

<b>1.0</b>	<b>PARISH</b>	Owslebury (Map 1)
<b>2.0</b>	<b>HUNDRED</b>	Fawley
<b>3.0</b>	<b>NGR</b>	451470 123400
<b>4.0</b>	<b>GEOLOGY</b>	Upper Chalk

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

Owslebury is one of the many settlements that are situated on the Roman roads that radiate from the *civitas* of Winchester. In this case it is the road from the south-east of the City that climbs up onto the downlands as Morestead Road and Jackmans Hill, reaching Owslebury after 6.5km linear distance. Owslebury remains a comparatively large parish in spite of late C19 and subsequent adjustments. At the south end, Colden Common has become a separate parish unit though part of this was once in Owslebury. Conversely, at the north end, the former Morestead parish (*q.v.*) has been added to Owslebury CP, effectively shifting it by almost 2km north-westwards in the direction of Winchester.

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

### **Regular rows**

**7.1.1** The settlement of Owslebury is situated upon a north-east / south-west ridge. Crossing the length of the ridge is a road known as Main Road in Owslebury. Main Road is the focus for the principal concentration of buildings. The layout of the settlement has the appearance of a double regular row but the property plots on the north side of the road are irregular as compared with a uniform arrangement to the south. C20 infill and replacement will have altered the character of Main Road but the OS 10,560 map shows that the dichotomy between north and south was much the same in 1872. This irregularity to some extent undermines the hypothesis of the double regular row but there are C17 or earlier buildings on both sides of the road, and this gives Owslebury a certain cohesiveness. Balance is evident in other respects too. There are two farmsteads within the layout and both on the north side of Main Road. Owslebury Farm is at the north-east end of the settlement, whilst Boyes Farm (C17) is at the south-west extreme. Just east of Boyes Farm is the C16 Ship Inn that faces southwards across a triangular plot of land that probably was once a green. Since 1872 three cottages have been lost from this area.

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**6.1.2 *Synthesis*** Owslebury is a settlement of contradictions for it has regular and irregular features. On balance, it has the characteristics of a true village including a certain visual balance in the layout of buildings and the presence of what appears to be a residual green at the south–west end of Main Road. Since 1872 (OS 10,560) at least seven roadside properties have been lost and it would be useful to understand the origin of these.

**6.2 *Site visit conditions:*** cloudy; hazy sun (17.4.2002).

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

### **7.1 *AsAP***

**7.1.1** An area that encompasses the street front properties of Owslebury. This would include C17 and earlier buildings plus the sites itemised in paragraph 11.0, nos 1 to 8.

### **7.2 *AsHAP***

**7.2.1** The Church and churchyard of St Andrew's (C14 or earlier).

## **8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD**

### **St Andrew**

- Chancel is early C14, at one time cruciform but remodelled in the late C17 and contains re-used materials;
- Nave C14;
- North and south walls have C14 lights with C19 heads
- C15 transepts;
- C15 octagonal font on column;
- West tower 1675;
- C19 restorations.

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

<b>PRN</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Grade</b>
1546	Marwell Hall: Old Game Larder (dovecote)	C18, 19	II
1608	Church of St Andrew	C14, 15, 17, 19	II*
442	Marwell House Farmhouse	late C16, 18, 20	II
73	Down Cottage, Lower Baybridge Lane	C17, 18, 19	II
7466	Marwell House	C18, 19, 20	II
9844	Marwell Manor Farmhouse	C16, 18, 19, 20	II
9845	Marwell Manor Farmhouse: stable block 10m south of	C14, 15, 17, 18	II
9846	Marwell Manor Farmhouse: Marwell Farm Barn immediately east of	C16, 1983	II

