

NAME Rockbourne
PARISH Rockbourne
HUNDRED
NGR SU 115184
GEOLOGY Valley Gravels with Upper Chalk around. The church is on Upper Chalk

SITE CONTEXT Rockbourne lies in the valley of a small tributary stream of the River Avon at a little under 45m OD. The valley sides rise to around 100m OD. The church is sited on the valley side with Manor Farm at between 55 and 60m OD and so has a prominent position within the settlement.

PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION Regular row

The plan exhibits a classic regular row on the E side of the street with a block of properties with parallel boundaries at right angles to the street and sharing a common rear boundary along which a path runs which may have formed a back lane. Behind these properties there is a block of strips which appear to be enclosed strips from the open field system. To the N and S of the main area of regular plots the size of the plots becomes less regular but a map of 1671 shows that the regular plots certainly extended almost to the N limit of the village. On the E side of the road the pattern of properties is very different with less occupation and generally smaller squarish plots with no impression of regularity. The church and Manor Farm lie away from the main street accessed by a side road. Although there is not the evidence for a regular element on the E side of the road, there is a boundary which runs almost parallel to the street and along which a path runs for most of its length. Both on the maps and on the ground this boundary has the appearance of a rear boundary one would expect to find behind a regular row as on the W side.

AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL The AHAP covers the whole of the regular row along the W side of the main street through the village and also the smaller irregular plot at the S end of the row where there are some earthworks which may be of settlement origin. On the E side of the street, the AHAP covers the smaller property plots alongside the road until, towards the N end of the village, it widens to include the area around the church and Manor Farm. The AHAP narrows again to include the plots along the E side of the road at the N end of the village where there are also earthworks which may be settlement related.

Behind the AHAP on the E side of the road is an AAP to cover the rear parts of the properties along the roadside. The ground rises fairly steeply on this side of the street behind the houses and so this area is, in general, less likely to have been developed for domestic buildings but evidence for agricultural buildings and property boundaries may still survive in this area.

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD St Andrew. Once a cruciform Early Norman church here. C13 S aisle

The church guide claims that the arch to the N transept and a blocked N door arch are of Saxon origin.

BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Stableblock 100m NW of Brookheath house Early C19 II
The Farmhouse and Malthouse Fmhse (E side of street) C18 C19 II
Lodges to West Park II
Brookheath House Late C17 II
Pennys Cottage C16 C18 II
Trenthams C17 C18 II
The Old Rectory Late C18 II
Stable 50m NE of the Old Rectory Early C19 II
Glebe Cottage C16 C18 II
Staddle Stones Once 2 C16 core C18 C19 II
Shearings Mid C18 II
Baptist Chapel Early C19 II
Jade Cottage C17 C18 II
The Dial House C17 C18 Possible older core II
Hendleys House C17 C18 II
West Hayes (W side of street) C18 of several builds C19 II
Inwardleigh Cottage Late C18 II
Rose and Thistle C17 rebuilt C18 C19 II
Mellow Thatch Early C19 II
Bay Tree Cottage C18 II
Cruck Cottage C18 II
Primrose Cottage C18 II
Threeways Cottage C17 C19 II
Twyneham Cottage C18 C19 II
Harolds Cottage Once 1 C17 core C18 II
Bourne House C16 C18 II
Old Timbers C17 C18 C19 II
Forge 10m S of Old Timbers C18 II
Yew Tree Cottage C16 C18 II
The Priory Possibly C16 or C17 remodelled C18 C19 II
Barn 25m W of The Priory C18 II
Barn 10m S Now cottage C16 II
Mintey's Fmhse Early C18 II
Farmbuilding 20m N of The Cottage C18 II
Barn 10m NW of The Cottage C18 II
The Cottage Early and mid C19 II
Manor Fm C14 with many periods of alterations I
Granaries NE and ENE Late C18 II
Large barn 50m NE Possibly tithe barn C15 C17 C19 I
Barn formerly a chapel C13 altered C17 and C19 I
Church of St Andrew I
Coutts Cottage The Marsh C17 C18 II
Staddles C17 C18 II
Gamekeepers Cottage and Woodlands Cottage C18 II

