

NAME Sarson  
PARISH Amport  
HUNDRED Andover  
DISTRICT Test Valley  
NGR SU 317445  
GEOLOGY Upper chalk.

**SITE CONTEXT** The settlement lies on the N bank of the Pillhill Brook at about 70m OD. To the N and S of the river, the land rises to 90m OD. The settlement, a tithing of Amport, forms part of an almost continuous line of settlement along the valley starting at Amport through to Monxton.

**PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION** Irregular row.

The main road through the settlement runs parallel to the river and most of the houses of Sarson lie on the N side of the road. Around the junction with a road from the N there is a concentration of properties, some in small plots alongside the road and some in slightly larger strips running away from the main road. To the E of this area is an irregular row of cottages in a variety of plot sizes.

S of the river is Sarson Farm but earthwork evidence suggests that there was more occupation to the W of the farm.

Sarson was a tithing of Amport.

#### AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

From the Amport/Monxton parish boundary which forms the E edge of the settlement, an AHAP stretches to the W along both sides of the street towards Amport to the area around the junction with Sarson Lane which leads to the N. On the S side of the river the AHAP includes the area of earthworks W of Sarson Farm at the foot of the slope and the end of the 'hollow-way' from Green Lane.

At present there is little information about the area between Sarson and the E limit of Amport partly due to the overgrown woodland on the S side of the road. However, given the almost continuous nature of settlement between Amport and Monxton, the area between is regarded as an AAP as the apparent gap between the two areas of settlement may be the result of shrinkage.

**CHURCH & CHURCHYARD** No church

#### BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Sarson Fmhse Now 2 C18 with C20 additions II  
Little Bec Early C18 II  
Nos 6, 7, 8, and 9 Late C18 II  
Pear Tree Cottage C16, c. 1800 II  
No 11 C17, exterior of c. 1800 II

Nos 12 and 13 C17 with exterior of c. 1800 II  
Amport Inn c. 1840 with C20 additions II  
Nos 14 and 15 Now 1 C17, C18 and C20 II  
Rose Cottage Early C19 II  
Old Post Cottage C18 Ext of C20 II  
Lilac Cottage C18 and C20 ext II  
Kingsley Cottage Late C18 II

#### SMR DATA

83 30804440 Neo flint debitage  
84 30704445 Post-med mill Sarson Mill Destroyed

#### ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

- 1 31094468 Site of cottage shown on Tithe map
- 2 31124458 ditto
- 3 31074464 Earthworks. A large 'scoop' has been taken out of the hillside leaving a flat area alongside the road. Along the E edge of the field in a hollow-way or large ditch which runs on the line of the parish boundary
- 4 30824464 Slight 'humps and bumps' alongside the road on the 'green' area in front of the Amort Arms
- 5 30844455 Earthworks. The drain marked on the OS map appears disused but is visible. To the N and especially to the S are earthworks, mainly terracing to the S
- 6 30964450 Earthworks. Undefined area of earthworks which includes terraces. From the area of earthworks runs a deep holloway or ditch directly up the hill-side to the S and stops when it meets the road. The Tithe map shows this as a track
- 7 31094439 Earthworks. Lynchets running with the contour and what appears to be a boundary bank at right-angles to the road with some other undefined earthworks

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES 1:2,500 SU 3044-3144; Tithe map 21M65/F7/5/2 (1839) (Amport)

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS HCC 1992 Run 14/85, 86

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY

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#### PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

**Domesday** Not specifically mentioned but possibly the manor held by Ralph Mortimer listed under Amport. Inglerann from Ralph. Edric held it before 1066. Then and now it paid tax for 5 hides. Land for 3 pl. In lordship 1 pl; 7 villagers and 6 smallholders with 2 pl. 3 slaves; a mill at 25s; meadow, 2 acres woodland without pasturage. Value before 1066, 100s; later 40s; now £4.

