

<b>1.0</b>	<b>PARISH</b>	Ovington, now Itchen Stoke and Ovington (Map 1)
<b>2.0</b>	<b>HUNDRED</b>	Fawley
<b>3.0</b>	<b>NGR</b>	456090 131610
<b>4.0</b>	<b>GEOLOGY</b>	Upper Chalk

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

Ovington has been combined with the parish of Itchen Stoke and, indirectly with the former parish of Abbotstone. Ovington settlement is at the north end of the former Ovington parish, where it is situated above the south bank of the river Itchen at 70m AOD. As a single parish unit it was relatively small, running southwards from the river to a total length of *c.* 6km, but in width rarely exceeding 1km. Ovington is in downland country with outlying farms reached by Rodfield Lane, an axial route that is little more than a track as it progresses southwards. Probably since later medieval times the Alresford Road has cut the parish 1.4km south of the Itchen.

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

### **Regular row(s)**

**6.1.1** The main street through Ovington starts at a ford on the south bank of the river Itchen and continues southwards in serpentine fashion for the entire length of the settlement and beyond. Upon crossing the ford from Itchen Stoke in the north, the first building in Ovington is the Bush Inn (C18). It stands by the side of a road that links Ovington to other Itchen-side settlements to the east. Ovington *street* runs uphill from here and in spite of its curvilinear characteristics, all of the roadside properties are aligned at a right angle to this road. The majority of the buildings are C18 and later, but *Yew Tree Cottage* on the west side is C17. On the east side *The Thatch* and *Church Cottage* are also C17 or earlier. The medieval church, within its churchyard, fit neatly into the regular row. The last building in the Ovington *row* is the C18 Ovington (manor) House.

**6.1.2** The antiquity of the Ovington *rows* cannot be demonstrated on the basis of current evidence. On balance, the arrangement is likely to be of medieval date but the key to understanding the problem is Ovington House. It is the only building in the main street settlement that stands back from the road; in fact the road diverts to the west in a wide arc to avoid the house. This road diversion is a very deliberate act of planning that possibly dates to the C18 when Ovington House was built (or rebuilt). Without the diversion the road would continue as a relatively straight line passing directly alongside the west wall of the House. In this scenario, Ovington House would be tied into the east side of the regular row in line with the other buildings of the settlement, including the C13 church. Intriguingly, the carriage-drives of Ovington House follow a course across its west grounds (north / south) that an earlier road

might have taken. Whatever the case, regular rows make sense for Ovington, a settlement that follows the line of a dry valley from the river Itchen southwards up onto the chalk downs.

**6.2** *Site visit conditions:* strong sun (23.4.2002).

## **7.0** ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL (Map 5)

### **7.1** *AsAP*

**7.1.1** Note the location of earthworks itemised in paragraph 11.0, nos 1 and 2.

**7.1.2** The west grounds of Ovington House as explained in paragraph 6.1.2.

### **7.2** *AsHAP*

**7.2.1** The site of the medieval church just to the north of its C19 successor, see paragraph 8.0. Ovington is not included in Domesday Book and there is no evidence for a church of this date.

## **8.0** CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

**St Peter, 1866** (*architect:* Colson)

- C12 Purbeck marble font, presumably from the old church;
- First mention of a church at Ovington in 1284 (VCH 3: 331);
- C13 / 14 west doorway from the medieval church (restored in the 1980s) remains standing on the north side of the C19 church;
- The site of medieval church is represented by a rectangular depression 14m x 8m;
- The C19 church was built immediately to the south of its medieval predecessor in the Decorated Gothic style (see paragraph 16.0);
- The tower adjoins the south wall at the west end of the church.

## **9.0** BUILDINGS (Map 4)

<b>PRN</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Grade</b>
1926	St Peter's churchyard: west doorway to the old church	C13 / 14, 19	II
441	Church of St Peter	1866	II
9962	The Bush Inn	late C18	II
9963	Yew Tree Cottages (1 of 2)	C17, 18, 19	II
9964	Yew Tree Cottages (2 of 2)	C17, 18, 19	II
9965	The Thatch	C17, 18, 20	II
9966	Farmside Cottages	C18, 19	II
9967	Old Rectory	mid C18, 19	II
9968	Churchyard: tomb chest of Sir Thomas Richard Dyer	1838	II
9969	Church Cottage	C17, 18	II

9970	Woodbine Cottage	mid C18, 20	II
9971	North Lodge	c. 1837	II
9972	Ovington Down Farmhouse	C18, 19	II
9973	Ovington Down Farmhouse: barn 50m north of	C18	II

### 10.0 SMR DATA SW 455880 131380, NE 456245 131880 (Map 4)

SU53SE	No.		
**m	7	456090 131620	Medieval parish church of St Peter (see paragraph 8.0).
	104	456000 131600	Medieval. First documented record of Ovington in AD 958.

### 10.1 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

Hants No.	NGR	Parish	NAR / NMR Nos
None known.			

### 10.2 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

SAM No.	NGR	Site
None.		

### 11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Map 4)

1	456100 131750	Earthworks in an empty roadside plot. The adjacent building to the south is C17.
2	456020 131720	Approximate centre point of cultivation earthworks in the field behind <i>The Corner House</i> , a late C20 bungalow that replaced an earlier building (see paragraph 16.0).
3	455965 131550	Point on a pathway that passes behind the properties on the west side of Ovington. This pathway could be the remains of a medieval back lane.
4	456080 131615	Approximate point on a linear negative earthwork in the churchyard of St Peter's. It leads to the site of the old church from the rectory and is probably of early C19 date.

