

# North Stoneham

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<b>1.0 PARISH</b>	North Stoneham
<b>2.0 HUNDRED</b>	Mainsbridge
<b>3.0 NGR</b>	444060 117305 (parish church)
<b>4.0 GEOLOGY</b>	Valley Gravel, Brickearth to the south; principally Brickearth to the west

## **5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Map 2)**

The church of St Nicholas is the only building of note at North Stoneham. It is at *c.* 15m AOD but the land rises steadily to 35m AOD within 1km westwards. To the east the terrain falls to the valley of the Monks Brook which is 400m distant and *c.* 10m AOD. The boundary between Eastleigh District and greater Southampton forms the west bound of the churchyard. This political device has split the old North Stoneham estate. The church is in Eastleigh District whilst the site of North Stoneham House (demolished in 1939), its lakes and much of its park are in Southampton where it has been developed as a sports ground. The River Itchen was the traditional boundary with South Stoneham. The dismemberment of North Stoneham began in 1897 when Chandlers Ford became a separate civil parish.

## **6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION (Maps 3 / 1, 3 / 2, 4 / 1, 4 / 2, 5 / 1 & 5 / 2)**

### **Church and manor house**

**6.1** The medieval church was once accompanied by a manor house. This was demolished by the Fleming family in 1818 (Vale, 1983: 180) and it is thought to have occupied a site *c.* 100m north-east of the church (paragraph 10. 0, *no* 44B). Medieval building debris has been found in this area but not to the west and south of the churchyard where finds indicate the presence of a Romano-British settlement site. A Saxon Charter of 932 mentions a chapel at North Stoneham and it is probable that this was on the site of St Nicholas. It seems then, that North Stoneham has been an important administrative centre for several centuries and the archaeological importance of the site is underlined by the cluster of SMR entries in the vicinity of the church and manor house. There was a medieval deer park at North Stoneham from 1334.

**6.2** Beresford and Hurst (1971: 189) nominated North Stoneham as a possible deserted medieval village. The isolated church was presumably the reason behind this suggestion. In reality, there is no evidence that it ever was a nucleated site and it is more likely that settlement was spread throughout the parish in small pockets. This would be consistent with what the compilers of VCH observed at the beginning of the C20. At that time the pattern was one of hamlets and farms, quoted examples being at Middle (Street), North End and at one time, Chandlers Ford (VCH 3: 479).

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**6.3** *Site visit conditions:* hazy sun / cloud cover (14.3.2000)

## **7.0** ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL (Maps 5 / 1 & 5 / 2)

### **7.1** *AsAP*

This has been drawn to include the church, churchyard and an area to the north that includes medieval artefact finds spots in the vicinity of the old manor house site. An anomaly in the political boundary at this point places the medieval manor house on the Southampton side and this may be the case for the Romano-British settlement represented by find spots on the west side of the church.

### **7.2** *AsHAP*

**7.2.1** The medieval church and manor house is defined as a single AHAP although the manor house site is in greater Southampton. Together they comprise an important medieval administrative centre that may have its origin in the Romano-British period (Map 5 / 2).

**7.2.2** The site of the C19 North Stoneham House and gardens, now within the bounds of greater Southampton (Map 5 / 1). Vale suggests that it was probably the largest country house in the vicinity of Southampton (1983: 180).

## **8.0** CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

### **St Nicholas**

- Medieval east wall of chancel;
- 1590-1610 the church was rebuilt but incorporating older features;
- c. 1600 tower but with 3 x C13 lancets in west wall c. 1230);
- 1826 restored
- Monument to Sir Thomas Fleming † 1613
- Mural tablet to John Serle † 1576, Christine Serle † 1561 & John Serle † 1575.

**NB** A wooden screen bearing the date 1602 and Sir Thomas Flemings initials, now in North Baddesley church, is reputed to be from North Stoneham.

