

1.0 PARISH	Ropley (some parts in the Modern parish of Four Marks)
2.0 HUNDRED	Bishop's Sutton
3.0 NGR	464600 132000
4.0 GEOLOGY	Upper Chalk

5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Map 2)

A characteristic of Ropley parish is that it is divided up into east / west parcels by five roads. The distance between these roads is widest at the east end of the parish but they converge and meet close to the western boundary. Ropley settlement is situated just east of this meeting of roads and at a point where they are interconnected by local routes. Gilbert Street, 400m north of the church, is thought to be a stretch of the Pilgrim's Way to Canterbury. Ropley parish church is situated here at 125m AOD. The rest of the settlement straggles along the various roads.

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

Irregular agglomeration + regular row

The many roads that pass through Ropley CP have attracted many settlement groups. Many of these are post-Medieval in date but there are two that attract particular attention.

The most obvious of these is clustered around the parish church of St Peter, the other is c. 0.4km further south along the Petersfield Road.

6.1 *Irregular agglomeration* Lyeway Lane descends from Rotherfield Park in the east to meet with two other lanes close to the parish church before continuing, past the church, as Church Street. This road junction is the focus of an irregular arrangement of building plots and this has changed little since the Tithe Map survey of 1836. Within this group, Dover Cottages and Town Farm House are late Medieval and some C18 buildings are demonstrably replacements for earlier structures. Examples of these are Exeter House and Eardley House which share an earthen back lane boundary (Paragraph 11.0, No. 3), whilst opposite (north-east), Sunnyside Cottages are contained within a sub-circular plot that is probably ancient. The Medieval settlement seems to have extended little further eastwards than Sunnyside although there are two adjacent and irregular roadside plots on the north side of Lyeway Lane that require explanation (Paragraph 11.0, No. 6). The parish church is at the west end of the 1836 agglomeration but 200m further in this direction, The Forge is C15. It is where one might expect it to be, away from the core of the settlement where its noise and odours caused minimum inconvenience. Some nearby earthworks may be related to this building (Paragraph 11.0, No. 2). South-west of The Forge there is post-Medieval development at the top of Hammond's Lane. Between church and forge, a C17 parsonage was built on the north side of the Street, seemingly on undeveloped space at the settlement edge.

6.2 Regular row At c. 464200 / 31640 South Street branches off the Petersfield Road in an west-north-west direction. On the north side of the junction is the C16 building known as The Old Manor House. It was not the manor house, having been once a row of late Medieval cottages. From here, along South Lane, four groups of cottages are arranged on either side of the road. Of these, Fairways is C17, but all of the others were in place in 1836 and this suggests that they are C18 or earlier. South Street comes to an abrupt end at Elm Cottage but it continues as a slight hollow-way across a field for c. 80m where its course is interrupted by a straight north-south road called Maddock's Hill. Maddock's Hill existed in 1836 but the course of South Street can be seen on the Tithe Map as a curvilinear boundary that continues beyond it into the grounds of Ropley Manor (Map 3). Ropley Manor was Ropley Cottage until 1920; it was not the manor house (HTS 6: 268). It is a C18 building and South Street would have passed it within 30m to the south. The weight of evidence suggests that the road called Maddock's Hill was created at the same time as the house. South Street seems to have been a former section of the Petersfield Road that was re-routed slightly further to the south at this time. It is therefore conceivable that this redevelopment removed other cottages from the roadside between Elm Cottages and Ropley Manor.

6.3 Site visit condition: sunny, occasionally overcast; dry (23.3.99)

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

7.1 AsAP

Along the north side of the Petersfield Road from c. 100m east of the Old Manor House, westwards on both sides of South Street up to Maddock's Hill. This defines an area of roadside settlement that has at least one surviving late Medieval building. The south-eastern grounds of Ropley Manor may also be worthy of attention.

7.1.1 The agglomeration at the road junction south-east of the parish church is largely an AHAP (see 7.2) but extensions to this are the field to the north of the churchyard which fronts onto Dunsells Lane, and two small plots on the north side of Lyeway Lane (Paragraph 11.0, No. 6).

7.2 AsHAP

One AHAP takes in all of the roadside settlement that extends from the Lyeway Lane / Dunsell's Lane / Church Lane / Church Street junction. Within this area are C16 buildings, earthen boundary banks and a C12 church. Traces of ridge and furrow ploughing are evident to the north-east (Paragraph 11.0, No. 5).