### 12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7183/2 (1851 / \*)
- GSGB 300 Alresford
- OS 1: 2500 SW 455880 131380, NE 456245 131880
- OS 1: 25000 Explorer 132: Winchester, New Alresford & East Meon;  
Explorer 119: Meon Valley, Portsmouth, Gosport & Fareham
- OS 1: 10,560 455808 131575 (1873)

**13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- Coates R 1989 *The place-names of Hampshire* London, Batsford
- HTS 1: 141-48 (with Itchen Stoke)
- VCH 3: 331-2

**14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES****14.1 Domesday Book**

VCH (3: 331) and, by emulation HTS (1: 141), claim that Ovington is twice mentioned in Domesday Book. In fact, it is not mentioned at all, having been mistaken for Yavington in the adjacent parish of Avington. Yavington is mentioned twice.

**14.2 Subsidy Rolls**

1334		£0.11.7	
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	£1.10.0	(26 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£1.6.8	(21 taxpayers)

**14.3 Manors**

Ovington only.

**14.4 Hearth Tax 1665**

35 hearths chargeable (19 houses)  
12 hearths not chargeable (12 houses). Total: 31 houses.

**15.0 PLACE NAME**

963 x 975 (C12) (*æt*) *ufinctune*. OE 'farm associated with Ufa' (Coates, 1989: 128)

**16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS**

- Site of the medieval church north of its C19 successor (paragraph 8.0);
- Earthworks to the rear of the Corner House (paragraph 11.2).

**17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS****17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters**

- AD 963 X 975 King Edgar to the church of Winchester; confirmation of land at Tichborne, Beauworth, and Ovington, Hampshire. *Latin* (260 / **826**).

**17.2 Other parish settlements include:**

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>NGR / map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
None listed.			

### 17.3 Enclosures

#### *Parliamentary:*

<i>NEP No.</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
14099	52 Geo. III cap. 41, 1812		1813	877.12 acres (actual); 844 acres (award). Ovington Common

Fields,

Bradney Meadow, Maple  
Green Common,

Ovington

Common and Downs,  
waste.

#### *Formal Agreements:*

<i>NEP No.</i>	<i>Agreement</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
	No formal enclosure known.		

### 17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

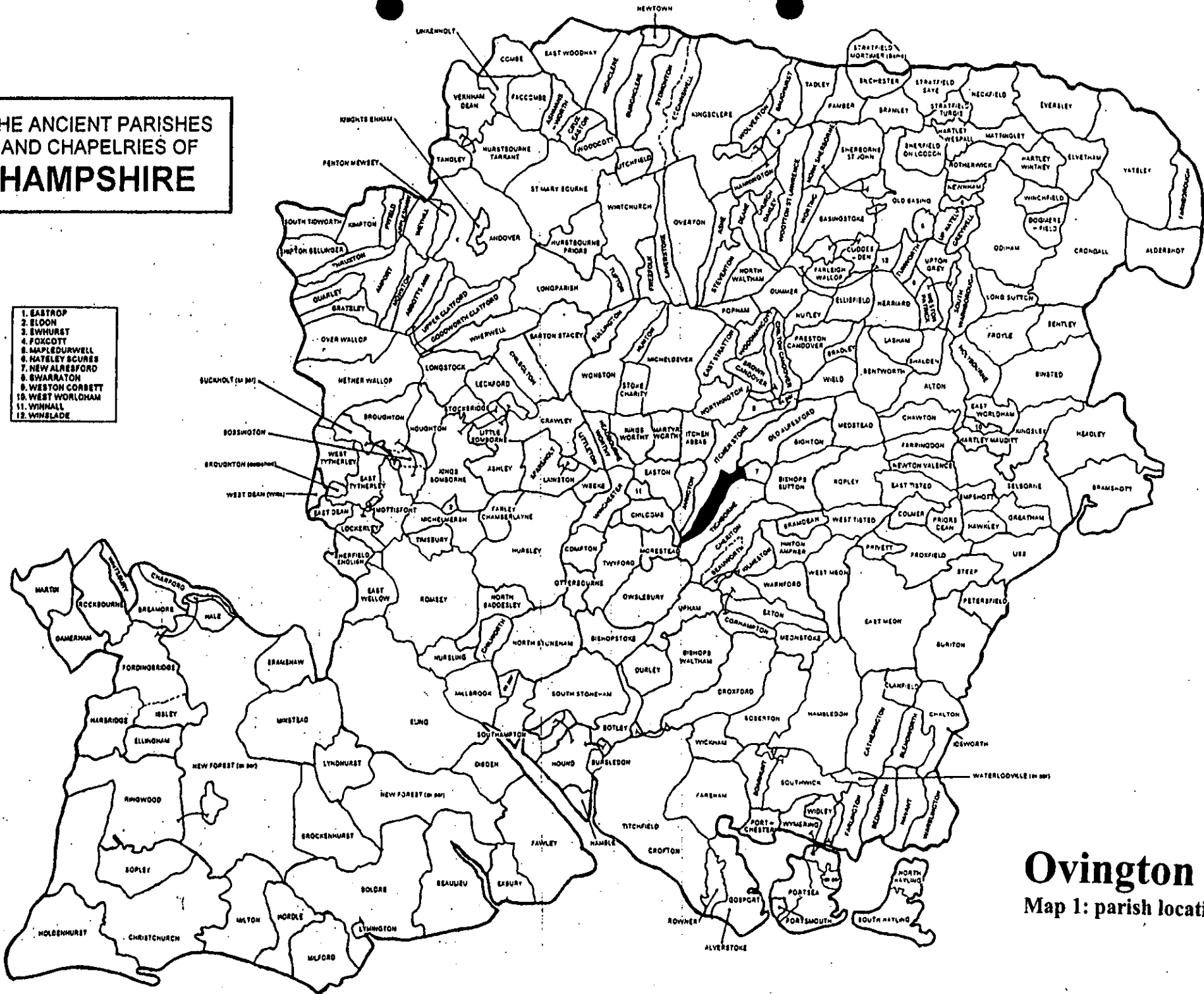
None recorded in 1874.