## **9.0** BUILDINGS (Maps 4 / 1 & 4 / 2)

<b>PRN</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Grade</b>
5699	No 3 Cuckoo Bushes Cottage, Cuckoo Bushes Lane, Chandlers Ford	C19	II
5700 / 1	Fortune Cottage & Ford Cottage (Ford Farmhouse), Hursley Road, Chandlers Ford	C17	II
5702	Willow Thatch, Hursley Road, Chandlers Ford	C17	II
144	Hiltonbury Farmhouse, Hursley Road, Chandlers Ford	C19	II
5703	Hiltonbury Farmhouse: granary south of	C18	II
5704	Home Farmhouse, Leigh Road	early C19	II

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5705	Home Farm: barn 27m north-east of farmhouse	C19?	II
5706	Home Farm: granary 18m north of farmhouse	1737	II
5712	The Old Rectory (The Old Record House), Stoneham Lane	c. 1800	II
5713	Old Rectory: entrance gateway, Stoneham Lane	c. 1800	II
5714	Church of St Nicholas, Stoneham Lane	Med., 1600, 1826, late C19	II*

## 10.0 SMR DATA SW 443250 117000, NE 444600 118000 (Maps 4 / 1 & 4 / 2)

SU 41 NW No.

19	444090 117360	Post-Medieval. Stocks; now disappeared. Formerly on the road to Chandlers Ford near the pound & close to the gates of North Stoneham Park.
22	444000 117300	Roman. Occupation site in grounds of North Stoneham Park. No evidence of medieval settlement west & south of North Stoneham church.
23	444050 117300	Undated. Bank running under Stoneham Lane, east of present lych gate and into churchyard north of church. A smaller, parallel, and less obvious bank is in the churchyard south of church.
24A	444100 117500	Medieval. Late medieval tile fragments recovered during field walking in North Stoneham Park. Probably distributed during field manuring (91976).
24B	444100 117500	Medieval pottery associated with 24A.
24C	444100 117500	Undated. Burnt flint scatters associated with 24A, B.
38	444030 117310	Saxon. Records of chapel of Saxon origin at North Stoneham (AD 855 & 932). Possibly the site of the present church.
39	444030 117310	Medieval church (see Paragraph 8.0).
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	44A	444050	117360	Medieval. 1329 Abbot of Hyde granted free Warren. Deer Park first mentioned in 1334. No certain traces but possibly the same bounds as the Post-Medieval successor. NB short length of bank <i>c.</i> 100m west-north-west of the mansion site.
	44B	444050	117360	Medieval. Manor house of North Stoneham mentioned at the Dissolution but there is now no trace. Large building shown north of the parish church on Isaac Taylor's map of 1759; now occupied by the ruins of Temple Lodge. Also, indications in scrub woodland that a large building stood to the south of Park Farm (well-defined platform and large pieces of masonry).
**	50	444050	117360	Medieval. North Stoneham considered as a possible DMS, probably because it is listed as such by Beresford & Hurst (1971: 188). This is known to be a speculative and unreliable source; <i>qv</i> South Stoneham (IH / 2000).
	63	444000	117300	Medieval. Boundary banks regarded as medieval lie around Woodside House.
	64 A	444000	117300	Roman. Trial excavation revealed two pits, one of which contained RB pottery & iron objects.
	64B	444000	117300	Roman. Pottery finds associated with 64A.
	64C	444000	117300	Roman. Iron objects associated with 64A.
	66	443800	117500	Post-Medieval ice house, North Stoneham Park. Partially demolished.
	67	444200	117600	Post-Medieval ice house. Shown on First Edition OS map, 1872.
	74A	443500	117300	Post-Medieval. Landscape Park created 1775-8 by 'Capability' Brown.
	74B	443500	117300	Post-Medieval. Pleasure grounds eastwards from mansion.
	74C	443500	117300	Post-Medieval. Shrubbery pond & avenue road. Probably adapted from medieval fishponds.
	74D	443500	117300	Post-Medieval. Orangery.
	74E	443500	117300	Post-Medieval. Walled garden.
	76A	443500	117300	Victorian. C19 park improvements.
	76B	443500	117300	Victorian pond <i>c.</i> 1830.
	79	443700	117350	Post-Medieval. C18 sluice,
	77	444000	117400	Post-Medieval. North Stoneham House, destroyed 1939. Site of house & gardens

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## 14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

### 14.1 Domesday Book

6,8 (Land of St Peter's, Winchester). The Abbey itself holds (*North*) *Stoneham*. It was always in the (lands of the) Monastery. Before 1066 and now it answered for 8 hides. Land for 11 ploughs. In lordship 2 ploughs; 28 villagers and 7 smallholders with 9 ploughs. A church; 13 slaves; 2 mills at 30s; meadow, 224 acres; woodland at 20 pigs; from pasture 2s. Value before 1066 £12; later and now £10.