Eyre Coote Monument 1827 II*
Rockstead Fmhse Whips Hill C17 C18 II

(Un-listed)

SMR DATA

SU11NW

2	11651830	Linear bank and ditch date unknown
8	10801870	Roman pot
20	11531837	Med manor house C14, chapel C13 SAM 206
28	11501840	Med village mentioned in Domesday Book
31	13201600	Roman waster dump. Geophysics located possible kiln site

ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

- 1 11501770 Earthworks. Undefined 'humps and bumps' and scarps
- 2 11541795 Earthworks. 'Humps and bumps' over area of field. On E side of the field are two scarp slopes. Site of house shown on map of 1671
- 3 11431833 Earthworks scarp slopes and general unevenness of ground surface. Some of this may be due to the former use as an orchard but probably not all. A house is shown near the lane to the church on a map of 1671
- 4 11281850 Earthworks. There is a 'raised' area along the road side of field which does not have the regularity of a platform but together with a lower area to the S, certainly has an 'unnatural' appearance. Along the rear boundary of the field (the E side) there is a scarp slope as seen behind the properties to the S. This may indicate that there was settlement within this field
- 5 11521814 Earthwork. There is a large level area with scarp slopes on the S and E sides where the platform has been created by digging into the slope. The area is well grassed over and does not appear to be modern but there is a sharpness of the slopes that may indicate that it is of post-medieval date

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES Tithe map 21M65/F7/196/2 (1840); OS 1st edition 6" map 1871; OS 1: 2,500 SU 1017-1117, 1018-1118.

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PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

Domesday The King in lordship. King Edward held it. It has never paid tax or been assessed in hides. In lordship 2 pl; 4 villagers and 20 smallholders with 3 pl. Meadow, 6 acres.

Alfwy. Wulfgeat held it from King Edward in freehold as a manor. Then and now it paid tax for 1 hide. Land for 1 pl. 5 smallholders. The value was 40s; now 20s. 1

virgate of this hide which he claimed the Hundred state was exempt and free before 1066; for this Alfwy has King Edward's seal.

Seawin holds half a hide from the King. He himself held it from King Edward in freehold. Then it paid tax for half a hide; now for nothing. Land for In lordship half a pl, with 2 smallholders. The value was 12s 6d; now 7s 6d. The Sheriff's officers state that this hide belongs to the King's revenue; but the Hundred and shire state that King Edward gave it to him and that he has his seal for it.

Hugh of Port holds Rockstead. Aldwin held it from King Edward in freehold. Then and now it paid tax for 1 hide and half a virgate. Land for 1 pl. It is in lordship, with 2 slaves. A mill at 40d. Value before 1066 and later 10s; now 25s.

Subsidy Rolls

1334	7. 4. 4
1524	12. 6. 10 (43 taxpayers)

Manorial Documents Rockstead manor belonged to Breamore Priory by 1291 (VCH IV, 581)

Hearth Tax

1665	87 hearths chargeable (47 houses)
	39 hearths not chargeable (36 houses) Total 83 houses

PLACE NAME 1086 *Rocheborne* OE *Hrocaburna* 'rooks' stream'

PHOTOGRAPHS

OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

Roman villa excavated nearby.

Manorial buildings adjoining the N side of the churchyard including a C13 chapel.

In 1307 two parks were recorded containing 100a of large oaks (VCH IV, 581).

The commons were enclosed in 1802.