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

- **St Peter** (architect: John Oldrid Scott)
- Useful photographs inside church of the pre-1896 building;
- C12 nave;
- C12 chancel: two-bay arcade to south chapel;
- C13 south-east chapel;
- C15 two-stage south tower built into C12 south transept; upper stage of tower now of oak shingle but a photograph of 1896 shows that it had been weatherboarded prior

to restoration;

- C15 font;
- 1846 some modifications to the fabric;
- 1897 chancel arch, but a photograph of 1896 shows that it replaced one of C12.

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

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
1517	The Forge, Church Street	C15, 17, 18, 19	II
4698	The Old Parsonage, Church Street	C17, 18, 19	II
13798	Parish Church of St Peter, Church Street	C11, 12, 13, 14, 19	II
13803	Dover Cottage, Church Street	C16, 17, 18	II
13804	The Post House, Church Street	C18, 19	II
13805	The Post House: stable block 20m south-east of	early C19	II
13806	Fordes, Church Street	C17, 18	II
13807	Cromwell Cottage, Church Street	C17, 18	II
13808	Sparrow Hatch, Church Street	C17	II
13809	Exeter House, Church Street	early C18	II
13810	Archbishop's Cottage, Church Street	C18, 19	II
133811-12	Laurel & Ponside Cottages, Church Street	C17, 19	II
13813	Town Street Farmhouse, Church Street	C16, 17, 19	II
13814	Carpenters, Gilbert Street	C18	II
13815	Bounty House, Gilbert Street	mid C18	II
13817	North Street Farmhouse, North Street	1730, 1925	II
13818	North Street Farmhouse: stables 10m north of	C18	II
13819	Ropelia Cottage (Arnold's Cottage), North Street	C17	II
13820	Turnpike Cottage, (Pink Cottage) North Street	C17, 18	II
13821	Manor Farmhouse, North Street	late C18	II
13822	Little Barton, Petersfield Road	C18, 19	II
13823	Lyewood Cottage, Petersfield Road	C16, 17, 19	II
13824	Hall Place: stables 10m north of	C18, 20	II
13825	Ropley Grove, Petersfield Road	C18, 1900	II
13826	Gardner's Cottage, Petersfield Road	C17	II
13827	Hall Place, Petersfield Road	1790	II
13828	Field View (Kennel Cottage East), Petersfield Road	C17, 19	II
13829	Ropley Manor, Petersfield Road	C19	II
13830	Soames Place, Soames Lane	C15, 16, 17, 19	II*
13831	Fairways, South Street	C17	
	II		
13834 & 5	3 & 4 Yew Tree Cottage, South Street	C18	II
1562	The Old Manor House, South Street	C16, 17, 18, 19	II
541	Ropley House, Vicarage Lane	mid C18	

II*			
13836	Ropley Lodge Winchester Road	C18, 19	II
13832	The Malthouse, Swelling Hill	early C17, 19	II
13833	The Malthouse: barn at	mid C18	II

10.0 SMR DATA 463000 I31000 SW, 465000 I33000 NE (Maps 4 / 1 & 4 / 2)

SU 62 NE	No.		
	36	467200 I26900	Undated. Lynchets. Doubtful and ploughed-out.
	39A	468000 I27500	Prehistoric. Flint finds (8 pieces).
	39B	468000 I27500	Prehistoric. Burnt flint finds (2 pieces).
	39C	468000 I27500	Medieval. Pottery (1 x sherd).
SU 63 SW			
**m	6	464590 I31970	Medieval. Parish church (see 8.0).
	16	463800 I32200	Undated. Pottery.
	26	464710 I31950	Medieval. Rectangular timber building with C17, 19 & 20 additions.
	27	464570 I31920	Medieval. Rectangular timber building clad in C18 with C20 extension.
	28	464210 I31670	Medieval. C16 rectangular timber building with later cladding & extensions.
**m	29A	464350 I31945	Medieval. Rectangular timber building with C18 & 19 alterations & extensions.
	29B	464350 I31930	Post-Medieval. Forge associated with 29A.
	45	464950 I31550	Undated. Linear feature. AP ref.: OS 41/63SW.
	46	464320 I31720	Undated. Circular enclosure, possibly modern. HCC AP ref.: run 22e219.

10.2 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

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

10.3 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

SAM No.	NGR	Site
None.		