### 14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		Not listed.	
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	£9. 4. 6	(70 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£5.17.4	(56 taxpayers)

### 14.3 Manorial Documents

North Stoneham was a single manor.

### 14.4 Hearth Tax 1665

149 hearths chargeable (44 houses)	
22 hearths not chargeable (21 houses)	Total: 65 houses.

## 15.0 PLACE NAME

932 (C13 / C14) (*æt stanham* (North); 1086 *Stoneham* (North). Both North and South Stoneham have the same origin. They were distinguished in medieval times as *Abbot's* and *Bishop's Stoneham*, being held by Hyde Abbey and the see of Winchester respectively. Place-name is OE *stanham* 'stone estate'. Coates suggests that the origin is derived from buildings or the character of the land (Coates, 1989: 157). However, it is also possible (and more probable) that the two estates were once a single unit and that the place-name is derived from a Roman road that ran from *Clausentum* (Bitterne), north to Winchester. A Roman road crossed into the parish at Chandlers Ford (IH 3/ 2000; see above).

## 16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

None taken.

## 17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS

### 17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters

- AD 932. King Athelstan to Alfred, minister; grant of land at North Stoneham, Hants. *Latin with bounds in OE, ME and Latin* (171 / 418).

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- AD 990 x 992. King Æthelred to ?; grant of land at Weston in *South* Stoneham, Hants. *Latin with English bounds* (284 / **944**). **NB** Various commentators have disagreed as to whether this charter refers to North or to South Stoneham. The lack of clarity could be explained by an ancient boundary change noted by the author of VCH whereby in the extent of North Stoneham, as granted to Hyde Abbey in 941, there was a 'mill place at Northe Mannysbrygge'. This would have to put the mill on the North Stoneham side, probably the site of one of the two mills mentioned in Domesday as being in North Stoneham (VCH 3: 479; see also paragraph 14.1 below). At the time of the VCH survey there were no suitable mill sites in North Stoneham (VCH 3: 479) and it seems that those of 1086 had been transferred to South Stoneham at some time (probably Woodmill and West End Mill [*i.e.* west end of South Stoneham], now Gater's Mill). This would make the charter bounds of North and South Stoneham irrelevant to the late C19 parish boundaries and therefore render it difficult to interpret the charter.
- AD 1045. King Edward to the Old Minster, Winchester; grant of land at *South* Stoneham, Hants. *Latin with English bounds* (301-2 / **1012**). The same comments apply as to **944** above.
- AD 932 x 939. Alfred, thegn, bequeaths land at North Stoneham, Hants, to his wife with reversion to New Minster, Winchester. *OE, ME and Latin versions* (423 / **1509**).

### 17.2 Other parish settlements include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>NGR / map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
Chandlers Ford ( <i>searnægles ford</i> )	HIMSP0591	443430 120630	AD 909
Chickenhall Farm	HIMSP0835	445100 119100	AD 952
Hiltingbury ( <i>Hiltyngbury</i> )	HIMSP0592	443500 122500	1233
North End	HIMSP2746	444000 119300	
Stoneham Street	HIMSP2747	444200 113200	
Middle Street	HIMSP2760	448000 118800	
Swaythling ( <i>swæðeling</i> )	HIMSP0838	444080 116010	AD 909

### 17.3 Enclosures

#### *Parliamentary:*

<i>NEP No.</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
14132	1744		None	Confirms Agreement of 1736 for enclosure of 604 acres of North Stoneham Common (2200 acres).

#### *Formal Agreements:*

<i>NEP No.</i>	<i>Agreement</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
See above.			