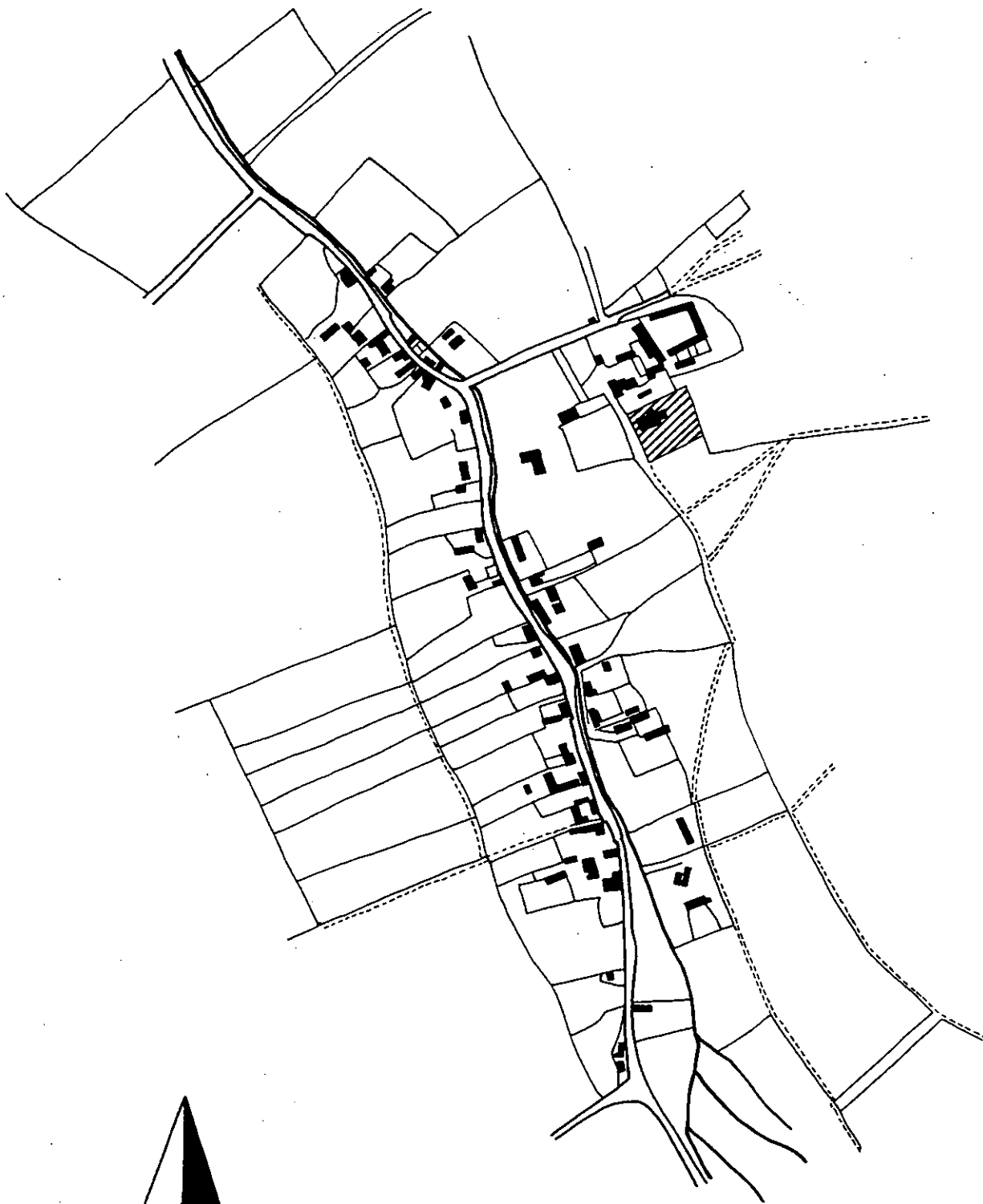
Other settlement in the parish includes:

Clack Barn First recorded 1210 (Moledin de Clak)