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9847	Marwell Farm Barn: wall 50m south and east of	C15, 16	II	
9848	Low Hill Farmhouse, A333	late C16, 17, 20	II	
9859	Lower Whiteflood Farmhouse, Baybridge	C16, 18, 19	II	
9850	Baybridge Farmhouse, Baybridge	C18 or earlier, C19	II	
9851	Baybridge Farmhouse: barn 25m south-east of	C18, 20	II	
9852	Yew Tree Cottage, Baybridge	C18		II
9854	Longwood Estate Office: gateway to orchard 50m west of	c. 1880	II	
9855	The Cottage, Longwood Estate	c. 1880, c. 1900	II	
9856	Corner Cottages, 1 Longwood Estate	late C19, 20	II	
9857	Corner Cottages, 2 Longwood Estate	late C19, 20	II	
9858	Park View Cottage, Longwood Estate	late C19, 20	II	
9859	Longwood Estate Office: barn in orchard 5m west of	c. 1880	II	
9860	Wall to orchard attached to cottages	c. 1880	II	
9861	Longwood Estate Office: Wall and dovecote of orchard 50m south of	c. 1880	II	
9862	The Beeches, Longwood Estate	1880	II	
9863	Marwell Hall: garden wall attached to south-east corner of	C16, c. 1816	II	
9864	Marwell Hall: wall attached to south-west corner of	c. 1816	II	
9865	Marwell Hall: wall with niche for seat 30m north-east of	c. 1816	II	
9866	Marwell House Farmhouse: barn 50m west of	C16	II	
9867	Marwell House Farmhouse: stable block 20m west of	C18	II	
9868	Marwell House Farmhouse: stable block 20m west of	C19	II	
9869	Marwell House Farmhouse: gate piers to drive 300m west of	C18	II	
9870	Long Barn, Morestead Road: barn at	C18, 19	II	
9871	Orchard House, Morestead Road: milestone at	early C19	II	
9875	Boyes Farmhouse	C17, 19, 20	II	
9876	Boyes Farmhouse: barn 20m north of (Now a C20 conversion into living space)	C17, 20	II	
9877	Ship Inn	C16, 18, 19	II	
9878	1 Yew Tree Cottages	C17, 19, 20	II	

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9879	2 Yew Tree Cottages	C17, 19, 20	II
9880	The Farmhouse	C17, 18, 20	II
9881	Old Wells Cottage	late C18	II
9882	Chestnut House	C17, 18, 20	II
9883	The Old Vicarage	c. 1835, mid C19	II
9884	St Andrews churchyard: 3 tomb chests	early C19	II
9885	The Cottage	C17, 18, 19, 20	II
9886	Ivyclad Cottage	mid C18, 19, 20	II
9887	Down View, Pitcot Lane	C17, 18, 19, 20	II
9888	Down View: stable 15m south-east of	C18	II
9889	Hensting Farmhouse	late C16, 18, 19	II
9890	Hensting Farmhouse: barn 50m south-east of	C15, 17	II*
9891	Hensting Farmhouse: cartshed 200m east of	C18	II
9894	Bottom Pond Cottages	1838	II
9895	Bottom Pond Cottages: milestone 300m south-east of	early C19	II
9896	Whiteflood Farmhouse	C18, 19, 20	II
9897	Whiteflood Farmhouse: milestone 200m east-south-east of	early C19	II
9898	Sweet Briar Cottage	C17, 19, 20	II
997	Marwell Hall	C14, 16, 1816	I

## 10.0 SMR DATA SW 450040 I23145, NE 451615 I23595 (Map 4)

SU52SW	No.		
**m	1	451490 I23390	Medieval parish church of St Andrew (see paragraph 8.0).
**m	12	451400 I23300	Post-medieval. C17 outhouse of timber-frame construction that contains a C17 donkey-powered tread wheel. The wheel was restored c. 1960. The map reference is inaccurate.
**m	35	451180 I23310	Medieval. Ship Inn. C16 timber-framed building of three bays.
	56	451400 I23400	Medieval. First documentary record of Owslebury 958.