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## 17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

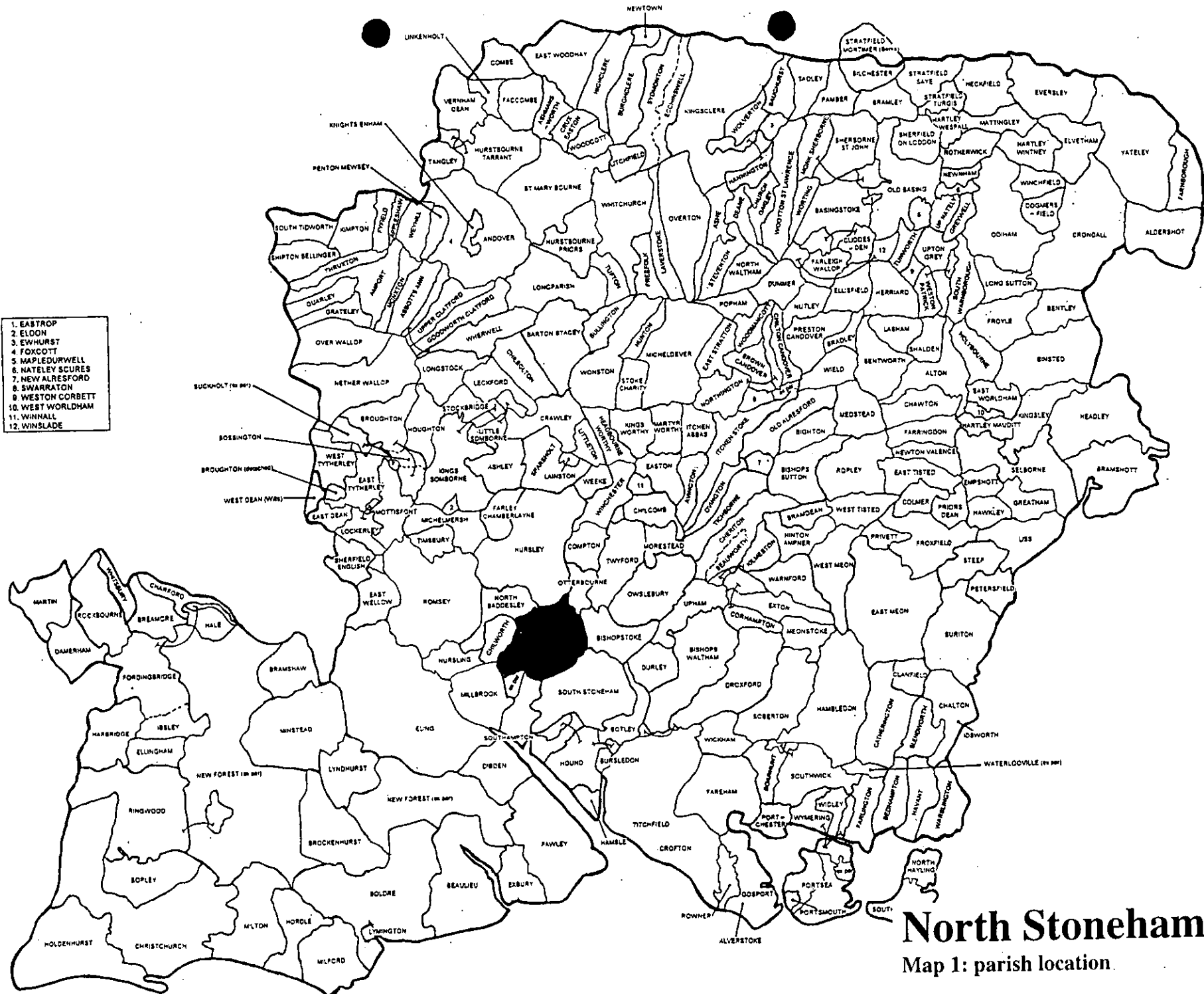
None known but 155 acres (*c.* 65 hectares) of land capable of cultivation were included in the return to the Copyhold, Inclosure and Tithe Commissioners in 1873.

