

NAME Mortimer West End
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HUNDRED Holdshot?
DISTRICT Basingstoke and Deane
NGR SU 633635
GEOLOGY Valley gravels and Reading Beds

SITE CONTEXT The few houses, church and pub that make up this settlement lie on a fairly steep SSW facing slope at between 80 and over 90m OD. At the bottom of the slope two small streams join to flow E as Foudry Brook.

PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION Irregular row with a high degree of dispersion.

Mortimer West End as shown on the 25" Ordnance Survey map of 1873 is a small settlement of several dispersed farms and a small irregular row of cottages and a Victorian church. There was probably never a nucleated settlement here but a scatter of cottages and small farms. A map of 1802 shows that the settlement lay on the edge of a large tract of common land with what was described as 'old enclosure' to the SE. The small road to the NE leading to Kiln Farm marks the one time edge of the common and to the W and N of the main road to the N, the large area of common is evident in the 'Common' names.

The End element of the name suggests that this is a later, secondary settlement to the main settlement of Stratfield Mortimer.

AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The general area of the C19 settlement on the edge of the common is covered by an AAP. Although there is no AHAP, the area with probably the highest potential for archaeological remains is near the valley bottom where there are earthworks and a house of C16 date.

The sunken lanes and large hedgebanks to the E and SE of the settlement attested the fact that they are 'old enclosure'. Well preserved field boundaries such as these are now becoming scarce and deserve further attention.

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD St Saviour 1856.

BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Countess of Huntingdon Chapel Chapel Lane 1798 and c.1805 II*
Manse (now 2 houses) Early C19 II
Coleshill Church Rd C16 C17 I
The Red Lion PH C18 early C19 II
By Lanes Park Lane C17 early C18 II
Barn 50m E of By Lanes C18 II
Whynot Silchester Rd C17 early C19 C20 II
Windabout Simms Fm Lane C17 C18 II
West Soke Fm Late C18 C20 I
Brocas Lands Fmhse Turks Lane Late C18 mid and late C19 II

West End Fmhse West End Rd C17 C18 C19 II
2 Barns 2 granaries and outbuildings C17 C18 C19 II
The Mount Fmhse C16 C17 II

SMR DATA

SU66SW

8	64516466	BA bowl barrow
9	64066368	Neo flint tool
19	64066463	Linear ewk. Date unknown
20	64066463	IA pot
59	63936459	Pond bay. Date unknown
64	63706375	Roman road
70	63856400	Neo flint tool

SU66SE

4	65296361	Pond bay. Date unknown
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ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

1	63416342	'Humps and bumps' over surface of field. There are also two or three gullies that run down the slope to the stream which may have been formed by surface runoff from the hill. There are also some earthworks on the S side of the stream including what may be a platform and a gully simialr to those on the N side
2	641639	West End Brick Yard, kiln and clay pit shown on 1st Ed OS 6"
3	628632	Old Kiln Yard and kiln Pond shown on 1st Ed OS 6"
4	653635	Brick and Tile Yard and kiln shown on 1st Ed OS 6"

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES OS 1:2500 SU 6263-6363 OS 25" 1st Edition Sheet 4 (1873) OS 6" 1st Edition (1873)

BIBLIOGRAPHY

PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

Domesday Ralph of Mortimer holds STRATFIELD MORTIMER which Chipping held before 1066. Then it answered for 5 hides; now for 1 hide. Land for 5 pl. In lordship 2; 4 villagers and 9 smallholders with 1 pl. 6 slaves; meadow, 2 acres. Value before 1066 £12; later £10; now £6.

