

Northington

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| 1.0 | PARISH | Northington, now includes Swarraton (Map 1) |
| 2.0 | HUNDRED | Micheldever |
| 3.0 | NGR | 456430 137360 |
| 4.0 | GEOLOGY | Upper Chalk |

5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Map 2)

The Candover, a tributary stream enters the river Itchen from the north, just 1km west of New Alresford. This stream has attracted a number of settlements, one of which is Northington. The C19 parish church of St John the Evangelist stands at 100m AOD and the rest of this settlement spreads east downwards from here to the stream at 80m AOD. Within 200m south of the church is the northern bound of Grange Park, a feature that occupies almost a quarter of the parish. The Modern settlement of Swarraton, on the east side of the Candover, is now a part of an enlarged Northington.

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

Deserted medieval settlement

- 6.1** The present settlement of Northington comprises C19 and C20 houses that are arranged in a regular row (east / west) along the south side of Northington Hill Lane. These buildings give little indication of the medieval layout of the settlement. Beresford and Hurst (1971: 188) have classified Northington as a Deserted Medieval Settlement and there are a number of archaeological features that support this hypothesis. HTS (1: 213) identifies the site of the medieval settlement as being south of the Modern settlement at 456600 137200, where two fixed banks and the line of an old road can be seen. Earthworks have also been noted on the north side of Northington Hill (see paragraph 11.0, nos 1 and 2). VCH (3: 395) argues that the tenement known as Northington had no manorial rights attached to it. The house of the estate was the Grange (C 17 or earlier), that is situated c. 1km to the south. The Grange was a holding of Hyde Abbey, Winchester.

- 6.2** *Site visit conditions:* strong sun with cloudy intervals (19.4.2002)

7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL (Map 5)

7.1 AsAP

- 7.1.1** None.

7.2 AsHAP

- 7.2.1** The site of the demolished medieval church and replacement building of 1832 is within 100m north-east of the present church. The old graveyard is still visible.
- 7.2.2** An area within the present settlement, on the north side of Northington Hill, where substantial earthworks have been observed (paragraphs 11.0, nos 1 and 2).

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

St John, Evangelist

A chapelry attached to Micheldever until 1847

8.1 *The medieval church*

- A little lower on the hillside from the present church, and to the north-east, is the churchyard of the medieval church. On the site of the church are two medieval coffin lids.
- The medieval church was demolished at some time between 1830 and 1832;
- From architectural features contemporary writers believed that it was built in C12.

8.2 *First C19 church, 1832*

- Built by Edward Hunt on the same site as the medieval church.
- A cross marks the place where the old churches stood.

8.3 *The second C19 church, 1887-90* (architect: Sir TG Jackson)

- Flint and ashlar construction in the late Gothic style;
- Lord Ashburton provided the capital for the building project.

9.0 BUILDINGS (Map 4)

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
10236	New Down Farmhouse	C18 but earlier origin, C19, 20	II
10237	New Down Farmhouse: barn 15m west of	C17 / 18	II
10238	Lawn House	early C19, 20	II
10239	Northington Lodge	c. 1809, C20	II
10240	Northington Hill House (former school)	c. 1864	II
10241	Churchyard: boundary walls and lychgate	c. 1860-70	II
10242	Church site: marker cross of old church	1865	II
10243	The Grange	1670-73, 1817, late C19, 1980-82	I
10244	The Grange: conservatory 20m to south-west of	1823-25, 1980-82	II
10245	The Grange: carriage house & stables 350m north-north-west of	late C19	II
10248	Totford Farmhouse	C17, 18, 19, 20	II
10249	Totford Farmhouse: barn 10m south-west of	C17, 20	II
10250	Keepers	C17, 18	II
402	Church of St John	1887-90	II*
42039	Totford Farmhouse: barn 25m north of	C19	unlisted

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10.0 SMR DATA

SW 456380 137275, NE 456900 137585

SU53NE	No.		
	12	456500 137420	Medieval parish church of St John (see paragraph 8.0).
	84	456500 137500	Medieval. First documented reference to Northington 903.

10.1 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

Hants No.	NGR	Parish	NAR / NMR Nos
	457000 138100	Northington	

10.2 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

SAM No.	NGR	Site
487	456200 136200	The Grange.
588	452890 137440	Round barrows and earthworks in Micheldever and
	452820 138440	Itchen Woods.
	453070 138010	
	452660 137640	
	453420 137420	
	452500 136620	
	453010 136860	
	453250 136260	
	453170 136070	
	453160 135550	

11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Map 4)

1	456575 137520	Substantial earthworks on the north side of Northington Hill Lane (see paragraph 16.0).
2	456660 137490	Earthworks on the north side of Northington Hill Lane.
3	456540 137360	Linear earthwork c. 800m south of the present church.