## 18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

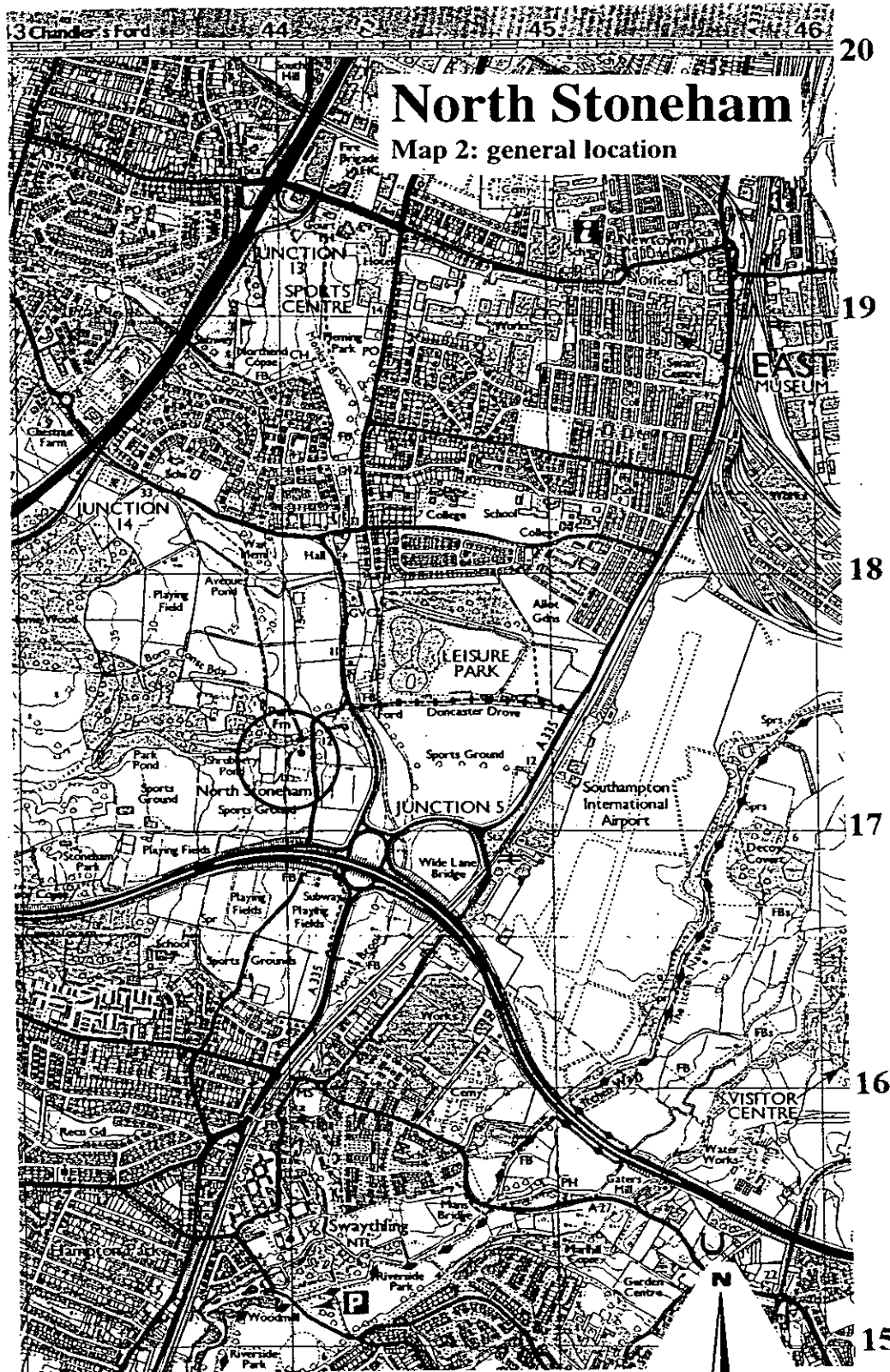
- 1 Map 1: Parish location (not to scale)
- 2 Map 2: Settlement location at 1: 25000
- 3 Map 3: *c.* 1846 Tithe Map transcription at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 4 Map 4 / 1: North Stoneham (west) Development & archaeological features at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
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1. EASTROP
2. ELDON
3. EWHURST
4. FOXCOTT
5. MAPLEDURWELL
6. NATELEY SCURES
7. NEW ALRESFORD
8. SWARRATON
9. WESTON CORBETT
10. WEST WORLDHAM
11. WINNALL
12. WINSLADE