## 10.1 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

Hants No.	NGR	Parish	NAR / NMR Nos
72	453000 I23000	Owslebury	SU52SW16

## 10.2 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

<i>SAM No.</i>	<i>NGR</i>	<i>Site</i>
12054	450010 120850	Moated site at Marwell Manor.
12099	453440 124480	Long barrow 700m south-west of Longwood House.
20001	449080 120580	Park pale at Marwell, south of Fisher's Pond. Now in Colden Common CP but formerly in Owslebury CP
20068	449620 120860	Park pale at Marwell, 400m west of Marwell Manor. Now in Colden Common CP but formerly in Owslebury CP.
20069	449760 121000	Park pale at Marwell, 250m north-west of Marwell Manor. Now in Colden Common CP but formerly in Owslebury CP.
20070	450270 121420 450350 121360 450520 121310	Park pale at Marwell, south-east of Cowleaze Copse.
20071	451180 120570	Park pale at Marwell, north of Thistle Ridge Farm.

## 11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Map 4)

A number of street side of cottages have been lost since 1872 but in many cases the sites of these buildings are available for research.

1	451200 123300	Cottage on the site of the conjectural green at the south-west end of Main Street.
2	451215 123285	Site of demolished cottage.
3	451220 123275	Site of demolished cottage within an irregular plot.
4	451290 123360	Abandoned artisan's cottage in need of full building survey. Probably of late medieval origin.
5	451340 123380	Site of demolished cottage in front garden of The Long House.
6	451375 123385	Site of demolished cottage in the front garden of Streets Close.
7	451530 123505	Site of demolished cottage in the front garden of <i>Cartmel</i> .
8	451530 123445	Site of demolished cottage within rectilinear enclosure. Now in the grounds of Downlands.

## 12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/184/2 (1840 / 1841)
- GSGB 299 Winchester
- OS 1: 2500 SW 450040 123145, NE 451615 123595
- OS 1: 25000 Explorer 132: Winchester, New Alresford & East Meon
- OS 1: 10,560 451063 123402 (1872)

## 13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Coates R 1989 *The Place-names of Hampshire* Southampton, Ensign
- HTS 1: 235-44
- VCH 3: 332-5

## 14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

### 14.1 Domesday Book

Not mentioned as Owslebury. The principal manor was Marwell, but Domesday remains silent about that too.

### 14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£2.17.10	
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	£10.6.10	(63 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£9.3.8	(53 taxpayers)

### 14.3 Manors

Owslebury; Marwell or Marwell Woodlock; Park of Marwell; Brambridge; Baybridge; Longwood Farm.

### 14.4 Hearth Tax 1665

125 hearths chargeable (45 houses)  
24 hearths not chargeable (24 houses). Total: 69 houses.

## 15.0 PLACE NAME

963 x 975 (C12) *oselbyrig*; 1185 *Oselbury*; 1245 *Oselbery*; 1272 *Oslebergh*. OE \**Oselburh* 'blackbird fort'. It is curious that the OE name appears to be a direct compound of the two words, though some c13 / C14 forms suggest \**Oselaburh* 'blackbirds' fort'. No earthwork is known... The (settlement) is on top of a hill from which the ground falls away on all sides (Coates 1989, 128). **NB** A 'blackbirds' fort' might well refer to a rookery (IH / 2002).

## 16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

- Twin-gabled south wall of St Andrew's;
- South wall of chancel at St Andrew's showing eastward extension;
- North wall of chancel at St Andrew's showing eastward extension;
- C19 graves in St Andrew's showing headstones and footstones.

## 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 Twyford, Crawley, Owslebury, Hensting in Colden Common, Hampshire; Hortun; Bishopstoke, Otterbourne, Chilland in Martyr Worthy, Easton and Hunton, Hampshire. *Latin* (260 / 827).

### 17.2 Other parish settlements include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>NGR / map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
Baybridge	1903	452820 123240	1218
Hill Farm	1909	451350 124900	1377
Hurst Farm	1910	451100/121400	1280
Longwood House	1912	454100 124700	1272
Marwell Manor	1913	450000 120800	1182
Waddon Farm	1917	451200 122500	1257
Whiteflood House	1918	453200 123800	961
Woodlocks Down Farm	1919	453220 121710	1327