12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/172/2 (1850 / *)
- GSGB 300 Alresford
- OS 1: 2500 SW 456380 137275, NE 456900 1375850
- OS 1: 25000 Explorer 132: Winchester, New Alresford & East Meon
- OS 1: 10,560 456421 137335 (1874)

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13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- Coates R 1989 *The Place-names of Hampshire* Southampton, Ensign
- HTS 1: 209-215
- VCH 3: 394-7

14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

14.1 Domesday Book

Not mentioned specifically, but Northington was probably included in the Micheldever entry. VCH (3: 395) suggests that it could be the six hides of Micheldever manor held by Alfsi nad his father before him.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£1.1.3	
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	No return	
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£6.14.6	(18 taxpayers)

14.3 Manors

Northington; Grange; Northington Manor; Totford.

14.4 Hearth Tax 1665

57 hearths chargeable (26 houses)
8 hearths not chargeable (8 houses). Total: 34 houses.

15.0 PLACE NAME

903 (C16) (*æt northametone*; 1166 x 7 *Northameton*’; 1544 *Northyngton*. The modern form is a Tudor development. The older name is OE *norðhæmatun* ‘farm of the north dwellers’. It is hard to decide from which place it was thought to be north of; perhaps (Old) Alresford. It is immediately north of Swarraton, a better candidate if it could be shown conclusively to be an ancient foundation (see NB below). Late in the C13 a tradition *Non(e)hampton* arises and is found for 50 years. Since the land belonged to Hyde Abbey in Winchester (from the C10), the older name may have been altered, by a loose piece of folk-etymology, to suggest ME * *Nunnehampton* ‘nuns’ Hampton, but the tradition was scribal only (Coates 1989, 124).

NB This sort of argument does not work well. The site of the major settlement focus is likely to have moved at least once. In any case the place-name is more likely to have been used to describe a larger unit, perhaps something akin to the present parish, less Swarraton (IH/2002).

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16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

- Earthworks itemised in paragraph 11.0, no. 1 from the west.
- View from church car park east towards Modern Swarraton
- Location of medieval and 1832 churches showing medieval coffin slab in prone position.

17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS

17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters

- AD 903 King Edward founds New Minster, Winchester, and grants land at Micheldever, East Stratton, Burcot, Popham, Woodmancott, Candover, Cranbourne, Drayton in Barton Stacey, Swarraton, Northington, Norton near Selborne, Slackstead, Tachbury in Copythorne, Ann, Hampshire, at Collingbourne, Chiseldon, Wiltshire, and at Durlley, Hampshire. *Latin* (162 / 370).

17.2 Other parish settlements include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>NGR / map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
Totford	1824	457090 137960	1167

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>
14507	1791	1792	1,182.75 acres (actual) including land in Brown Candover. In Northington this involved South Field, Beckhurst Down Field, and Little Field in North Field.

17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

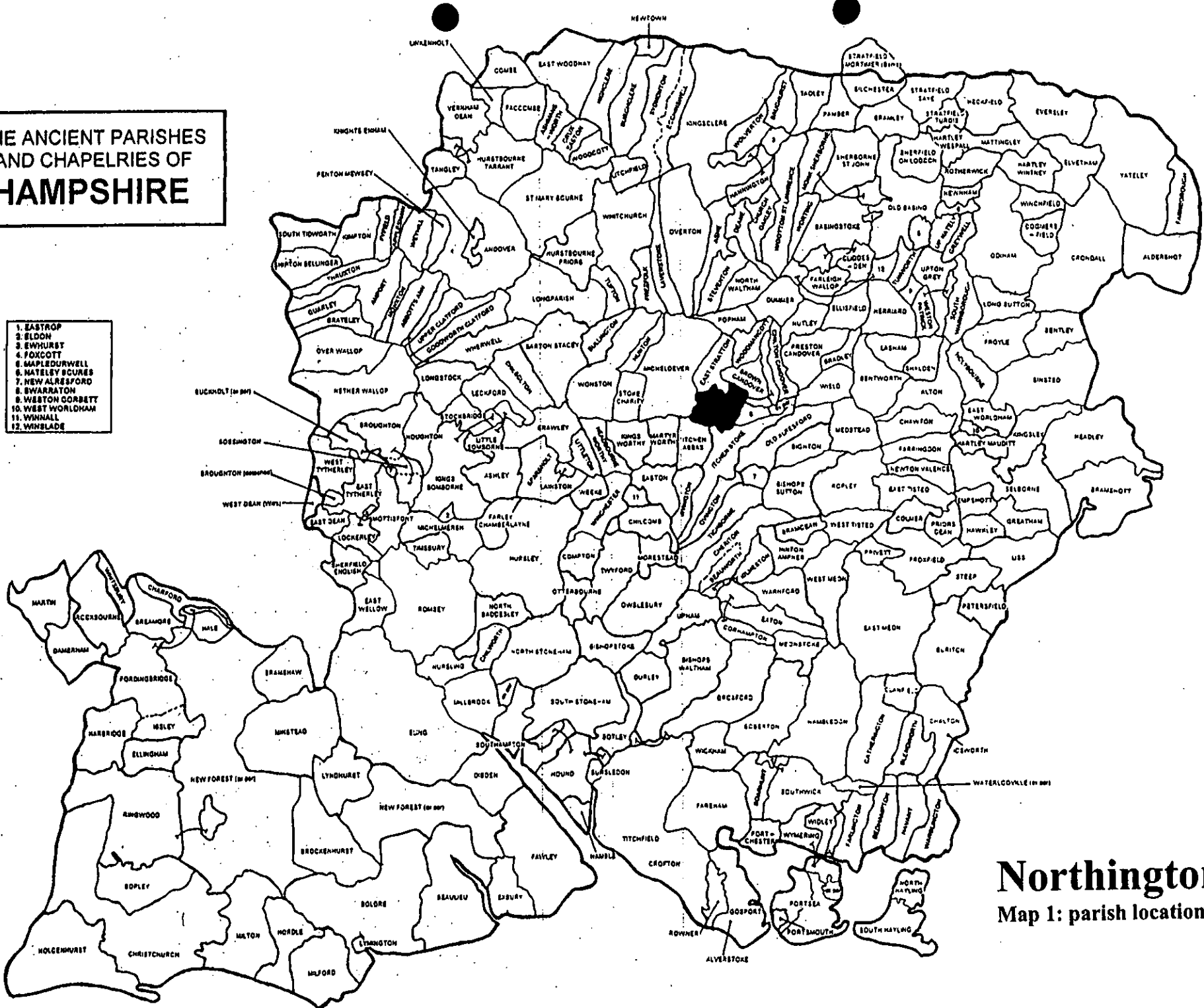
None recorded in 1874.