11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Maps 4 / 1 & 4 / 2)

1	464000 I31700	Trace of hollow-way running approximately east / west from Elm Cottage to Ropley Manor.
2	464395 I31920	Earthworks.
3	464680 I31885	Earthwork embankment of back lane (present in 1836).
4	464850 I31910	Headland of old field system.
5	464850 I31930	Traces of ridge and furrow.
6	464780 I31920	West of this point is a small, irregular land plot that was vacant in 1836 but was possibly the site of a building. A longer roadside plot stretches eastward from here, its rear

boundary defined by the headland (No. 4). It is now a small wood and might always have been so but former use as a house plot cannot be discounted.

12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/198/2 (1836 / 1840)
- GSGB 300 Alresford
- OS 1: 2500 (west) SW 463529 I31535, NE 464420 I32140
(east) NE 464400 I31630, NE 465165 I32230
- OS 1: 25000 Pathfinder 1244 (SU 63/73), Alton & Four Marks

13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

- HTS 6: 265-272
- VCH 3: 55-8

14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

14.1 Domesday Book

Not mentioned.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£2.13.4	
1524	<i>1st survey</i>	£6.14.0	(48 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey</i>	£5.12.8	(46 taxpayers)

14.3 Manorial Documents

Manors recorded are Ropley; Shete Farm.

14.4 Hearth Tax 1665

148 hearths chargeable (67 houses)
46 hearths not chargeable (44 houses). Total: 111 houses.

15.0 PLACE NAME

1172 *Roppele*; 1198 *Ropeleia*; 1245 *Popele*. Probably OE (*h*)*roppanleah* 'wood, clearing of Hroppa', a man's name. The existence of named woods in the parish (*e.g.* Charlwood, Monkwood, Lyelands Wood) may suggest that 'clearing' is the proper translation for *leah* in the parish name (Coates, 1989: 140).

16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS

17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters

None.

17.2 Other parish settlements include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>Map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
Charlwood	2032	467500 131800	1218
Gilbert Street	2033	465700 132600	1294
Harcombe	2034	463700 130800	1245
Hill Farm	2035		1288
Hook Cottages / Ropley Dean	2036	463300 131900	1395
Lyeway / Lyehay Farm	2038	466400 132100	1327
Monkswood	2647	465800 130900	
Wandzer	2040		1233

17.3 Enclosures

Parliamentary:

<i>NEP no.</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
14118	1709		None	Ropley Commons.

Formal Agreements:

<i>NRP no.</i>	<i>Agreement</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
	None.		

17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

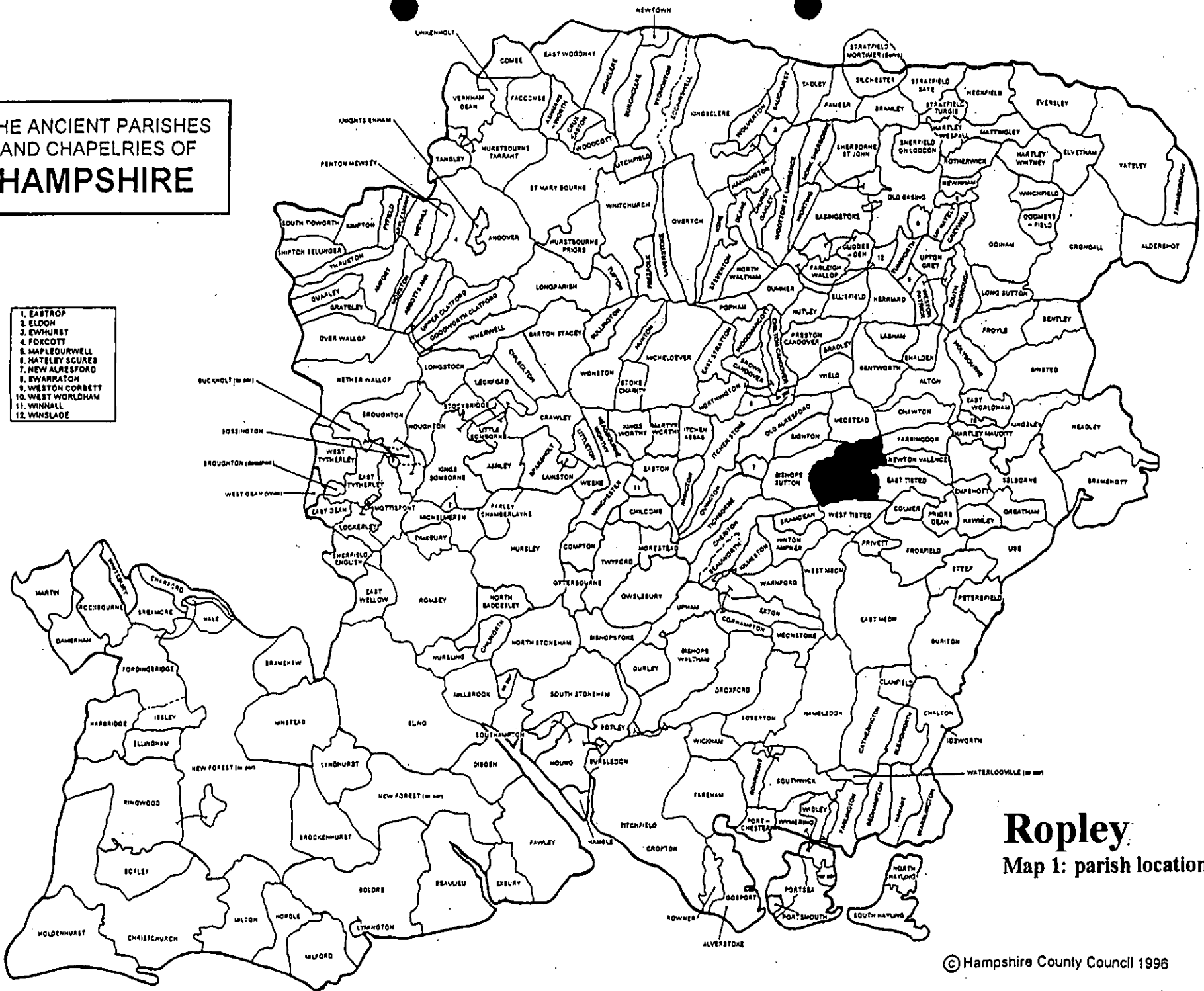
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18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