### 18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

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- 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%

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**HAMPSHIRE**

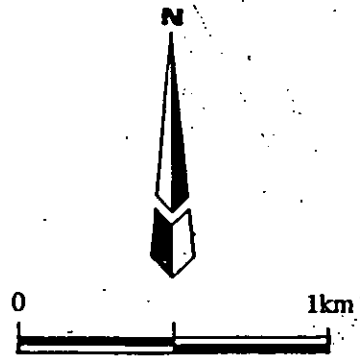
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- 12. WINSLADE



**Ovington**  
Map 1: parish location

# Ovington

Map 2: general location



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Lovington Farm

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Lovington Lane

Ovington

Parochial School  
Ovington Park Farm

Ovington House

Church  
Summer Ho.

Threshing Mill  
(Corn)

Liable to Floods

East Lane Down

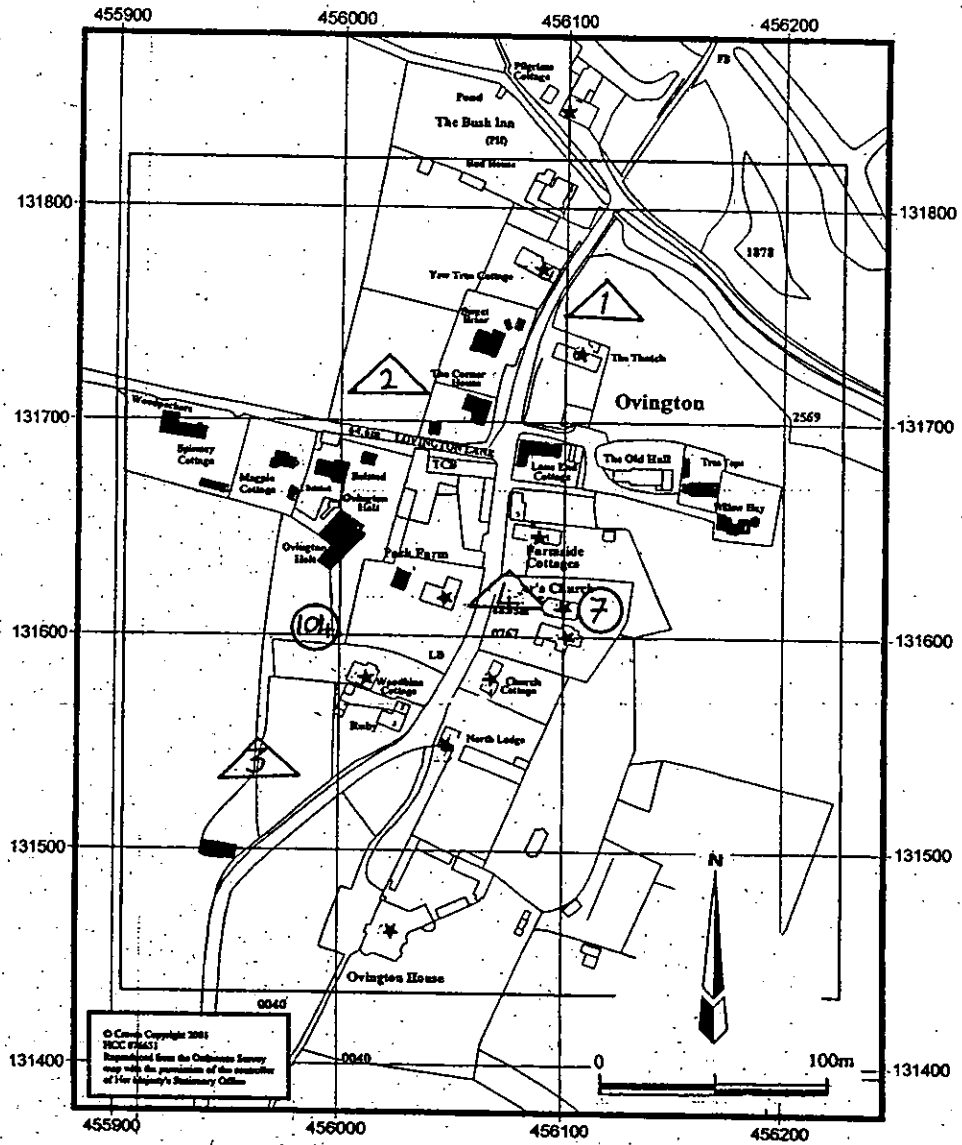
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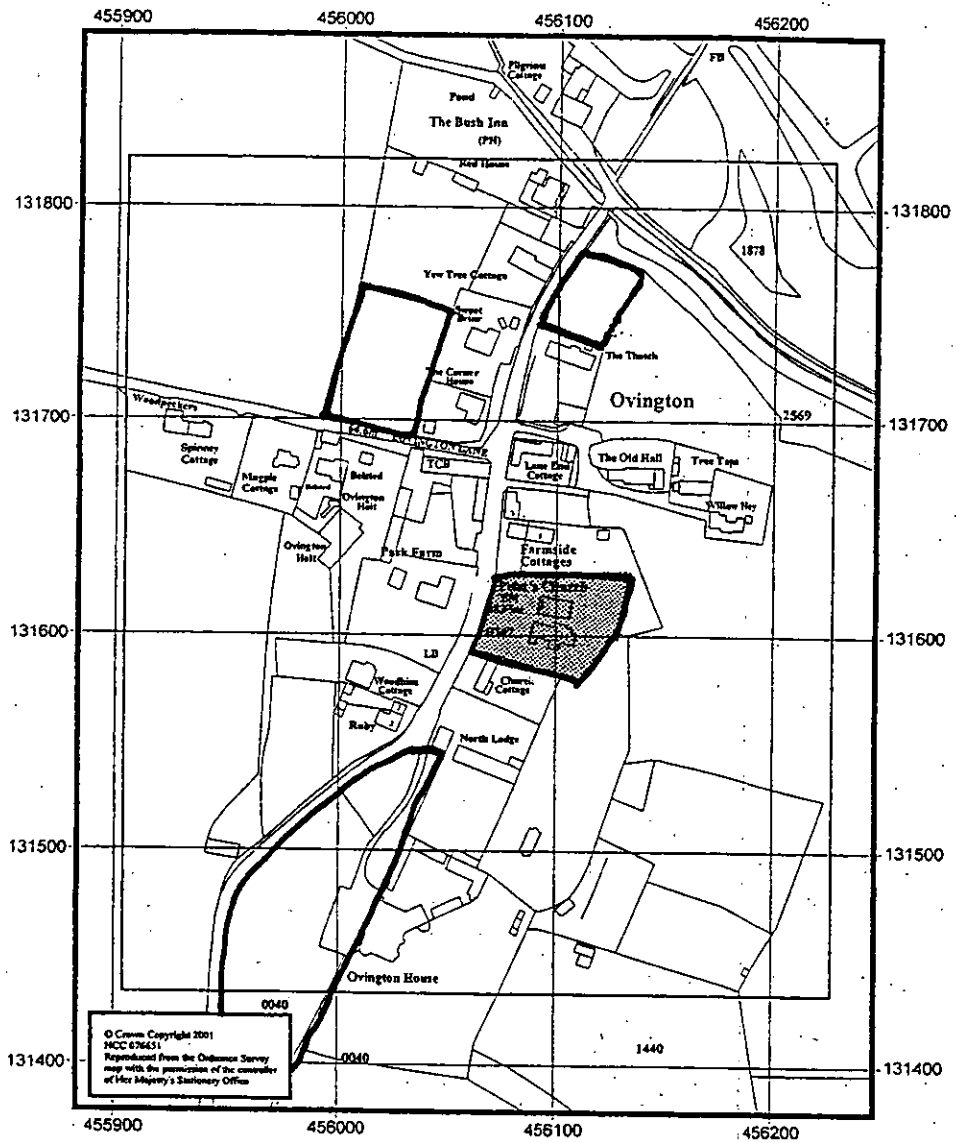
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Map 3: OS 1: 10560