18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

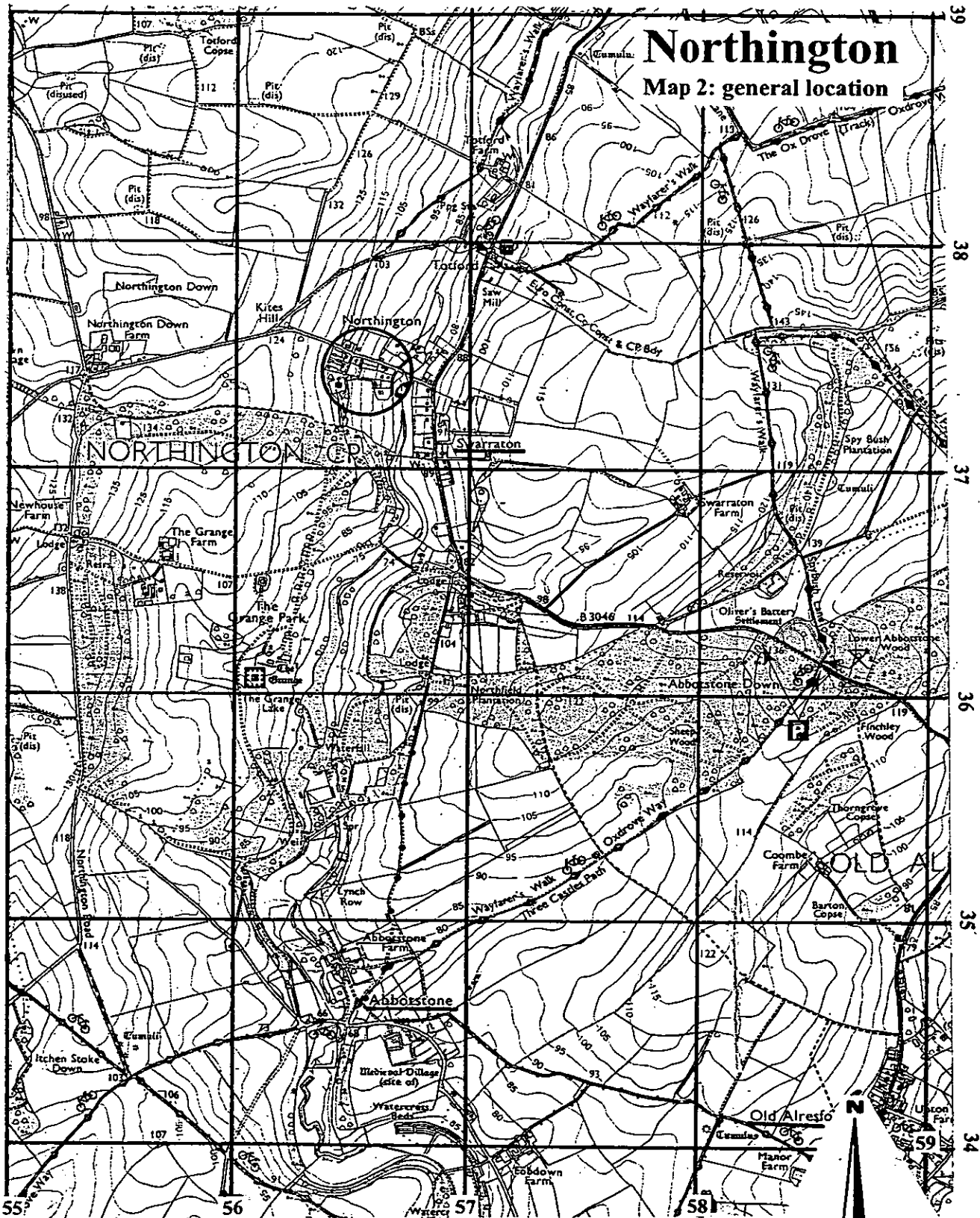
- 1 Map 1: Parish location (not to scale)
- 2 Map 2: General (settlement) location at 1: 25000
- 3 Map 3: Ordnance Survey First Edition County Series (c. 1870s) not to scale
- 4 Map 4: Development & archaeological features at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 5 Map 5: Areas of archaeological potential at 1: 2500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