Subsidy Rolls Probably included with Stratfield Mortimer in Lay Subsidy returns

Manorial Documents

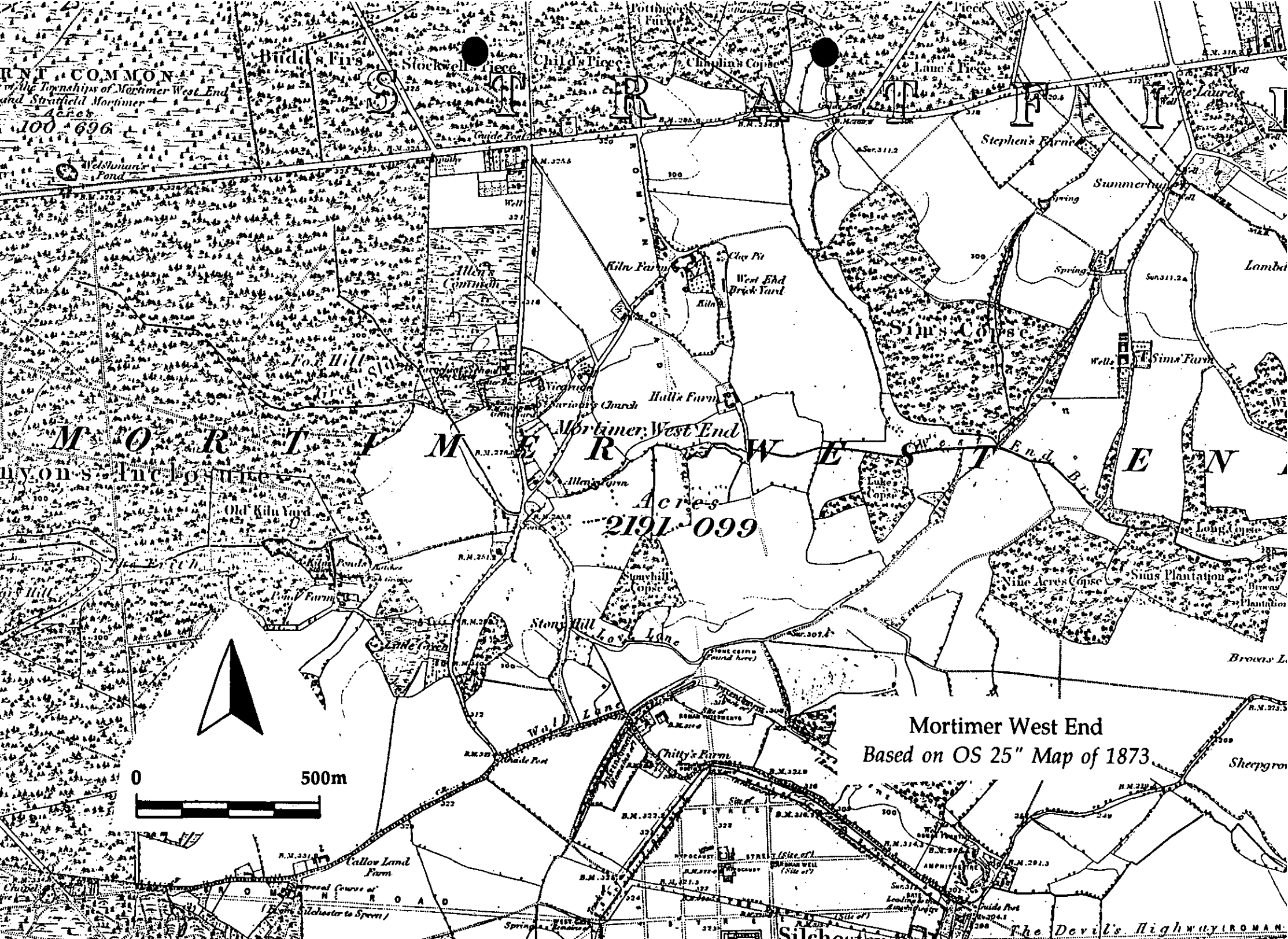
Hearth Tax

1665	23 hearths chargeable (27 houses) 25 hearths not chargeable (22 houses) Total 49 houses
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PLACE NAME The W end of Stratfield Mortimer (Berks) from the Domesday lord Ralph de Mortimer.

OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

Mortimer West End was a thithing of Stratfield Mortimer and was therefore included in Stratfield's taxation records. It became an ecclesiastical parish in 1870 and a Civil parish in 1894 (VCH Vol IV p 56).



100 696

Acres 2191.099

Mortimer West End
Based on OS 25" Map of 1873.