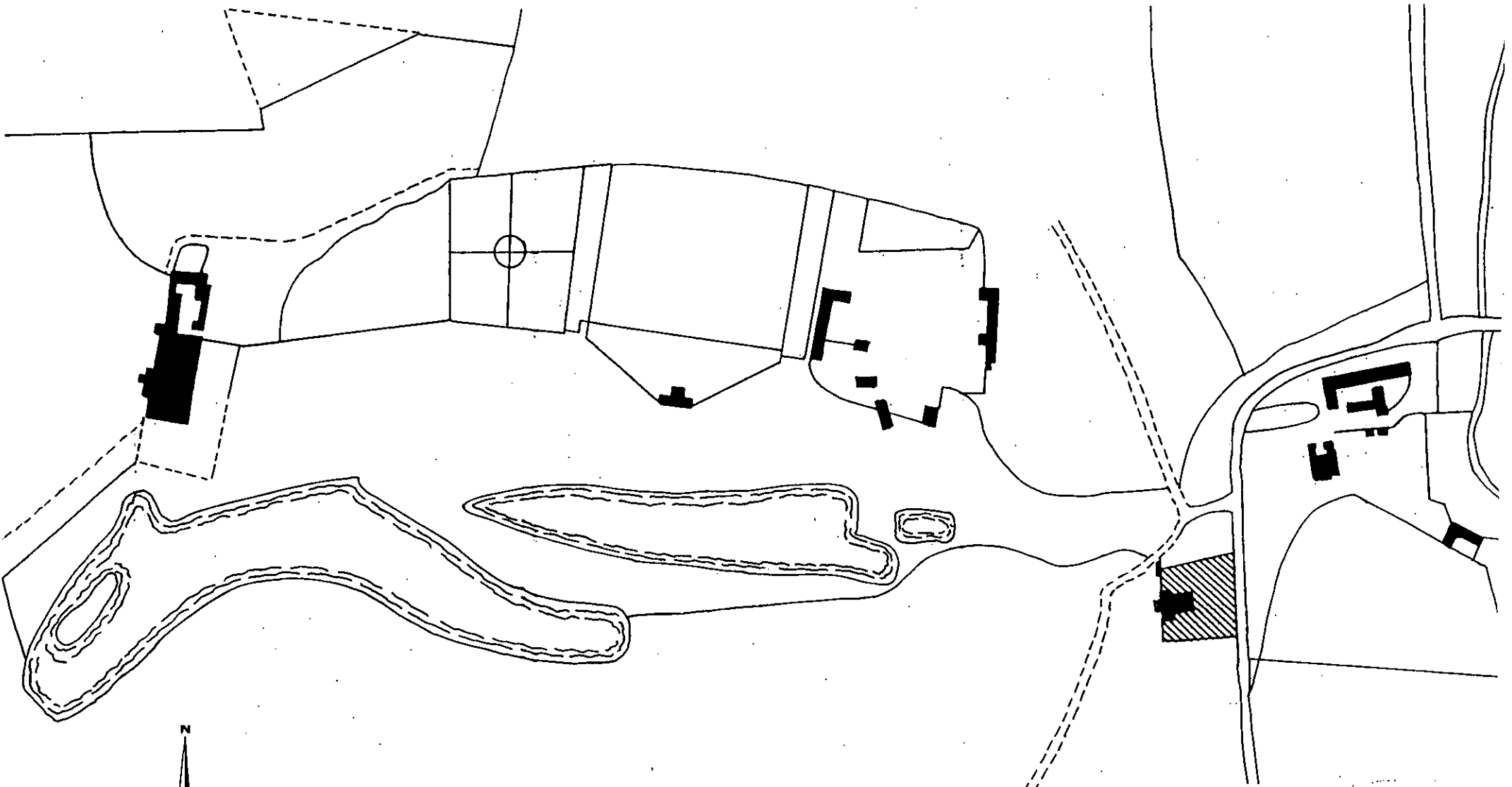
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Map 1: parish location.