THE ANCIENT PARISHES AND CHAPELRIES OF HAMPSHIRE

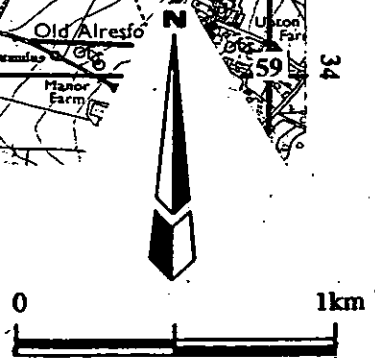
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12. WINSLADE

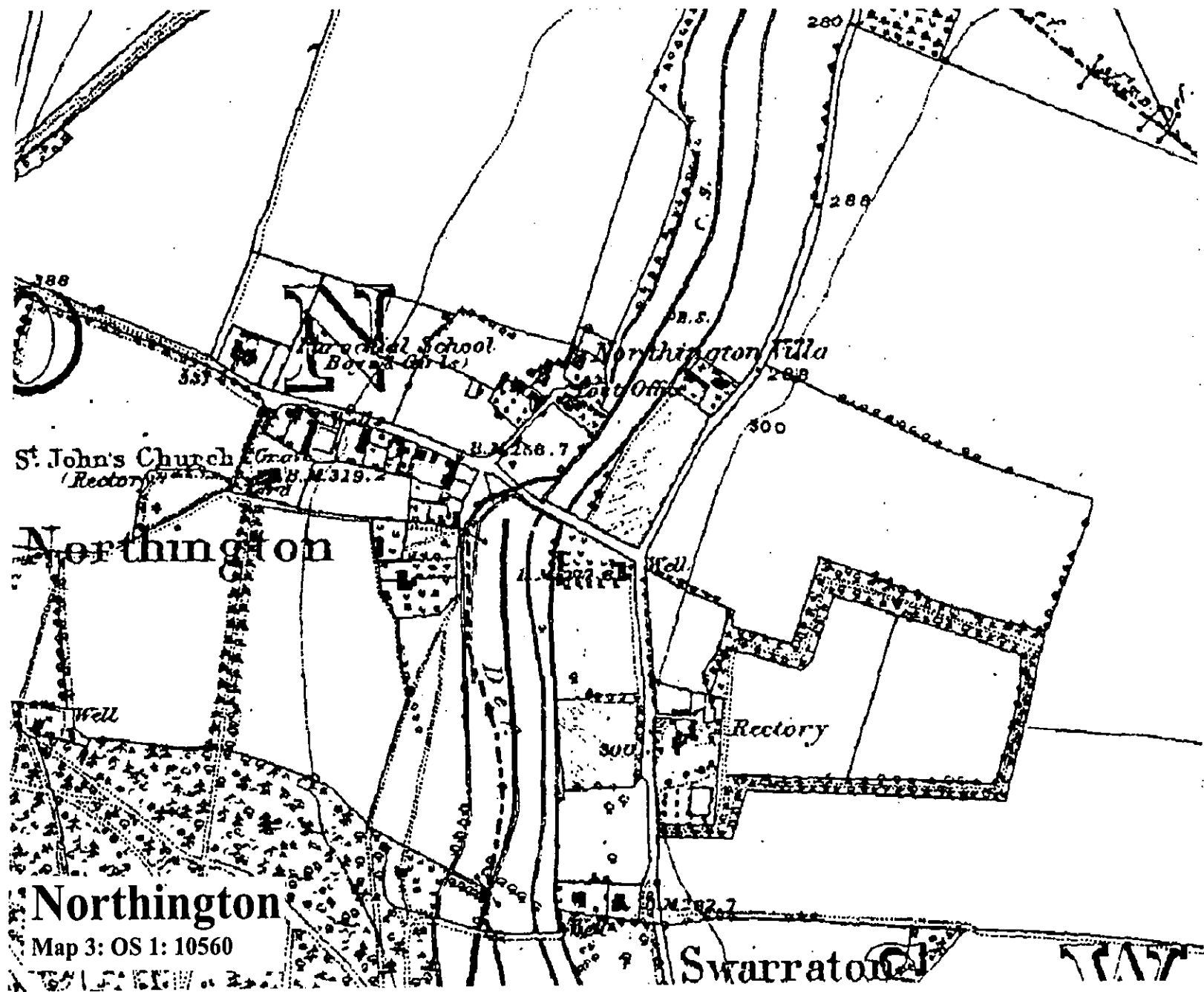


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Map 1: parish location