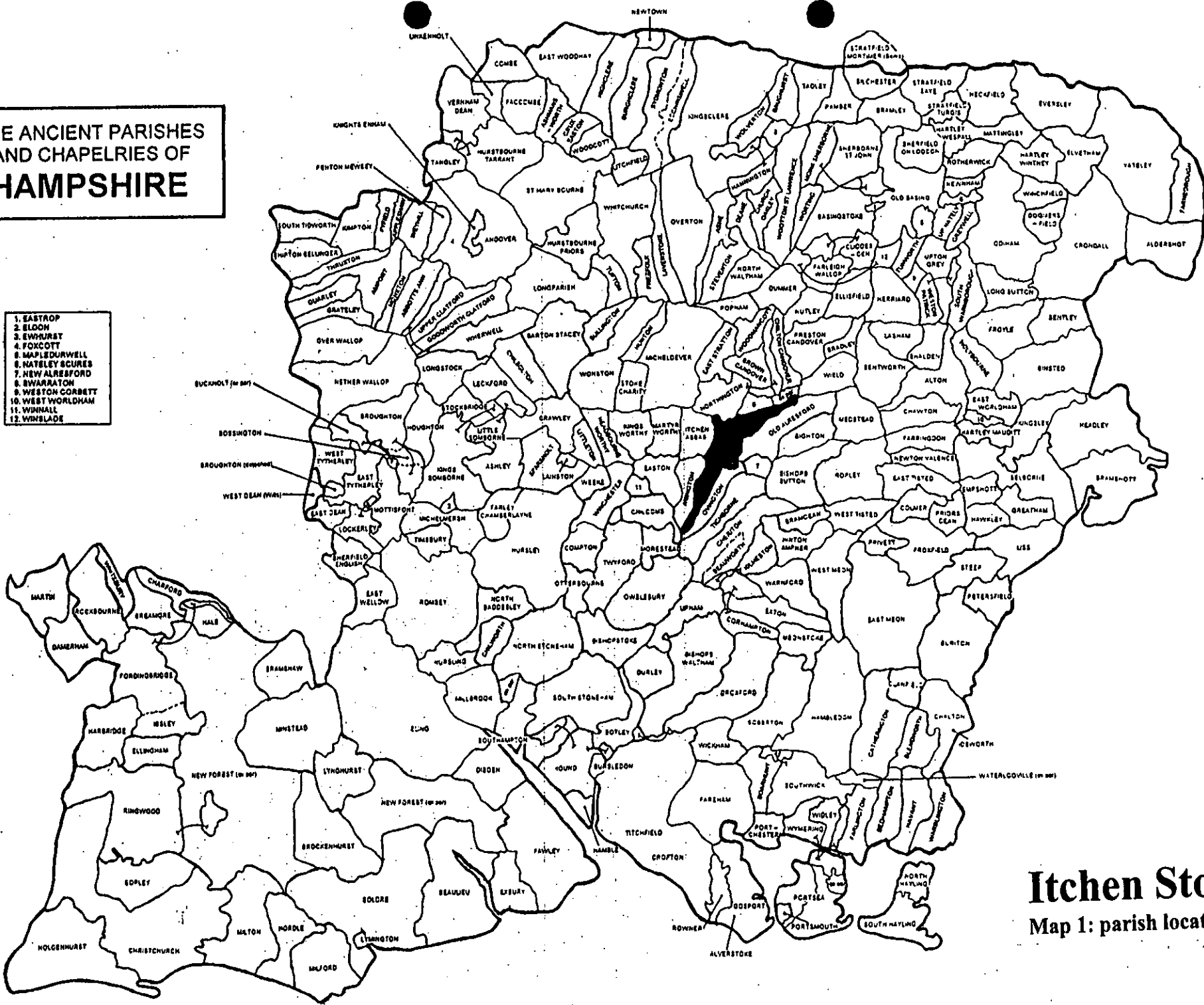
**Ovington**  
 Map 4: development & archaeological features