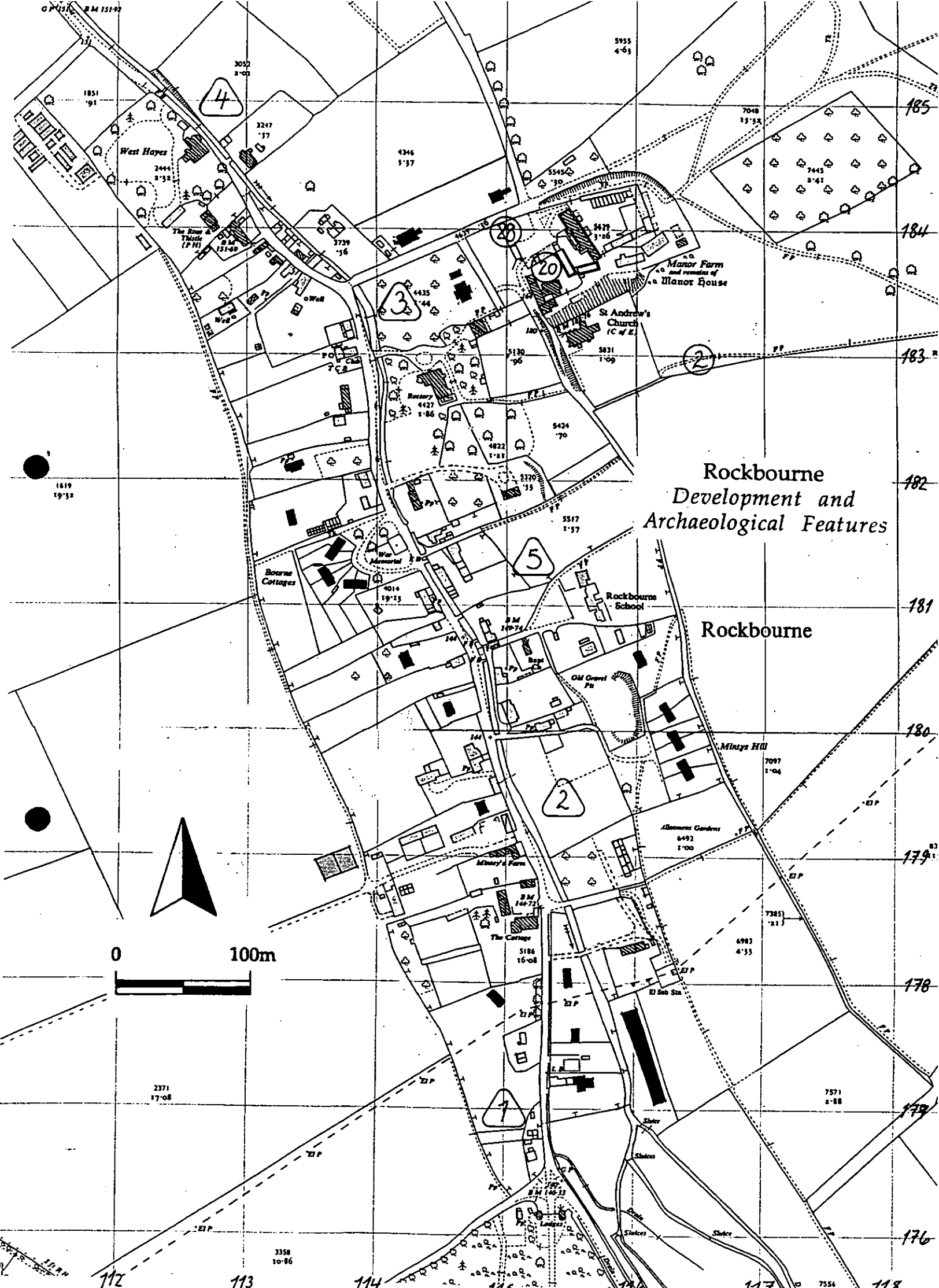
Rockstead Farm First documented 1086

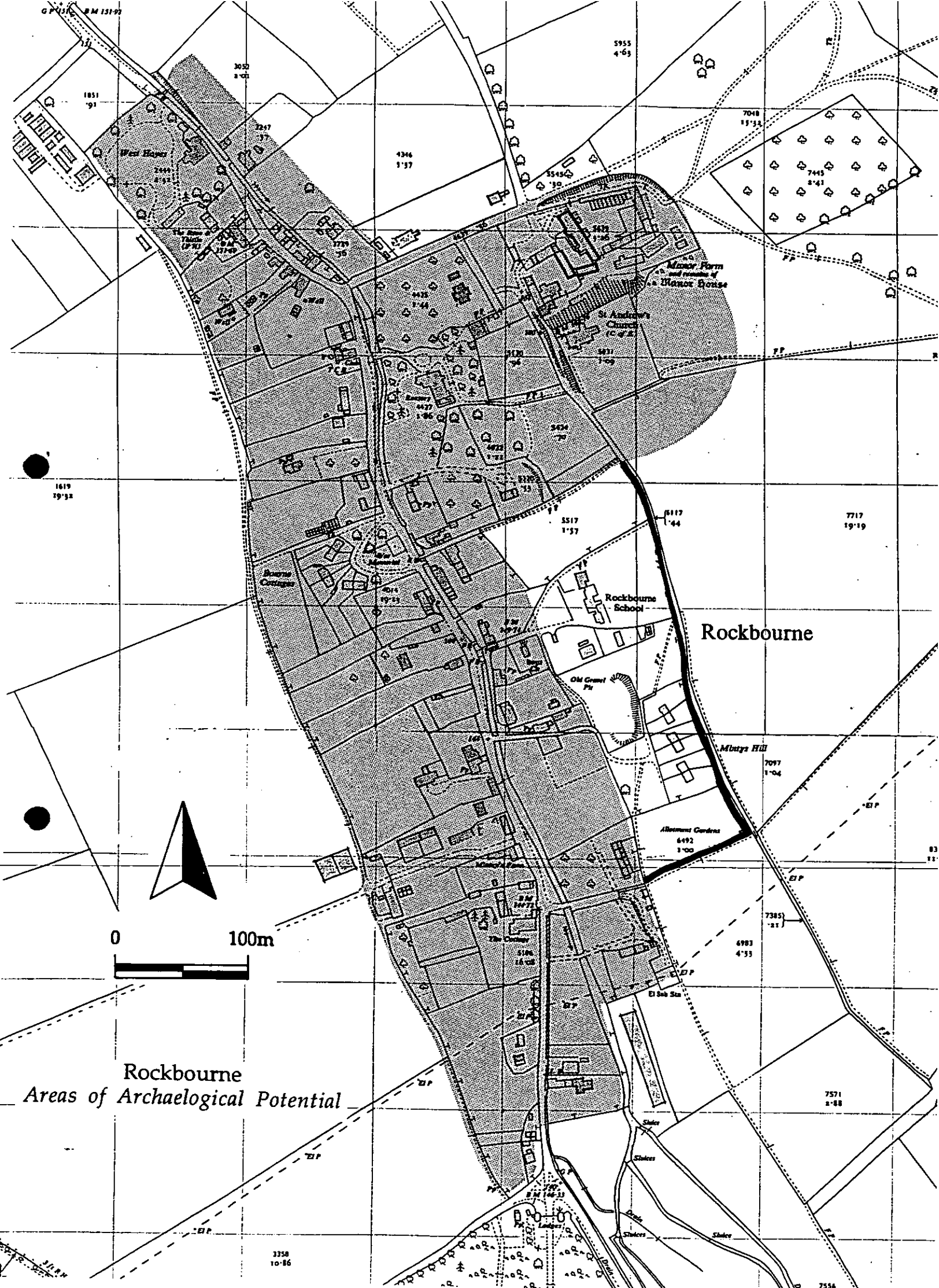
A heavy pot scatter is suggestive of occupation 400m N of Allens Farm at SU 131163.

1042x1066 King Edward to the shire court of Hampshire that Alsuui is to hold his land free of geld. This is the charter mentioned in the Domesday Book.



Rockbourne
Based on OS 1st Edition 6"
map of 1871





Rockbourne
Areas of Archaeological Potential

Rockbourne



5955
4-65

7048
11-25

4346
1-37

3052
2-05

1851
-91

3247
-57

5540
-30

7445
2-41

Minor Farm
and remains of
Manor House

St Andrew's
Church
17-42

5831
7-09

5824
-77

5517
1-44

7717
19-19

1619
19-32

Rockbourne
School

Boys' Cottages

Old Green
Pt

Moberg Hill

7097
1-04

Albion Gardens
6492
1-00

7345
-21

6903
4-33

Elk Stn

7571
2-88

3358
10-86

7556