### 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>
			Seems to have been enclosed by informal means.

### 17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

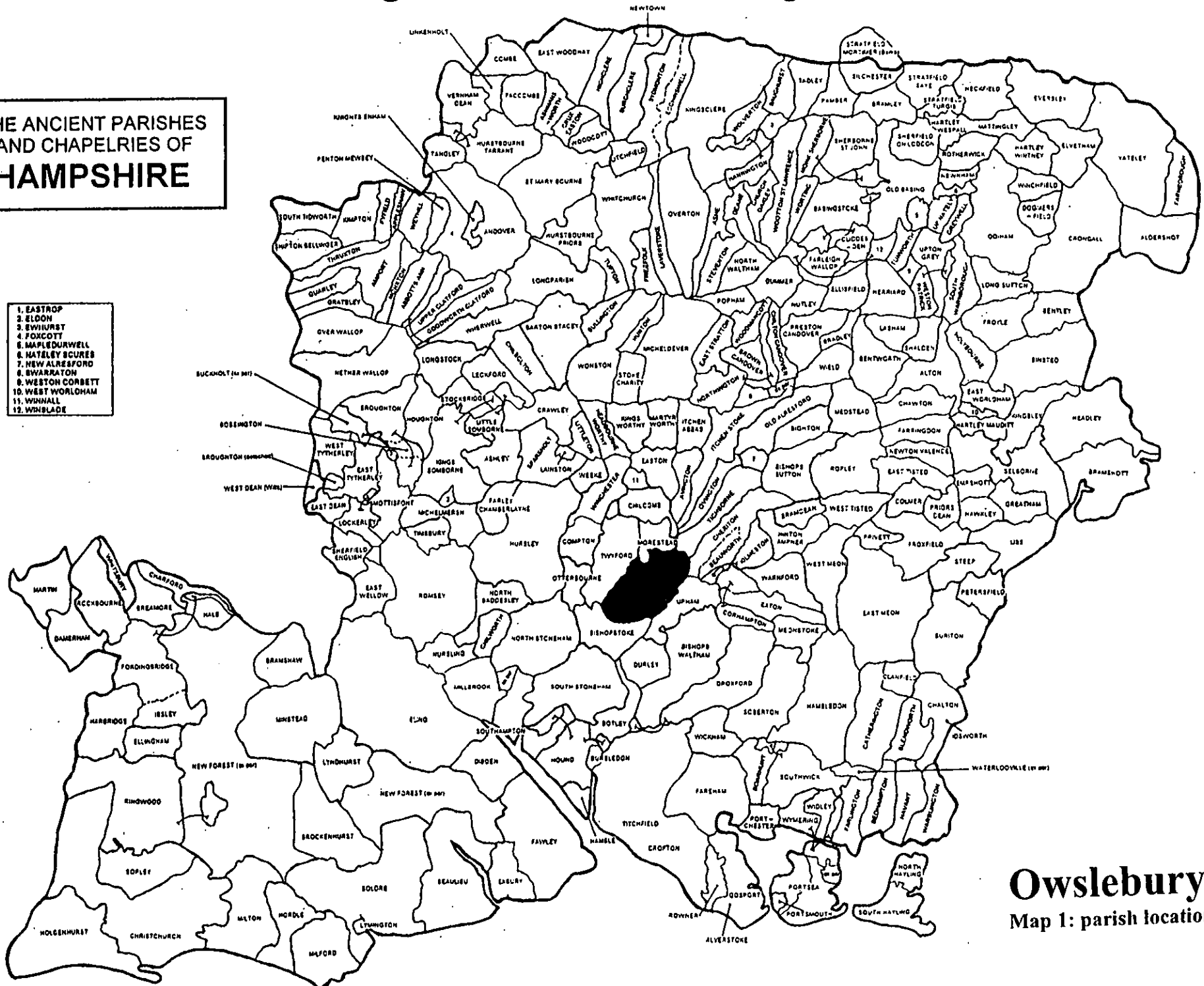
Colden Common, formerly in the south-west of the Owslebury, was constituted as a separate parish in 1843.