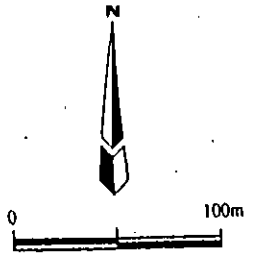
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Map 2: general location

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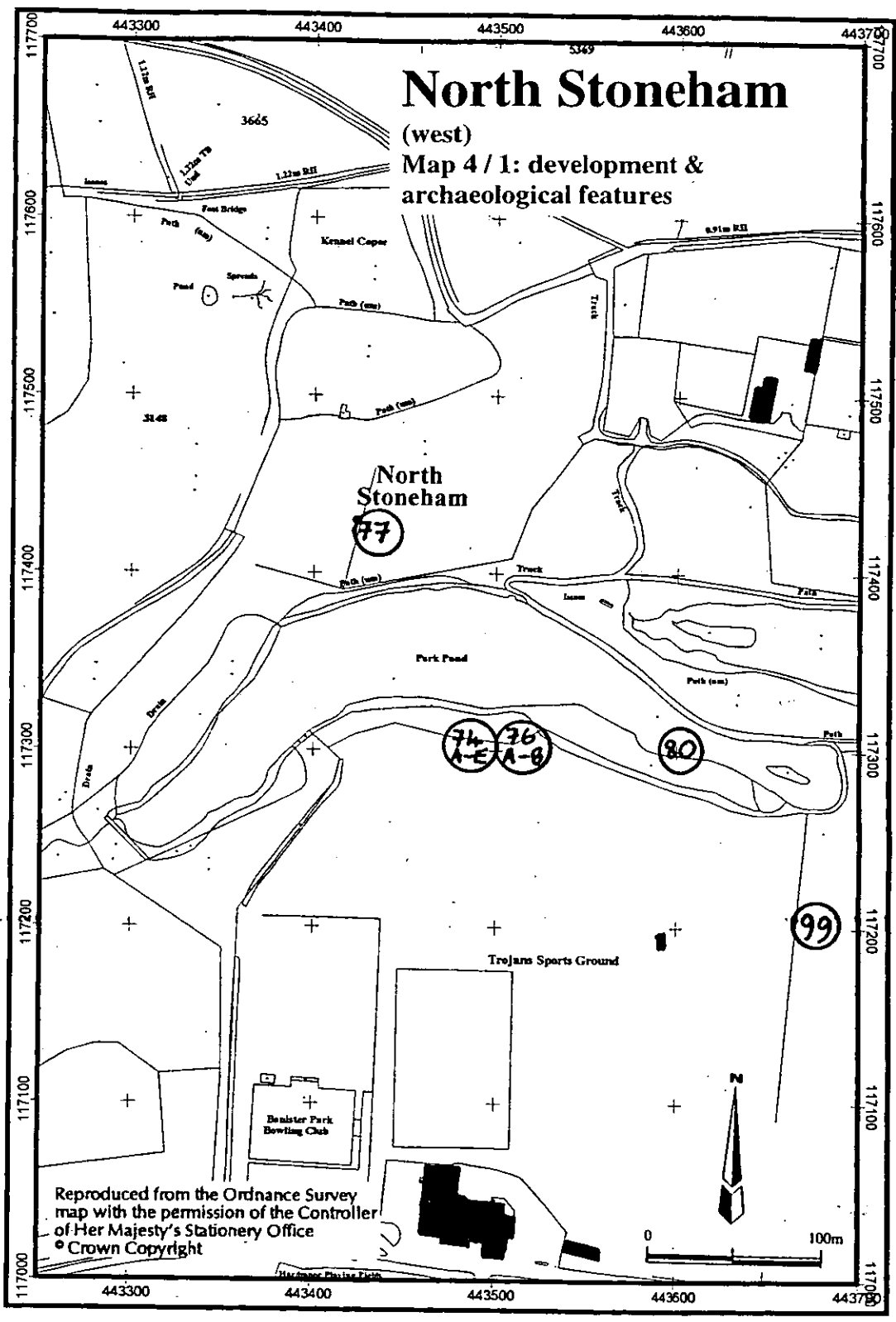