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- 4 Map 4 / 1: Development & archaeological potential (west) at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 5 Map 4 / 1: Development & archaeological features (east) at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 6 Map 5 / 1: Areas of archaeological potential (west) at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 7 Map 5 / 2: Areas of archaeological potential (east) at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%

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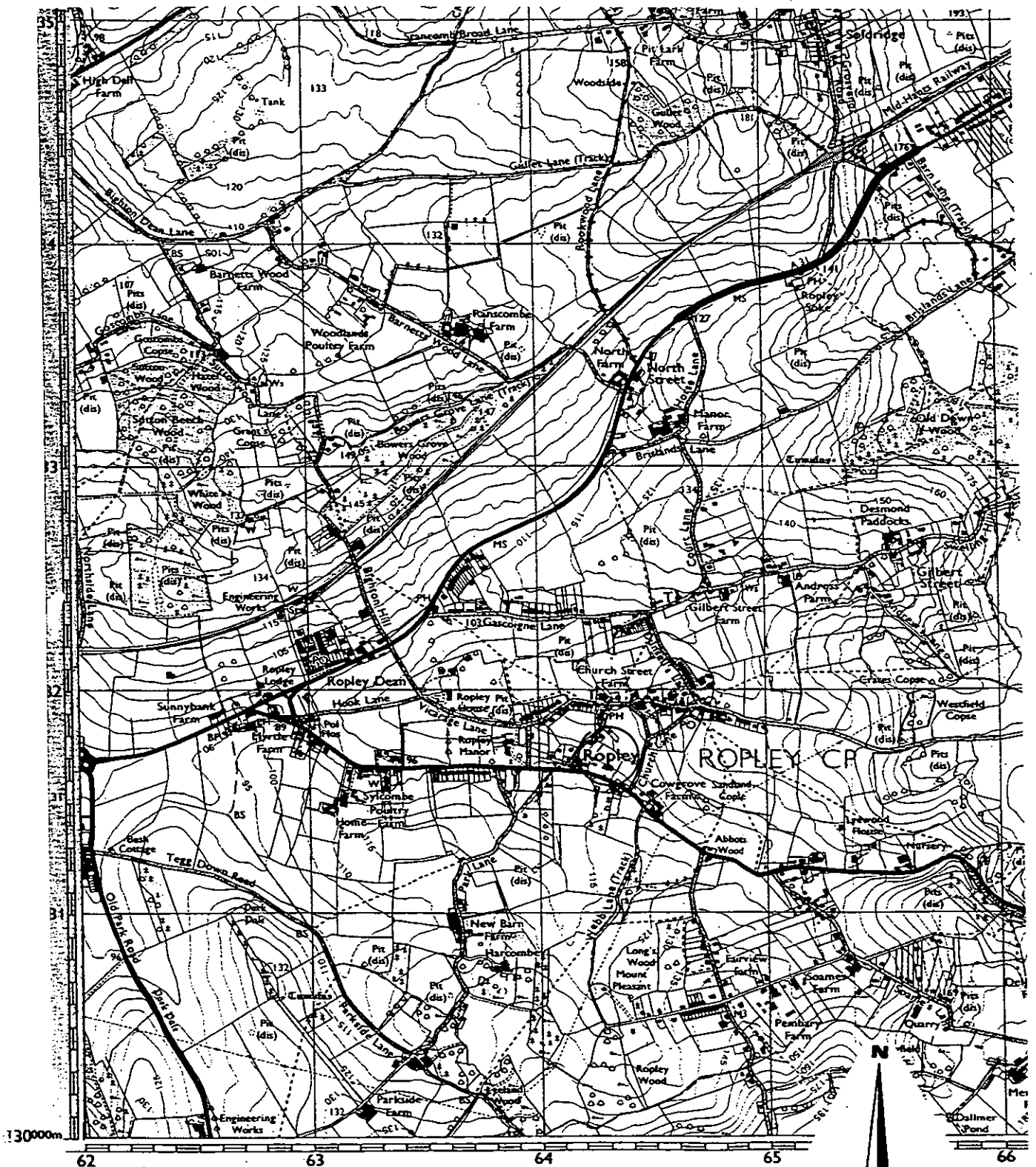
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- 5. MAPLEBURWELL
- 6. NATELEY SCURES
- 7. NEW ALRESFORD
- 8. SWARRATON
- 9. WESTON CORBETT
- 10. WEST WORLDHAM
- 11. WINNALL
- 12. WINSLOAE