Budd's Firs

Stockwell Piece

Child's Piece

Chaplin's Copse

Laure's Piece

Stephen's Farns

Summerhill

Kila Farm

Clay Pit
West End
Druck Yard

Sims's Copse

Sims Farm

St. Mary's Church

Hull's Farm

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Old Kila Yard

Stony Hill Lane

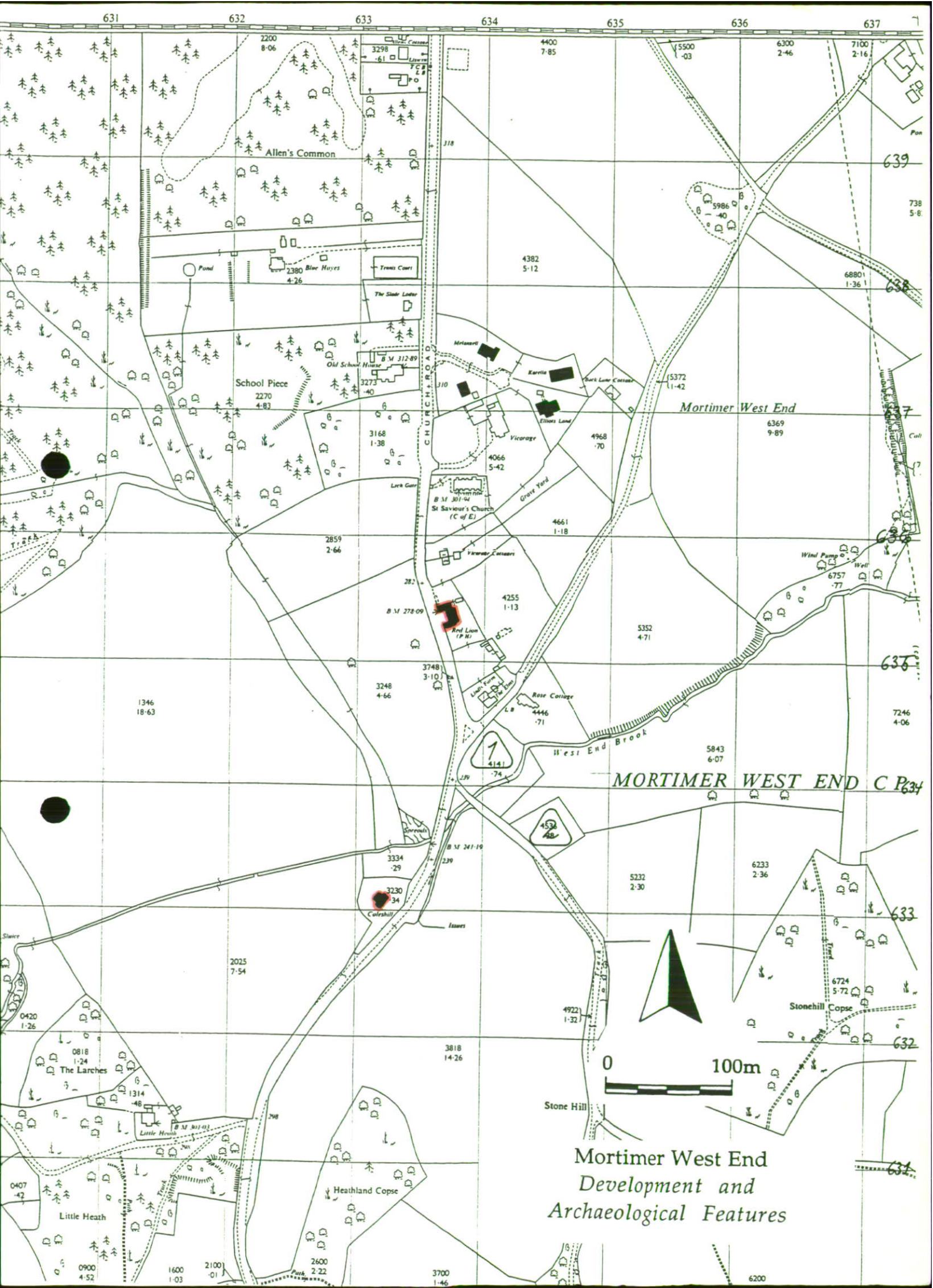
Wald Lane

Chitty's Farm

Callow Land Farm

Silchester

The Devil's Highway



Mortimer West End
Development and
Archaeological Features