## 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%

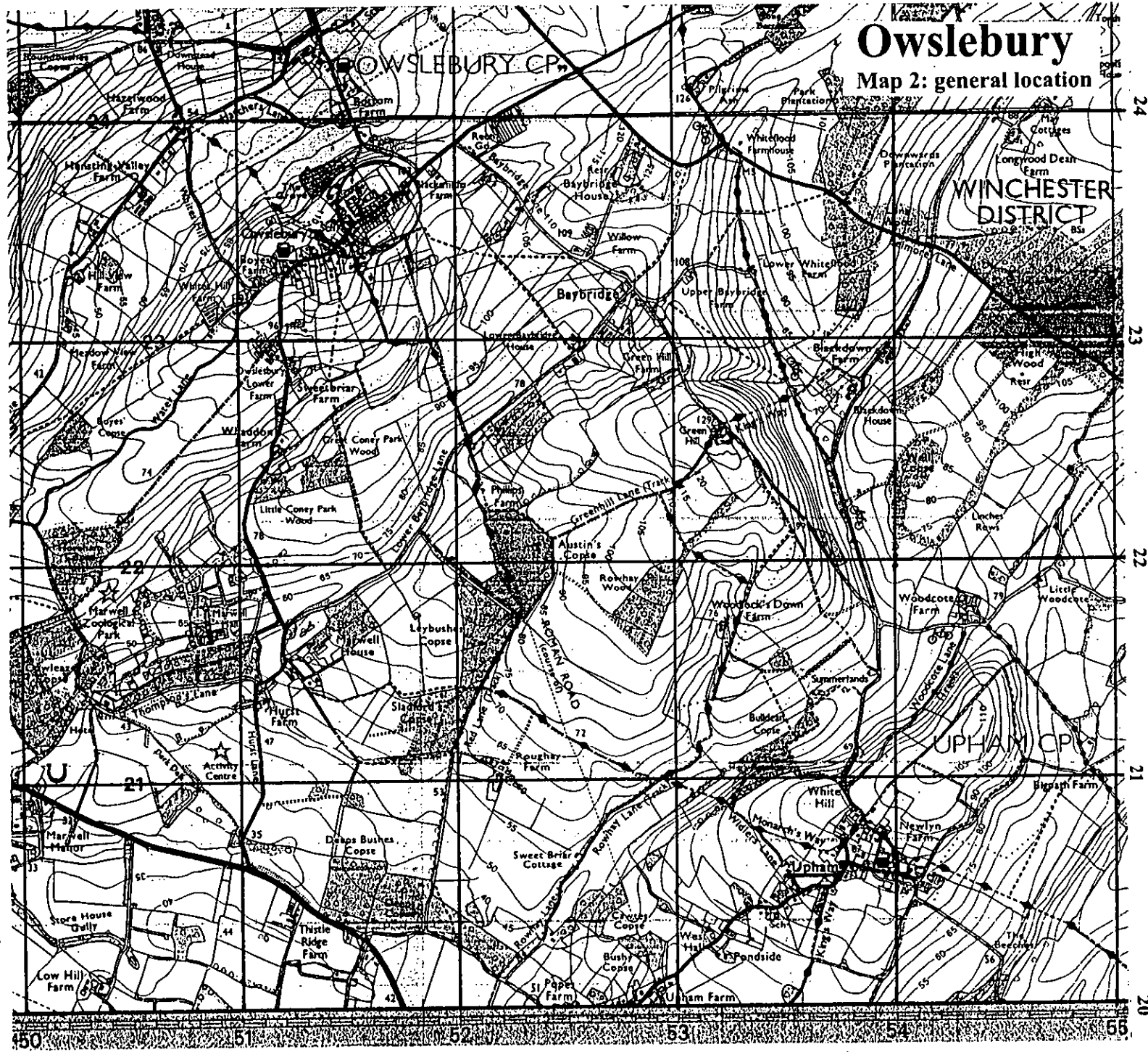
**THE ANCIENT PARISHES  
AND CHAPELRIES OF  
HAMPSHIRE**

1. EASTROP
2. ELDON
3. EWHURST
4. FOXCOTT
5. MARLEBURWELL
6. NATELEY SCURES
7. NEW ALRESFORD
8. SWARRATON
9. WESTON CORBETT
10. WEST WORTHAM
11. WINNALL
12. WINBLADE