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Map 1: parish location

Ropley

Map 2: general location

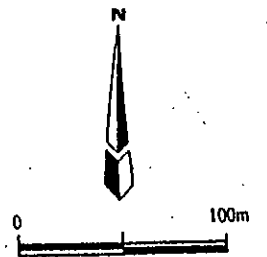
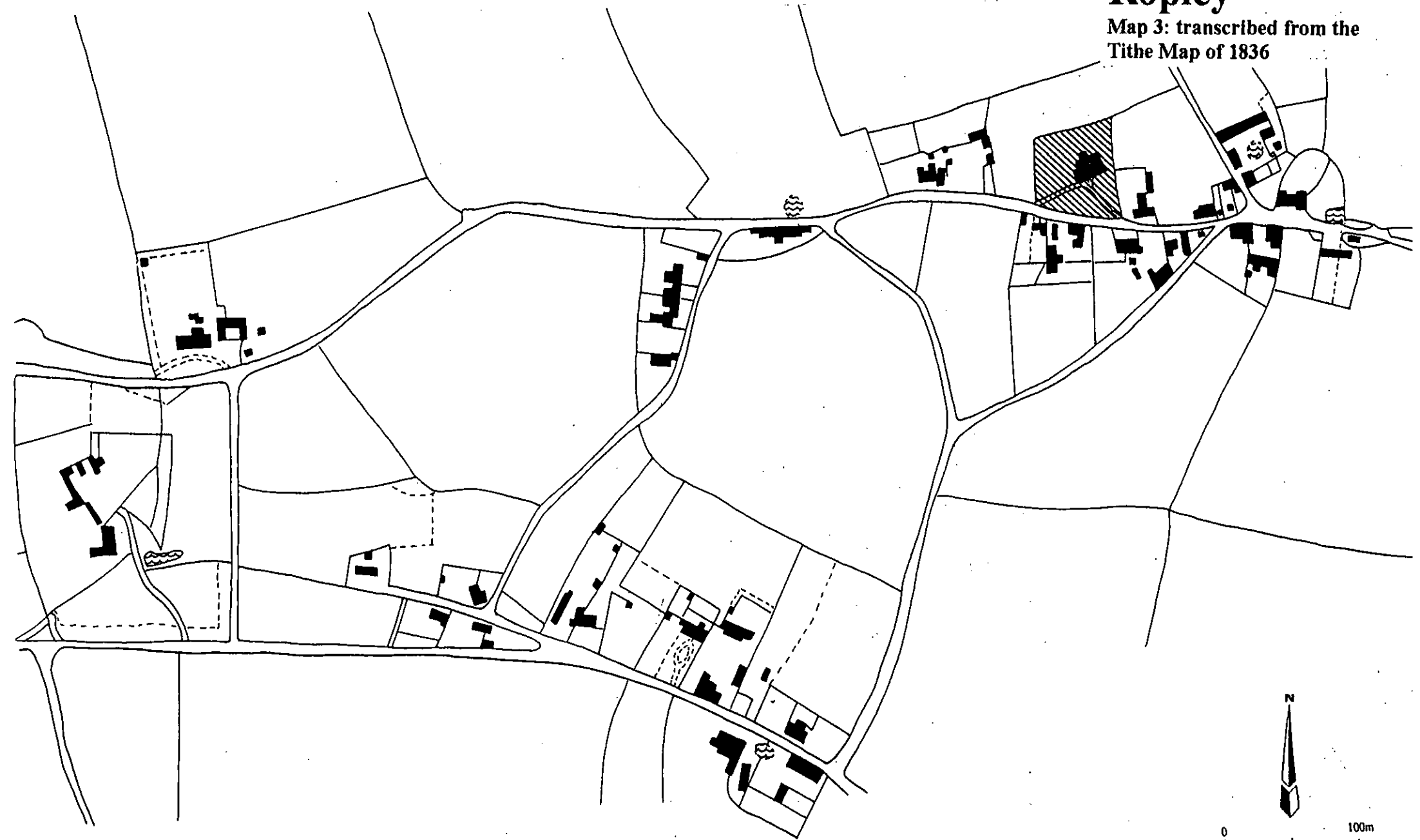