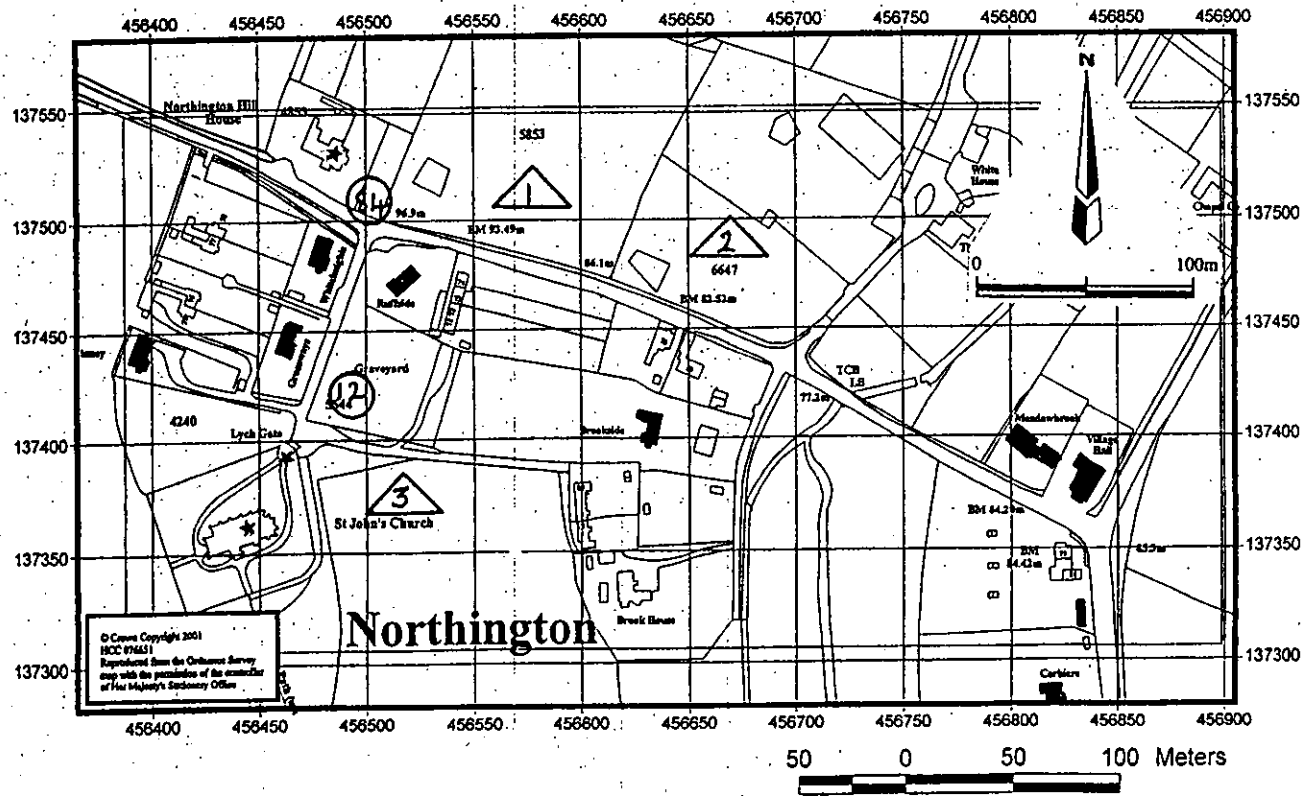


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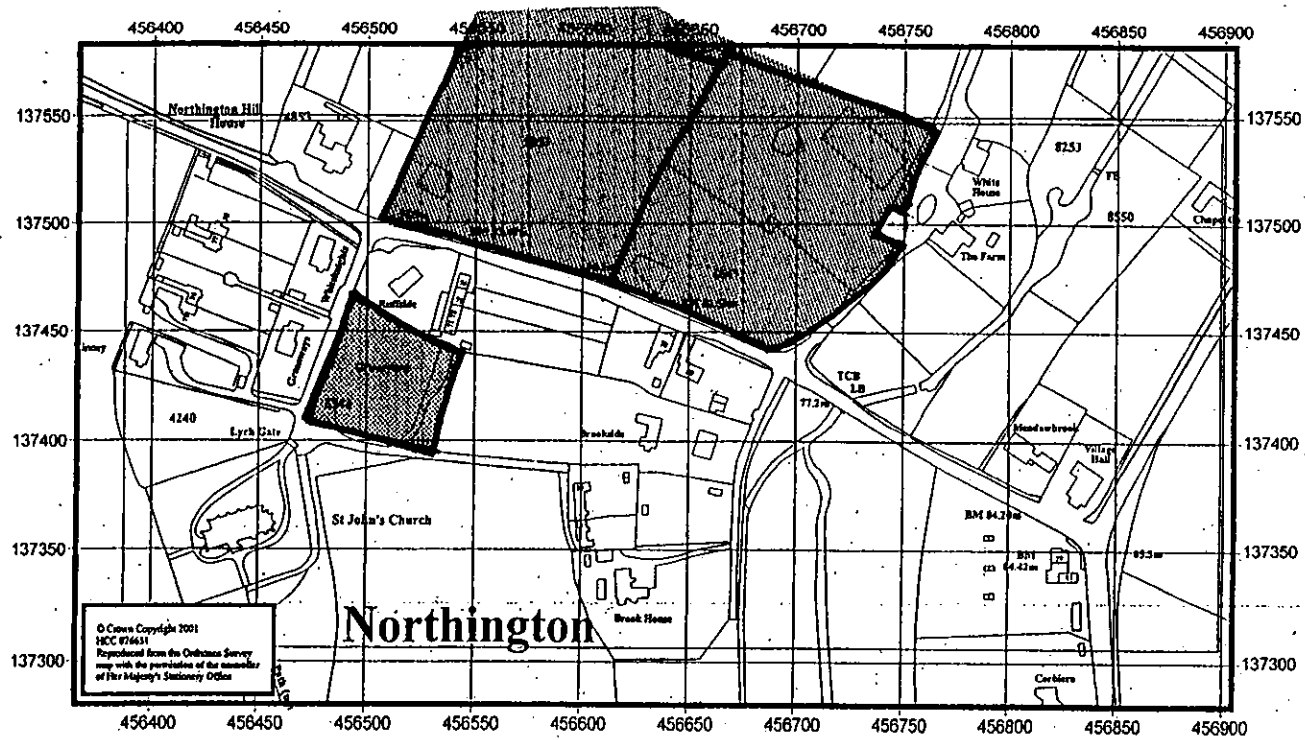




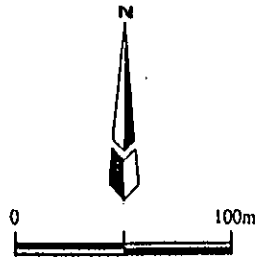
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 Map 4: development & archaeological features