**Ovington**  
 Map 5: areas of archaeological  
 potential

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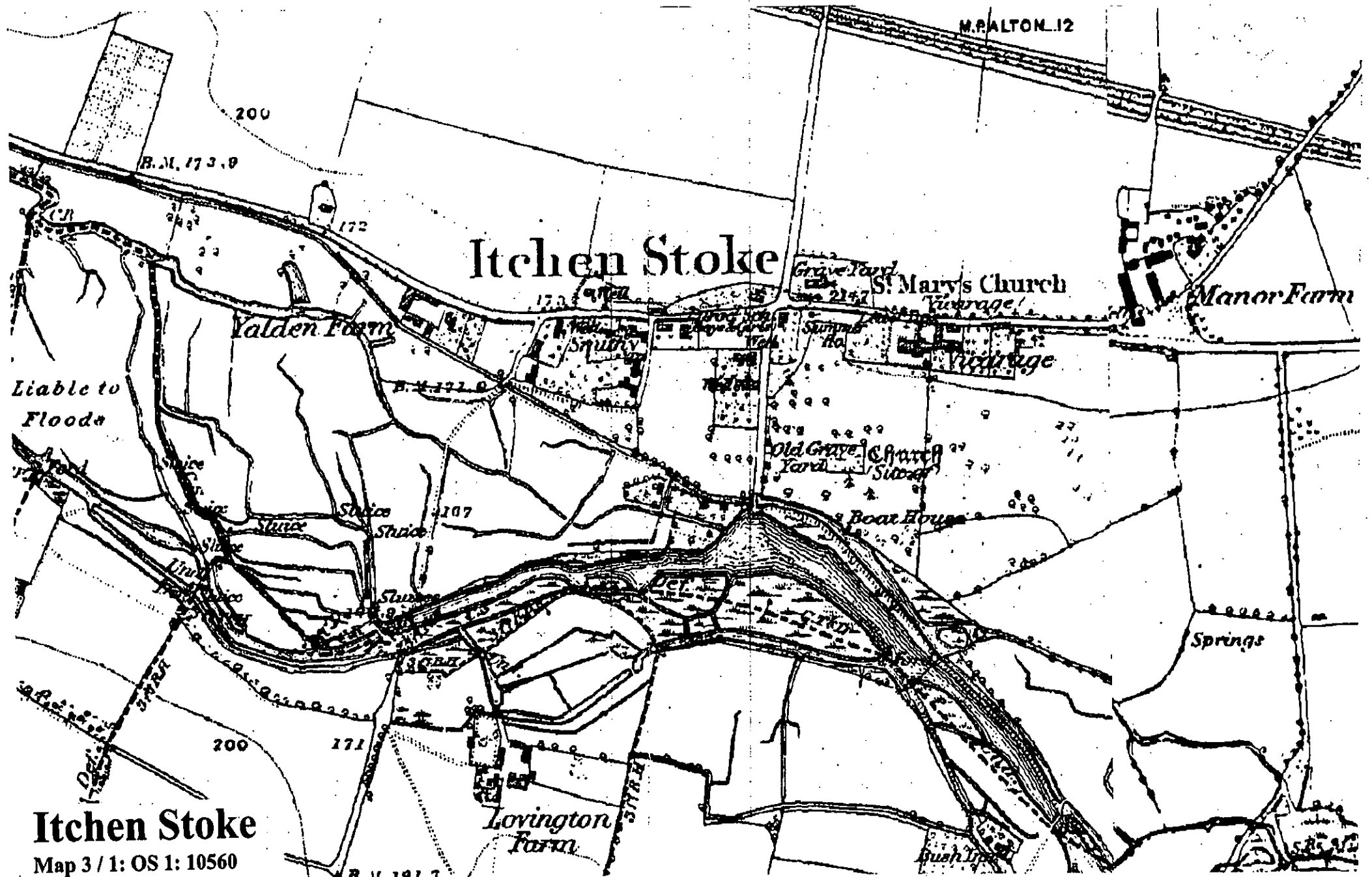
**Itchen Stoke**  
Map 1: parish location

