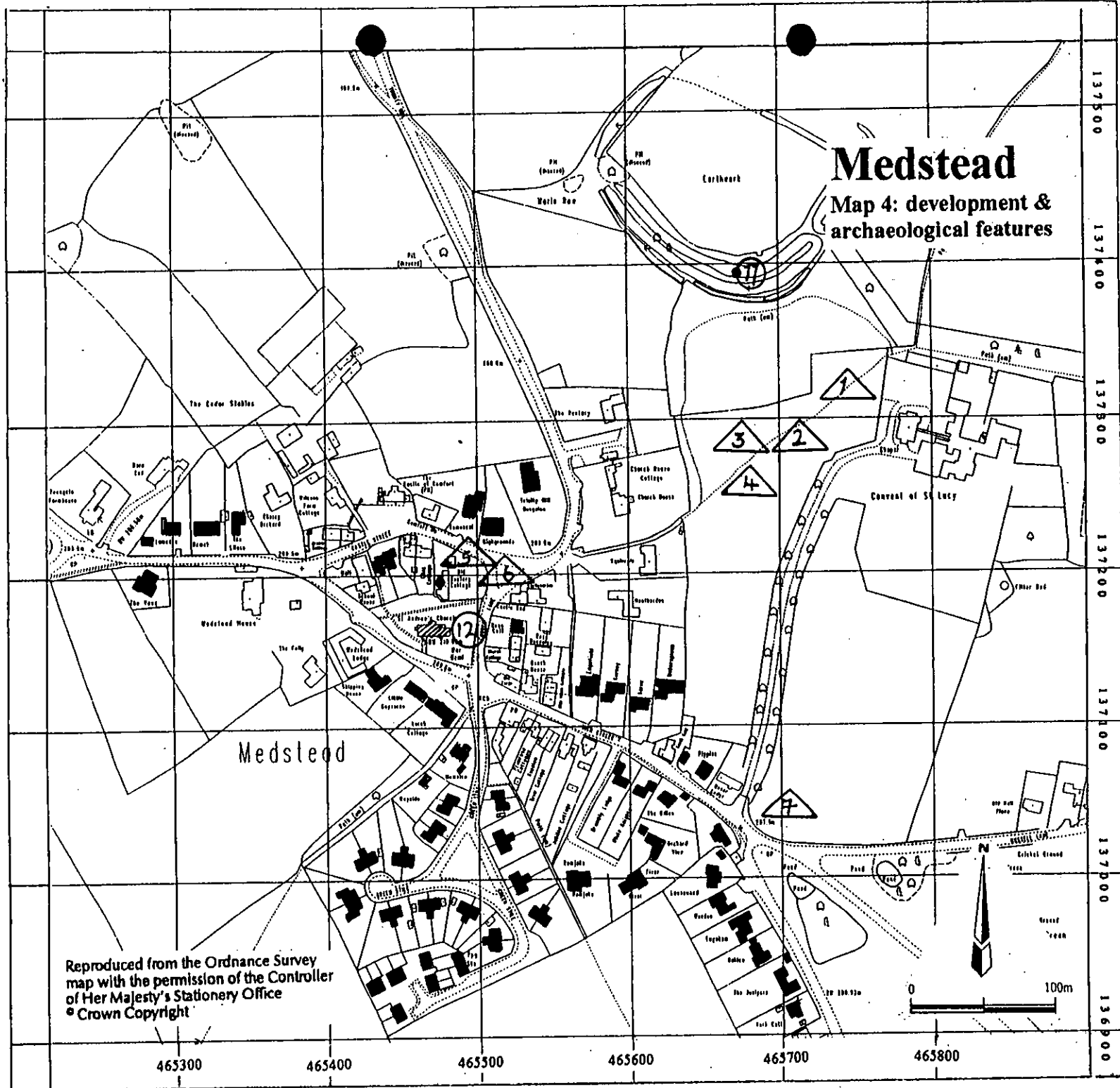
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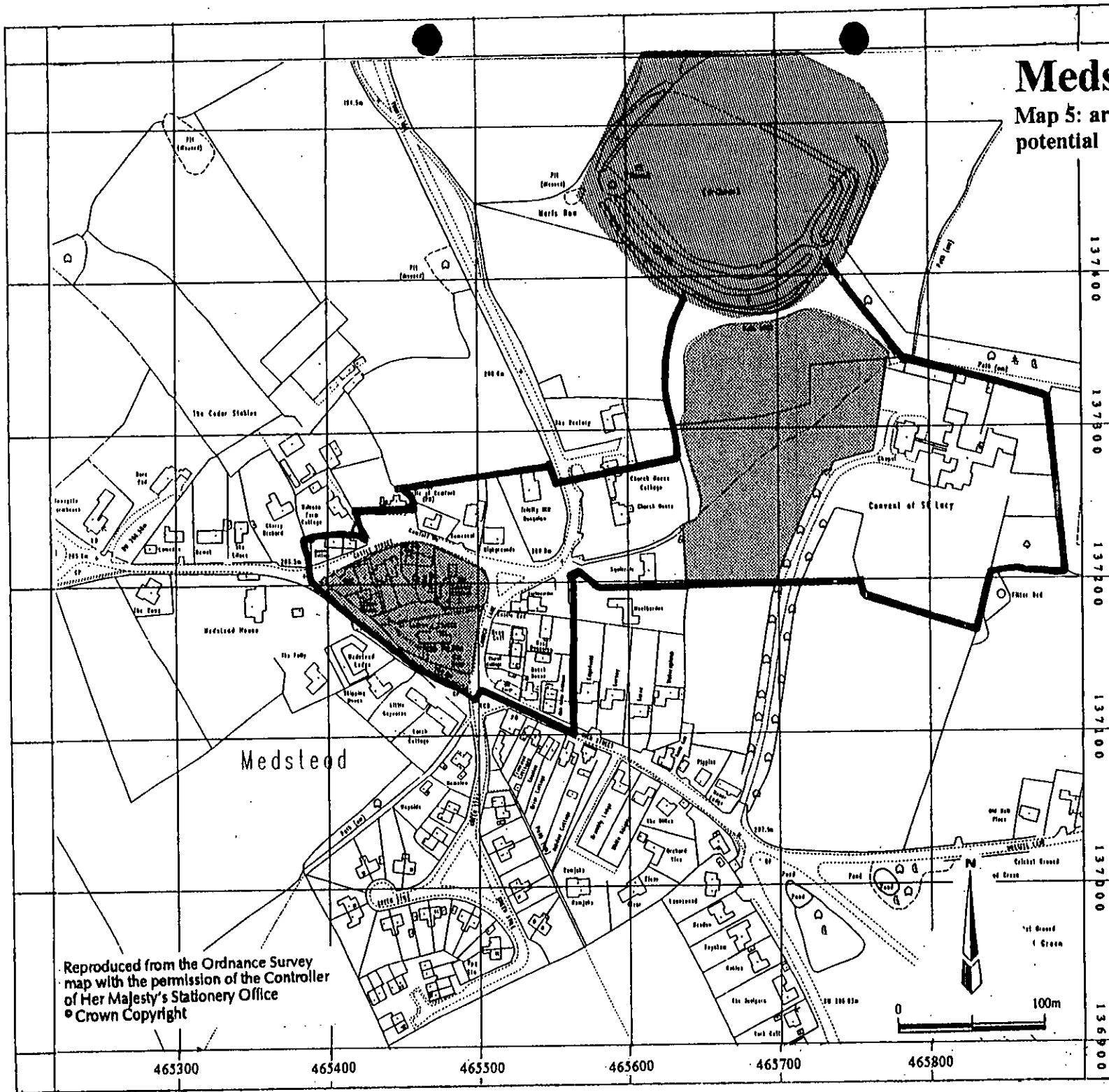
Map 3: transcribed from the
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Map 5: areas of archaeological potential



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