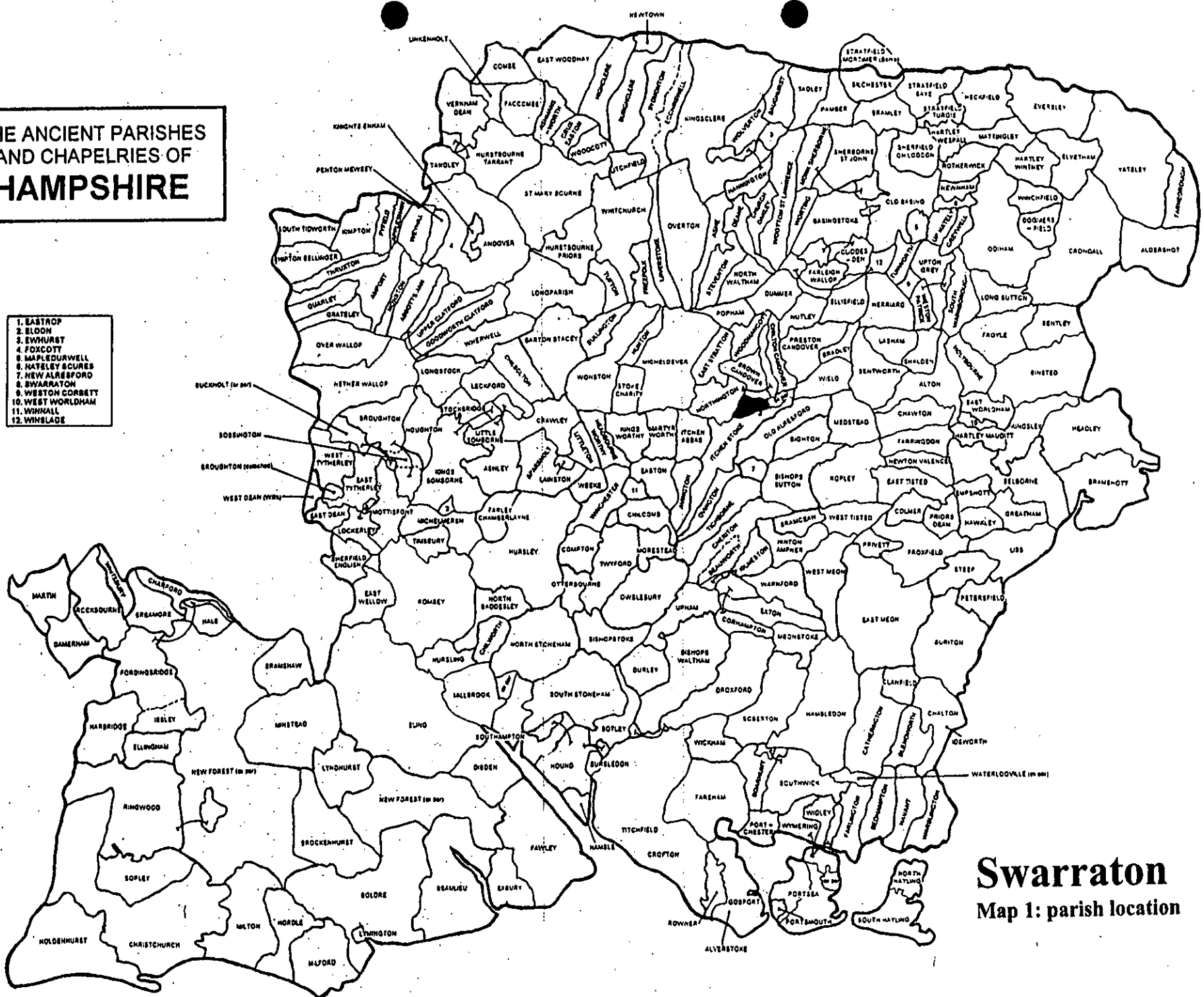


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 Map 5: areas of archaeological potential



