

NAME North Baddesley  
PARISH North Baddesley  
HUNDRED Mainsbridge  
DISTRICT Test Valley  
NGR SU405208  
GEOLOGY Bracklesham Beds

**SITE CONTEXT** The church and manor are positioned at the E end of a small but prominent hill at 50m OD. The road junction with deep holloways to the W of the church and the farm to the W are all on the top of the hill. Manor Farm lies down the slope from the church to the E. The sprawling modern centre of North Baddesley lies approx 1km to the SW. There are two streams marked on the OS 1:50,000 map flowing N from just below the 40m contour on the N side of the hill and approx 250m away from the church.

**PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION** Church and manor with a farmstead to W

The church and manor occupy the top of a hill with a single farm to the W. Down slope to the E is a short irregular row including a farm which has no evidence for settlement earlier than the late C18/early C19.

To the SW of the church and manor centre there is a small hamlet called Nutburn. Most of the settlement appears to be sited on a former outgang on to Baddesley Common.

The large area of modern settlement 1km SW of the church has developed since 1919 and is sited on what was Baddesley Common.

#### AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

An AHAP covers the area of the church and the manor and stretches to the W to include Body Farm. Although historic records suggest a settlement of reasonable size, it is probable that there was no a major focus of occupation here but that settlement was spread around several farms and hamlets. However, the church and manor centre may have more settlement around it than is now the case and hence the reason for the AHAP.

An AAP covers both sides of the lane to the S from the church centre to and also includes Nutburn. The road to the S funnels out onto the common just to the N of Nutburn which suggests that it has been restricted up to that point. that restriction may have been arable fields or settlement.

**CHURCH & CHURCHYARD** St John. C15 chancel. Nave probably earlier. Tower 1674. Porch 17C. The churchyard would have been rectangular before enlargement.

The church guide states that the church is built on a tump which may or may not be artificial. This was not obvious on the field visit but may be more apparent when the church is viewed from the N.

## BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Church of St John the Baptist C11 Nave II  
Manor House C15, C18 and Mid C19 On site of Preceptory of Knights  
Hospitallers from mid C12 to 1536 II  
Wall and store E of Manor House C16 and mid C19 II  
Stables SW of Manor House Late C17 II  
Barn 50m S of Manor House C18 II

## SMR DATA

### SU 42 SW

28	403209	Roman burial. Questionable
36	40072089	Med building Mid 16C hall house
37	40212079	Med building Preceptory of Knights Hospitallers
38	40212079	Med building Manor on site of Preceptory
47	40202080	Med village mentioned in Domesday Book
73	40152125	Med rd Pound Lane follows med rd Winchester - New Forest

### SU 32 SE

4	39072073	BA bowl barrow
11	39322075	BA round barrow
12	39142103	Neo flint tool
130	39802038	Med hollow way

## ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

1	40152088	The field to the W of the church and alongside the road is very uneven which although difficult to describe as 'earthworks' may be the result of occupation in some form
2	40102089	Holloway Short stretch of holloway leading down from the E-W road to Pound Lane and so forming the third side of a triangle with the existing roads

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES 1;2,500 SU 4020-4120; No Tithe or Enclosure map.

## AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

Ritchie, K.J. 1994 *North Baddesley Church and Village* (3rd Edition)

## PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

**Domesday** Ralph of Mortimer. Chipping held it from the King. Then and now it answered for 2 hides. Land for 4 pl. 4 villagers and 7 smallholders with 2 pl; 7 slaves. A church; woodland at 10 pigs; from grazing 10s. Value before 1066 £10; later 100s; now 60s.

## Subsidy Rolls

1334            1. 14. 7  
1524            1. 4. 8 (16 taxpayers)

## **Manorial Documents**

### **Hearth Tax**

1665            95 hearths chargeable (40 houses)  
                  15 hearths not chargeable (15 houses) Total 55 houses

PLACE NAME 1086 *Bedeslei*. OE *Bæddesleah* 'Bæddi's wood/clearing'. A settlement in a stretch of ancient woodland.

PHOTOGRAPHS 4/19-26

### **OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS**

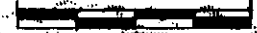
1355 the preceptory of the Knights of the Hospital of St John was moved from Godsfield to North Baddesley. The Knights held a messuage with garden and a pigeon cote (VCH Vol ), but they were certainly at Baddesley by 1167 (Ritchie 1994, p7).