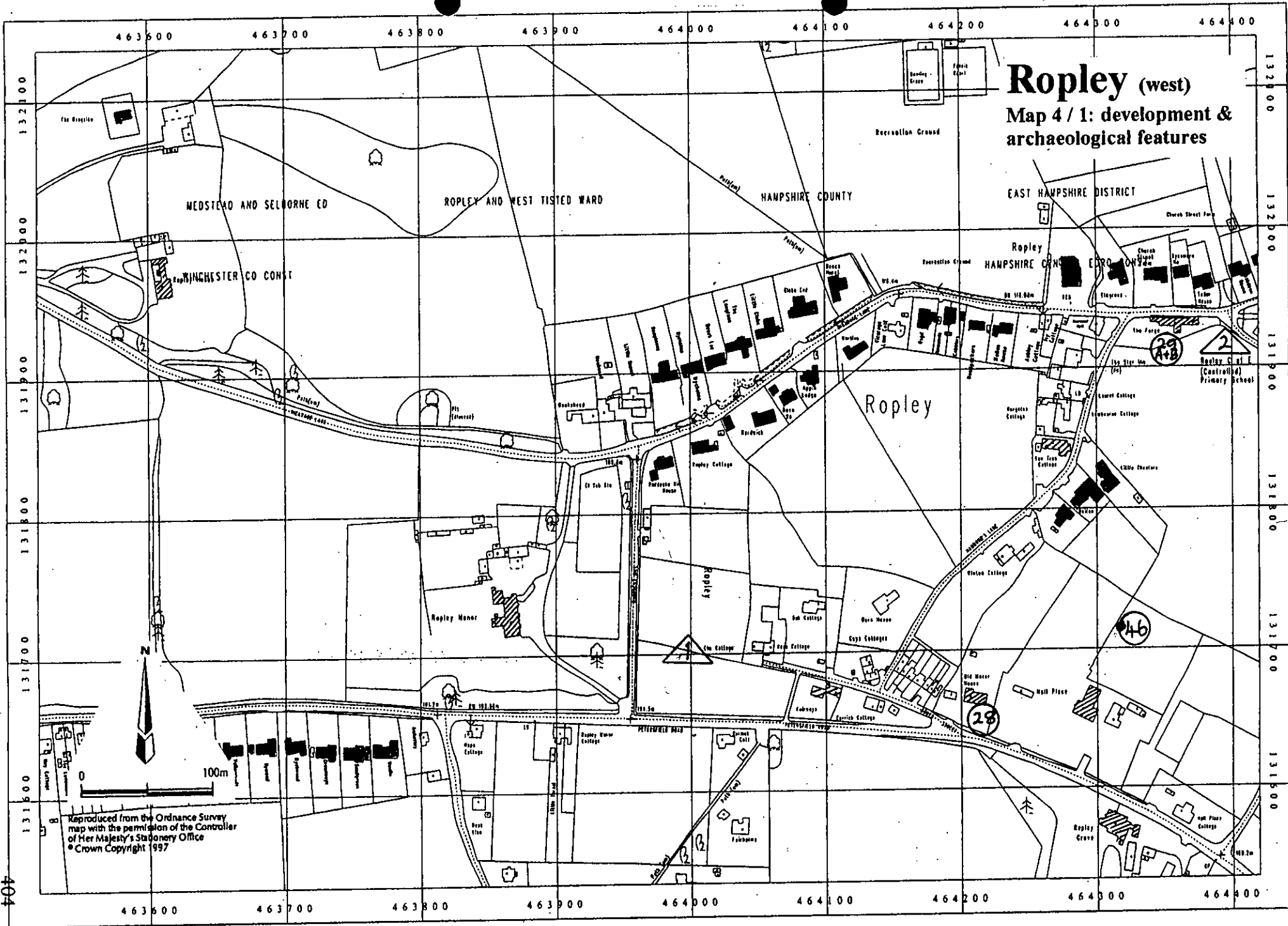
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Map 3: transcribed from the