**THE ANCIENT PARISHES
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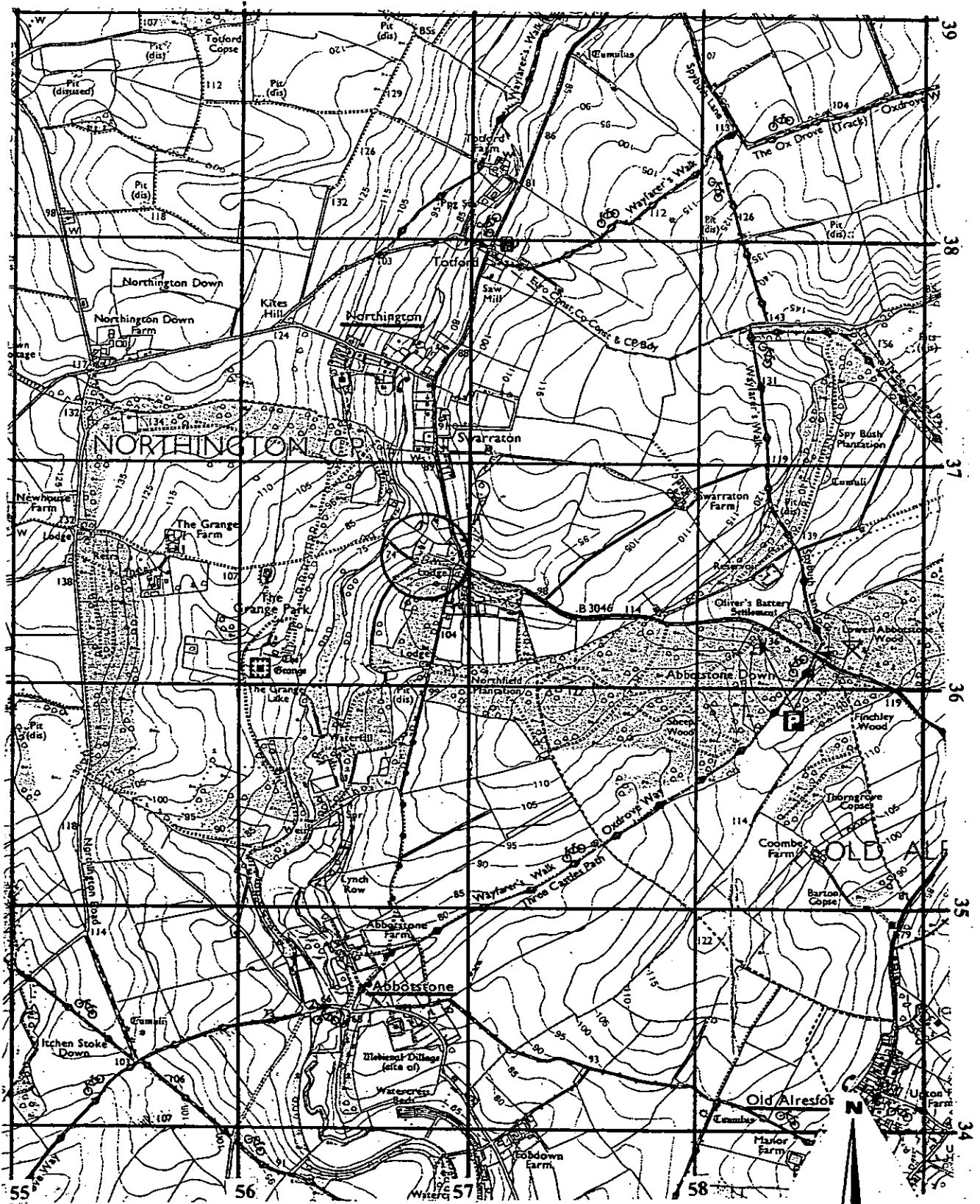
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