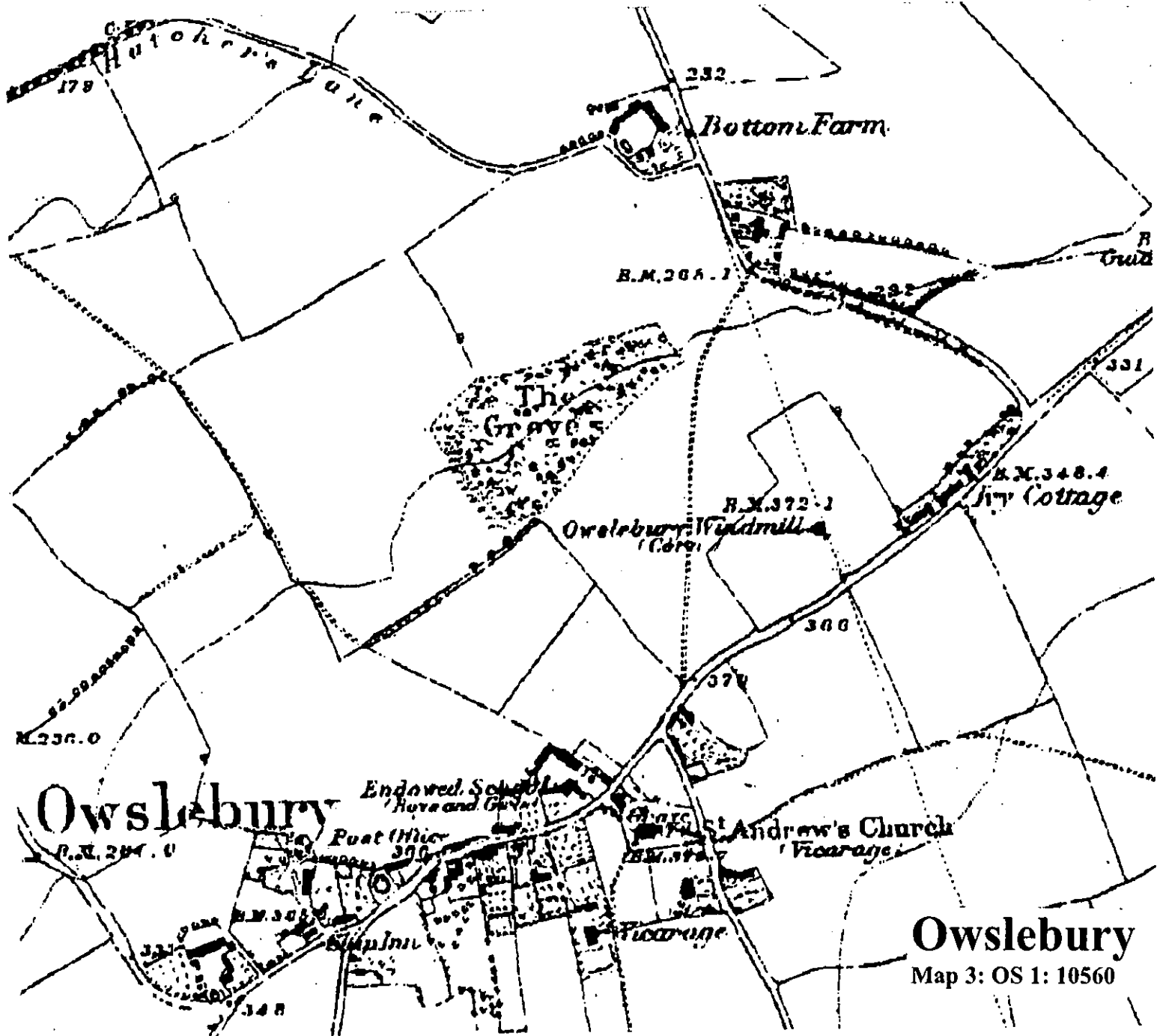


**Owslebury**  
Map 1: parish location





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 Map 3: OS 1: 10560