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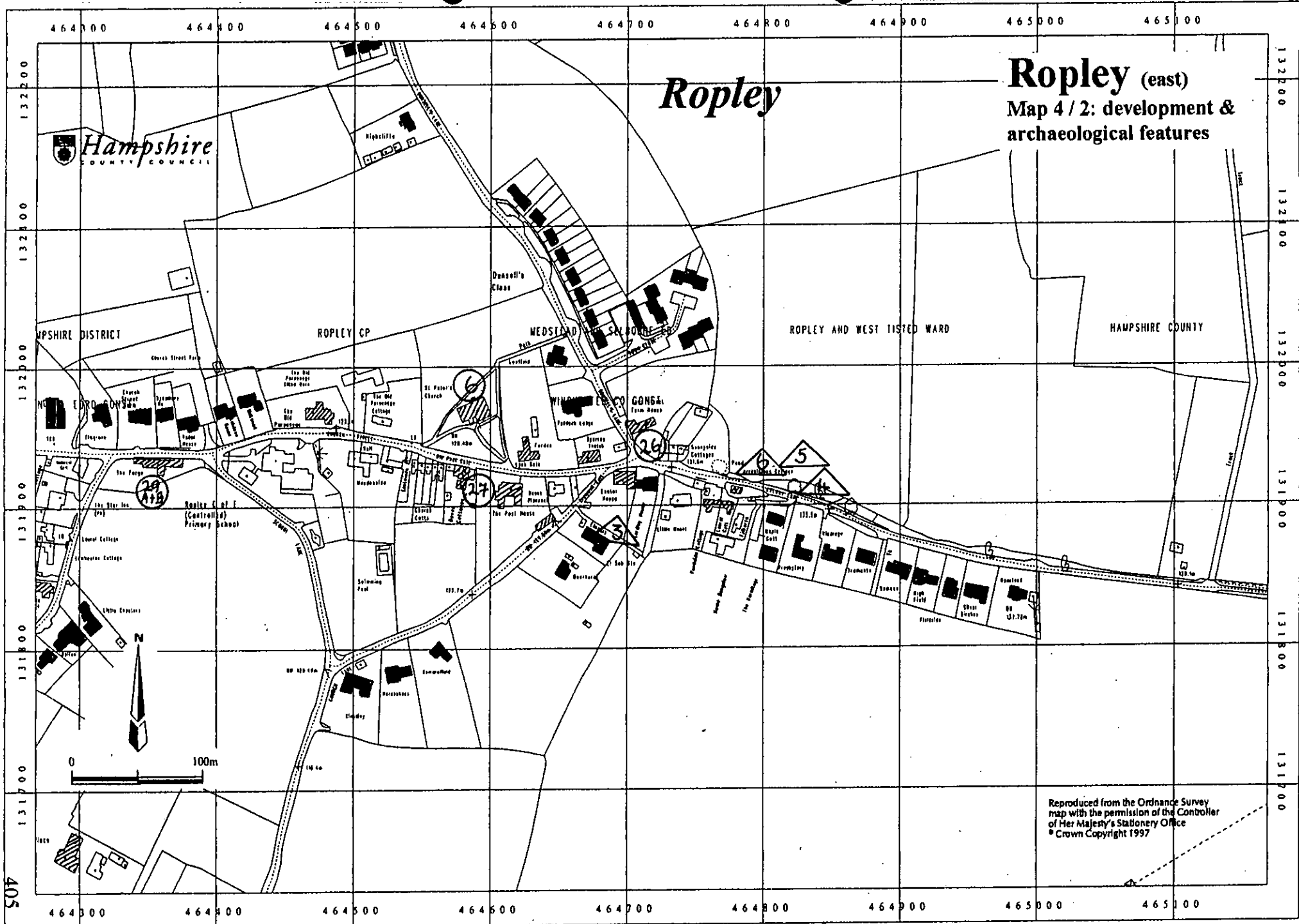