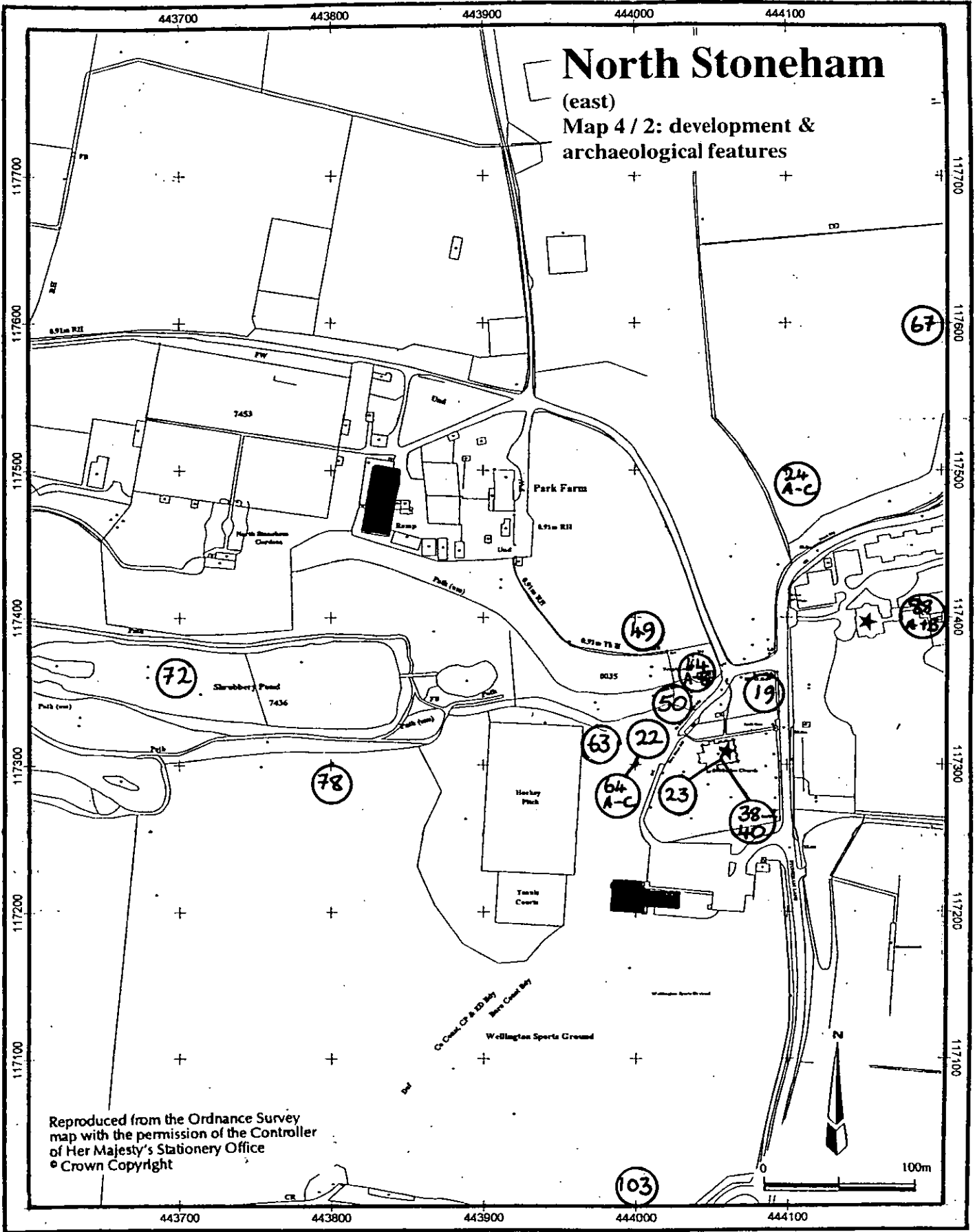
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Map 3: transcribed from the Tithe Map of c.1846





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Map 5 / 1: areas of archaeological potential