# Itchen Stoke

## Map 2: general location

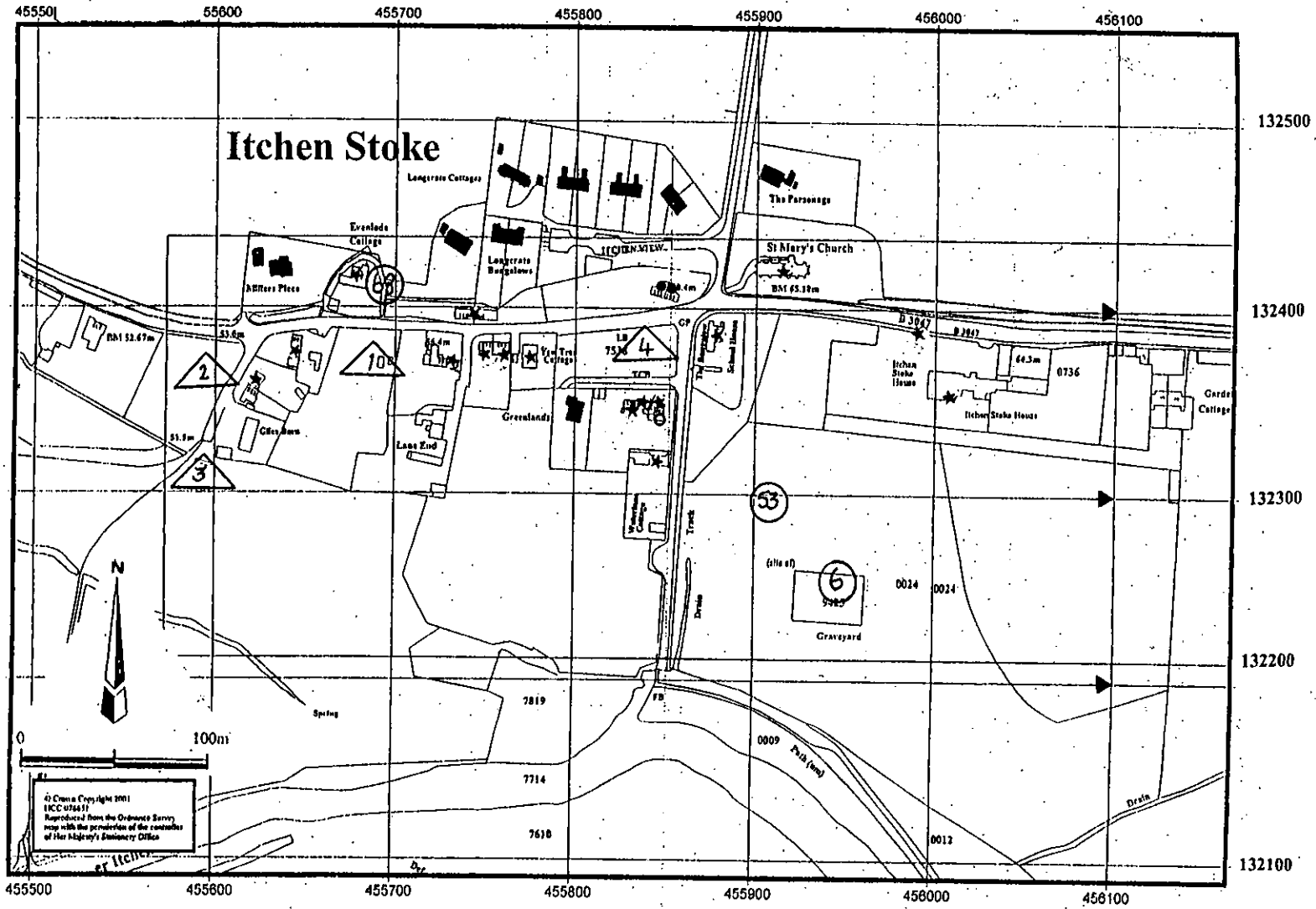


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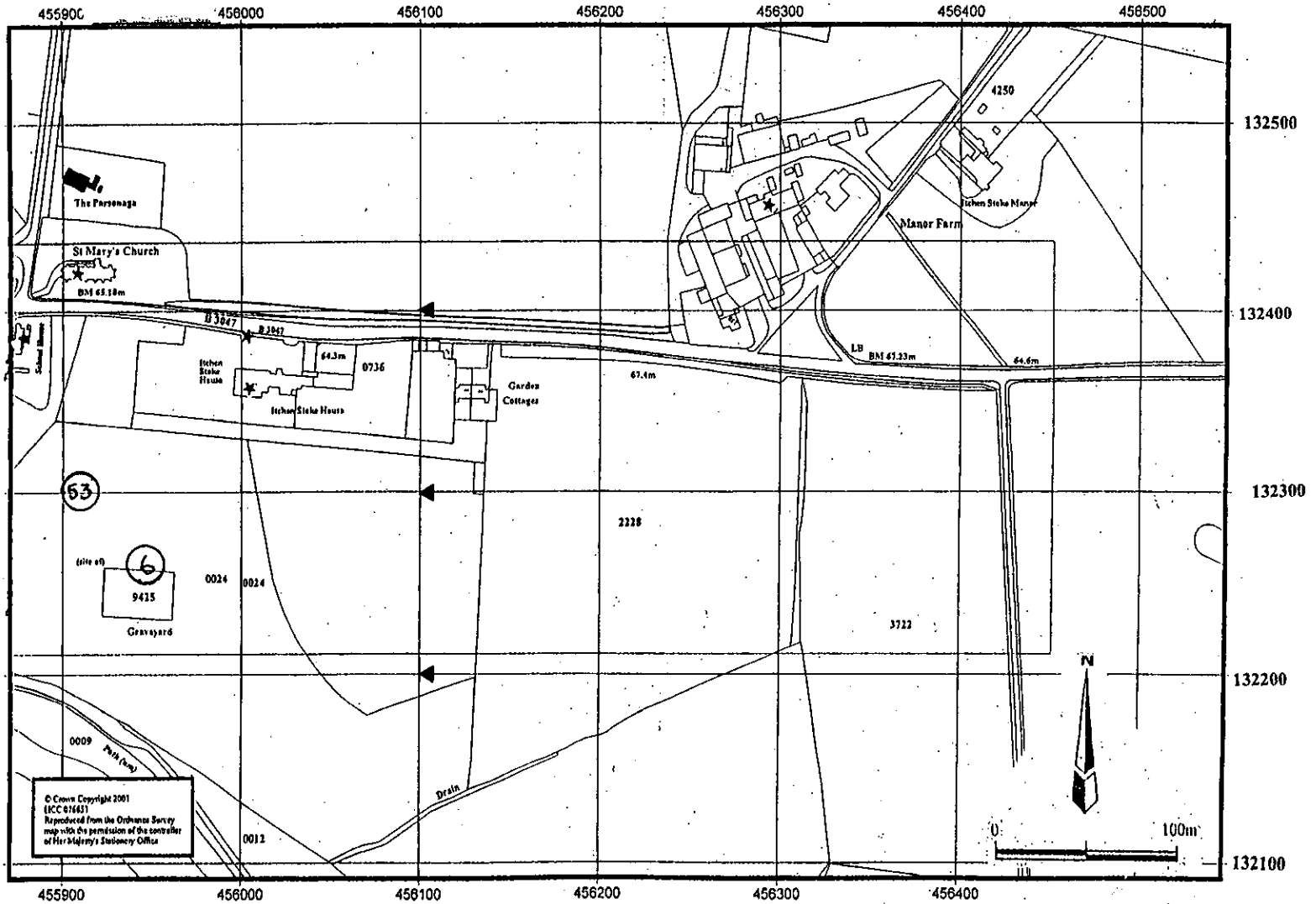