Opposite the church there was a gatehouse which was stil in existence at the end of the C16 (Ritchie 1994, p8).

Emer Bog



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North Baddesley  
Based on OS 6" Map of 1872

Newlands Copse

Bucket Corner

Lane End Copse

Castle Hill

Keeper

Lights Copse

Castlehill Farm

St. John's Church  
Per Rectory

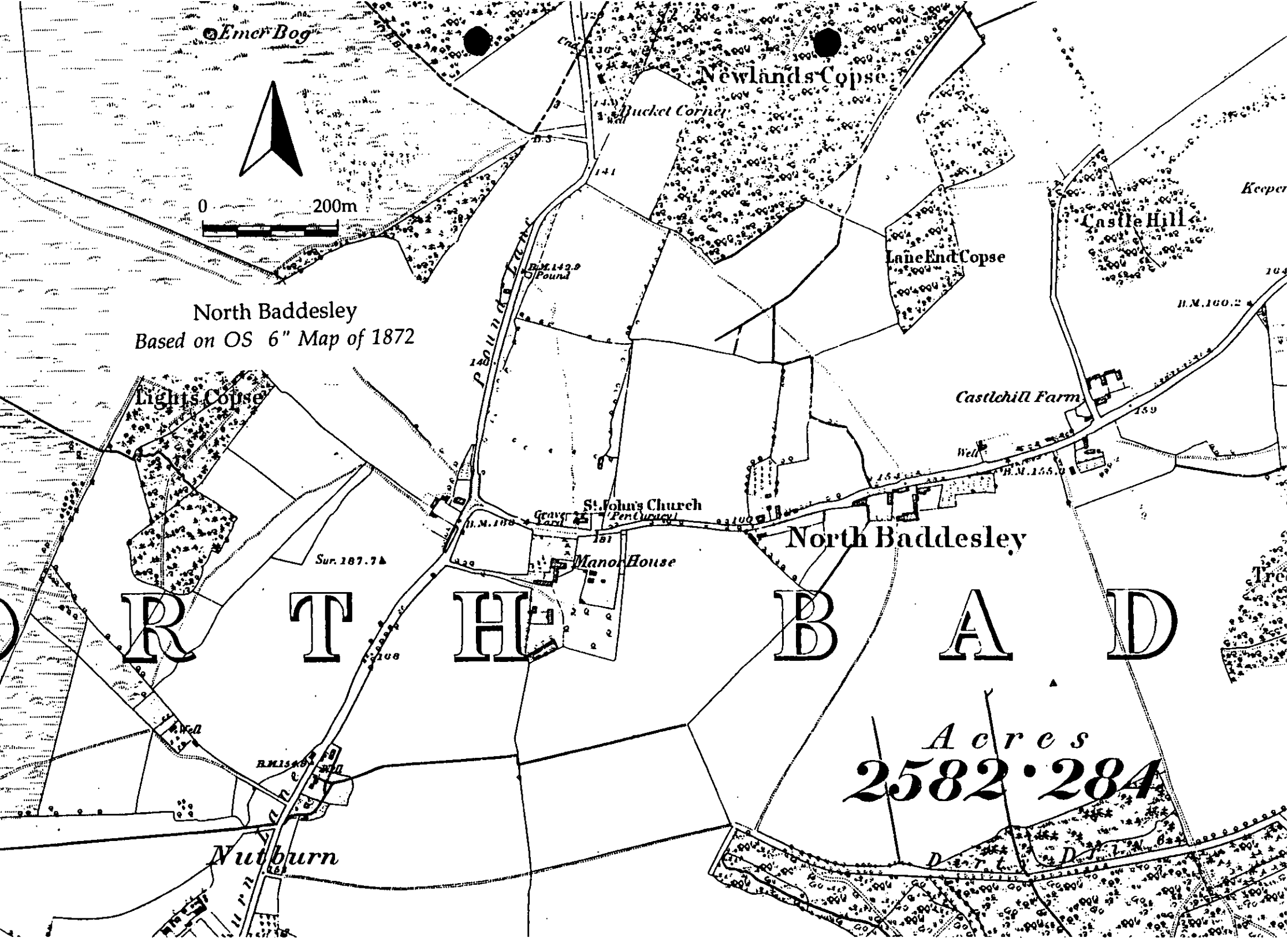
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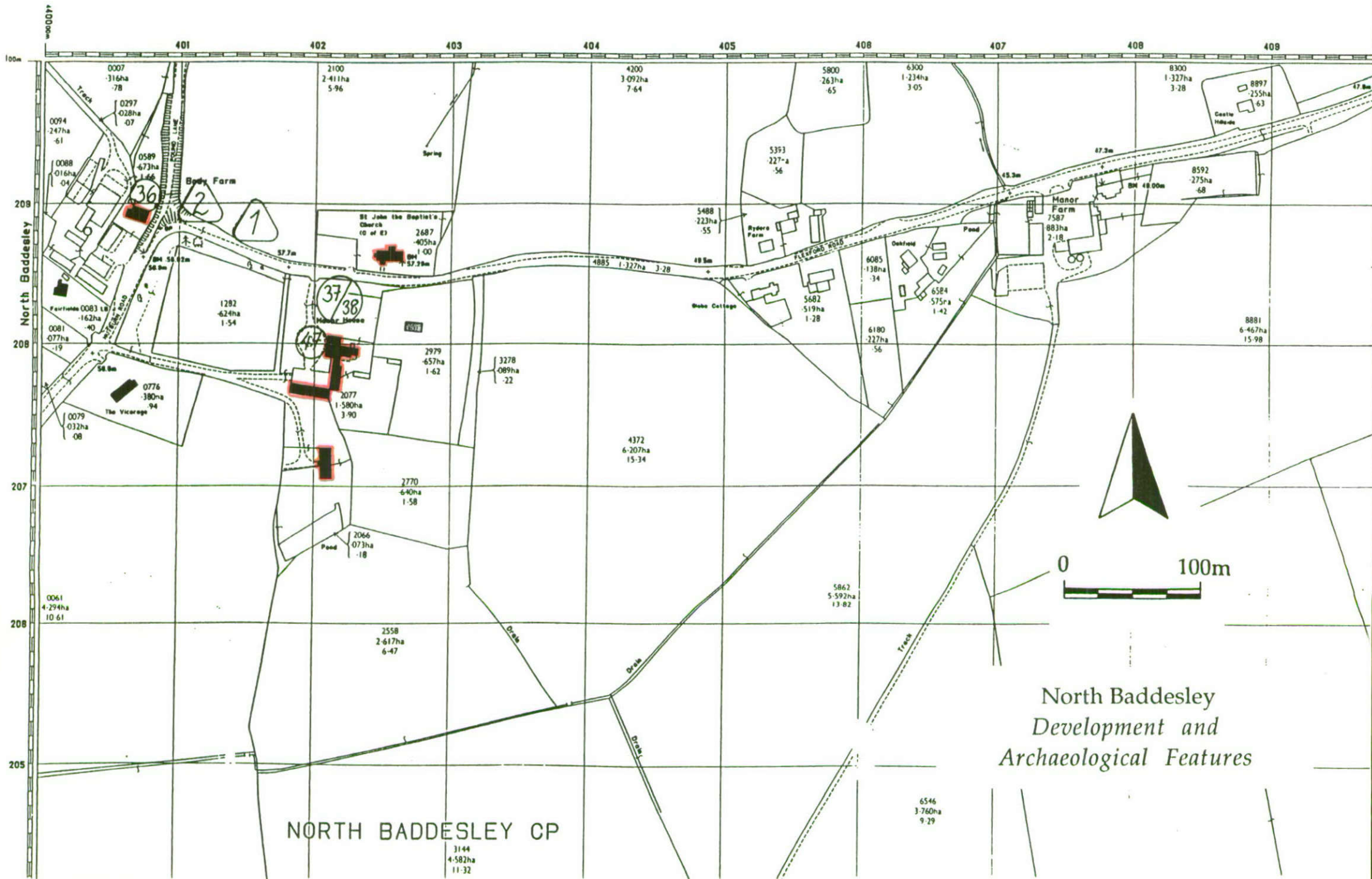
Manor House

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Nutburn





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