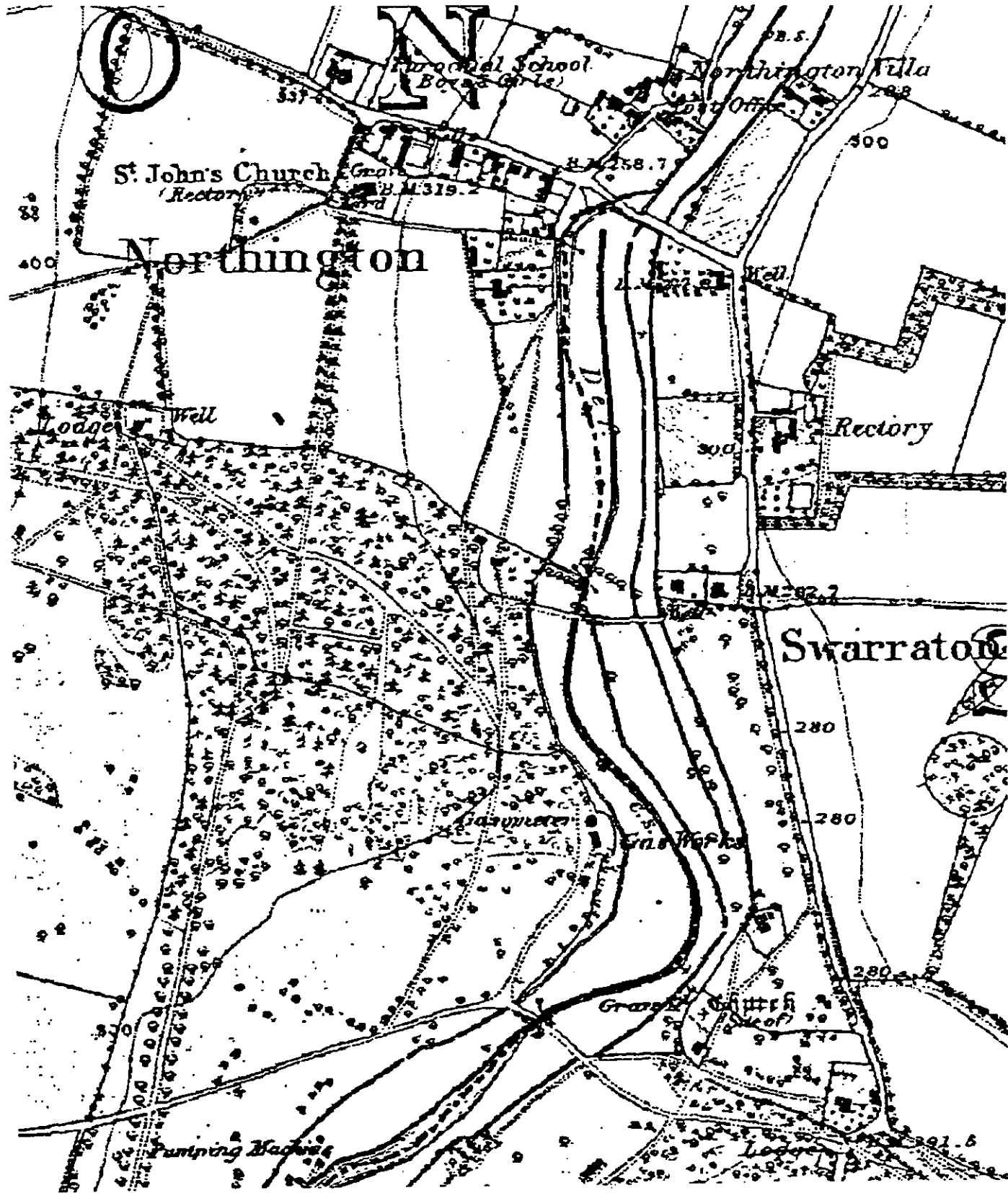
Swarraton
Map 1: parish location

Swarraton

Map 2: general location



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