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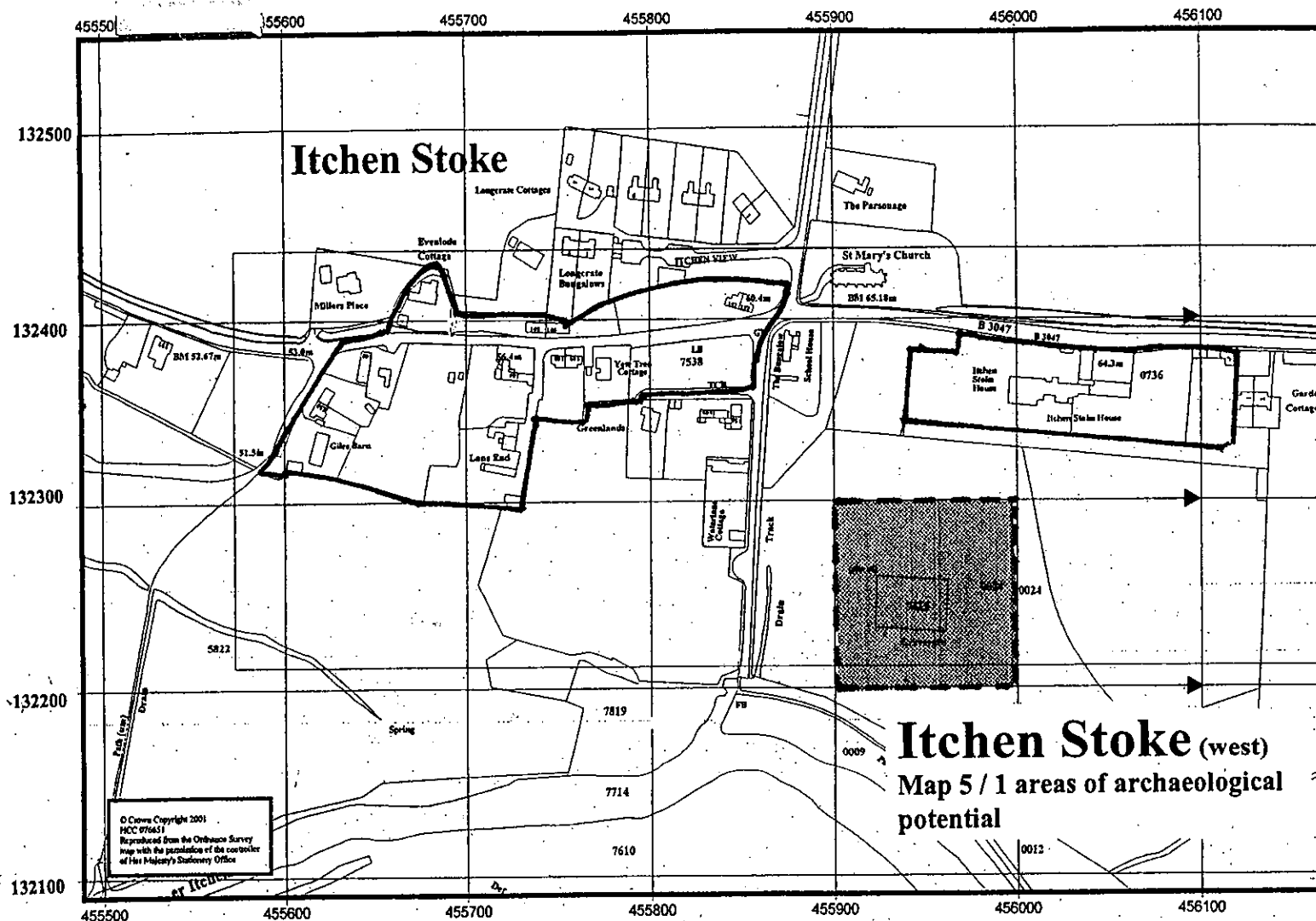
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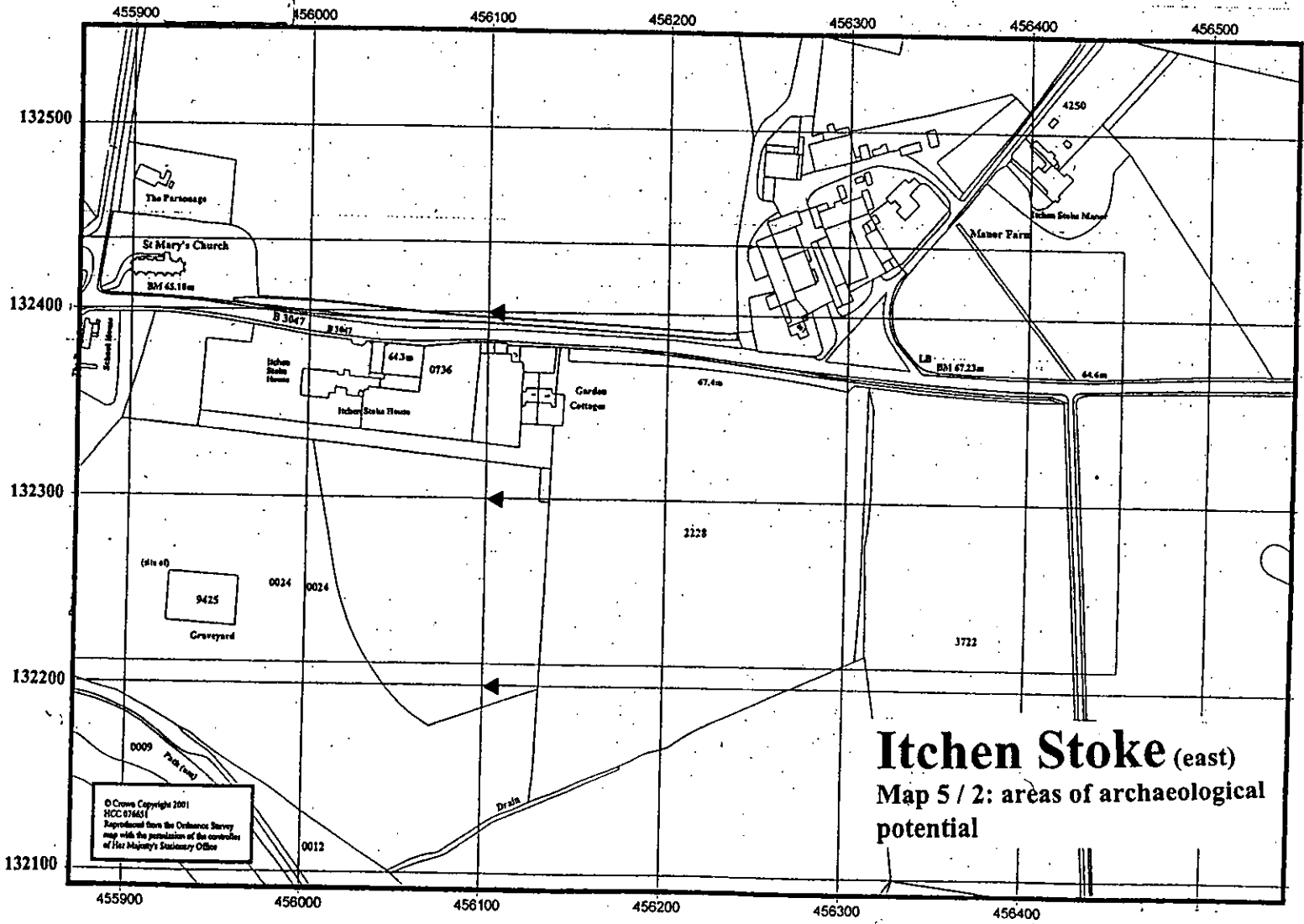
**Ichen Stoke (west)**  
 Map 4 / 1: development & archaeological features



**Ithen Stoke (east)**  
 Map 4 / 2: development &  
 archaeological features







**Itchen Stoke (east)**  
**Map 5 / 2: areas of archaeological potential**

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