Ropley (west)

Map 4 / 1: development & archaeological features

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Ropley (east)

Map 4 / 2: development & archaeological features

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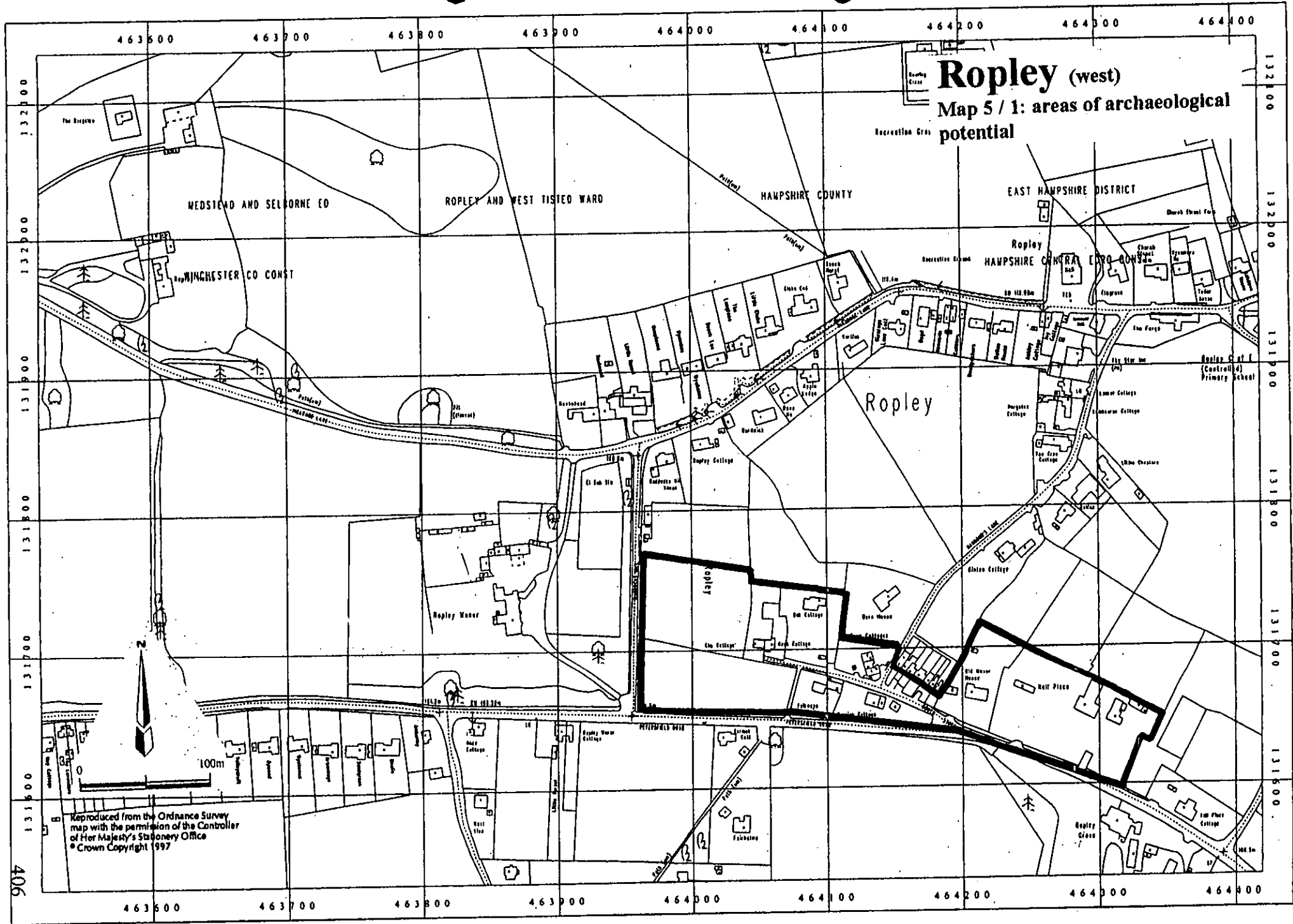
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Ropley (west)

Map 5 / 1: areas of archaeological potential

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