## Subsidy Rolls

1334	1. 4. 0
1524	2. 13. 4 (27 taxpayers but assessed with South Tidworth)
1586	1. 6. 0 (5 taxpayers but assessed with South Tidworth)

## Manorial Documents

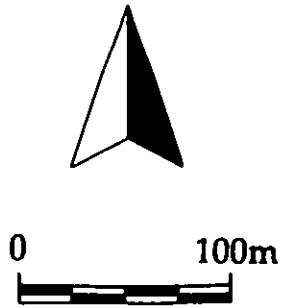
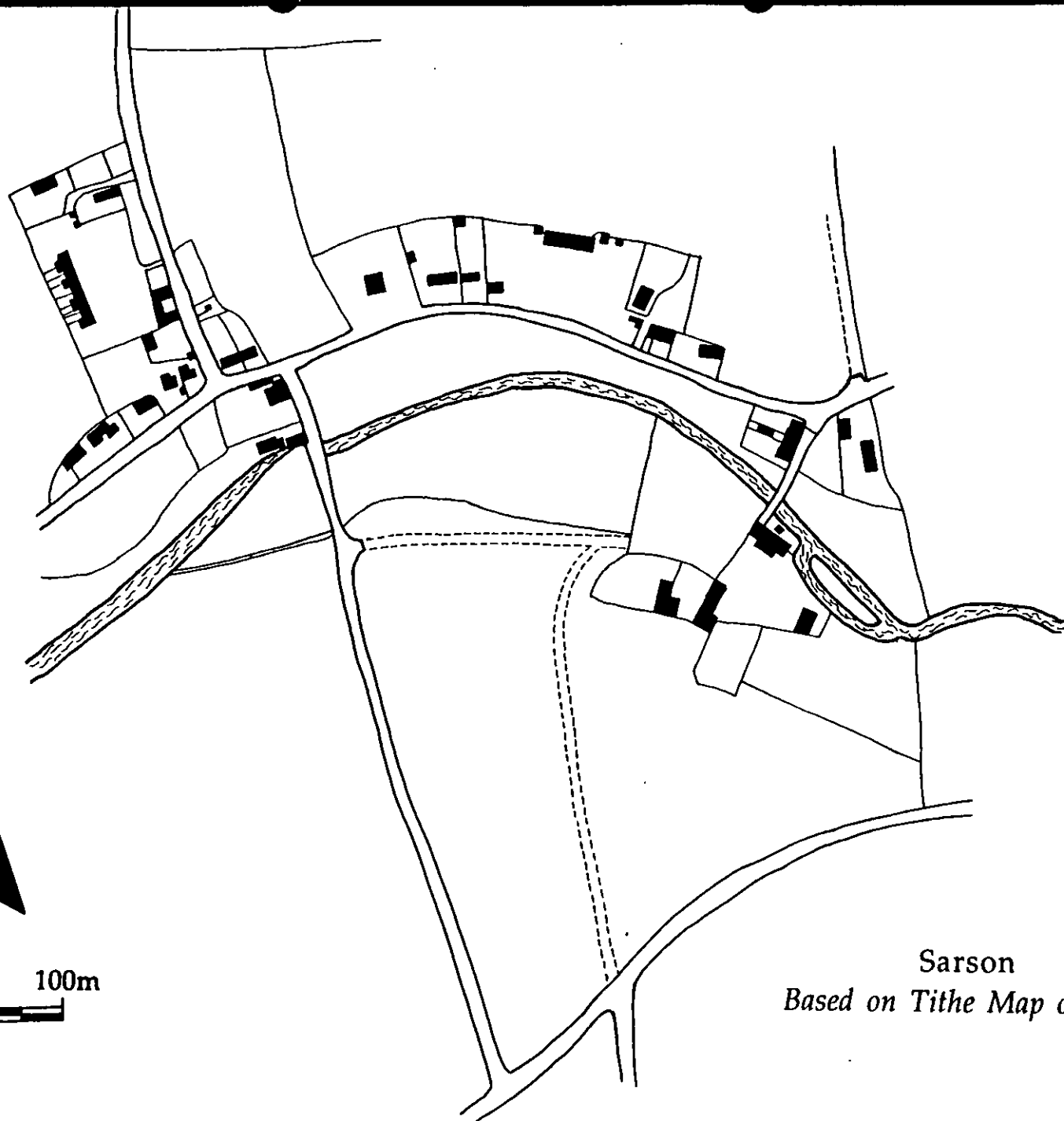
### Hearth Tax

PLACE NAME First recorded as *Anne* in 1203 when it was held by Richard *le Salvage* (the surname is 'savage'). 1242 *Anna Savage*, 1269 *Sauvoageton* 'Savage's farm'. Like Monxton, this is a late formation of ME *tun* 'farm'.

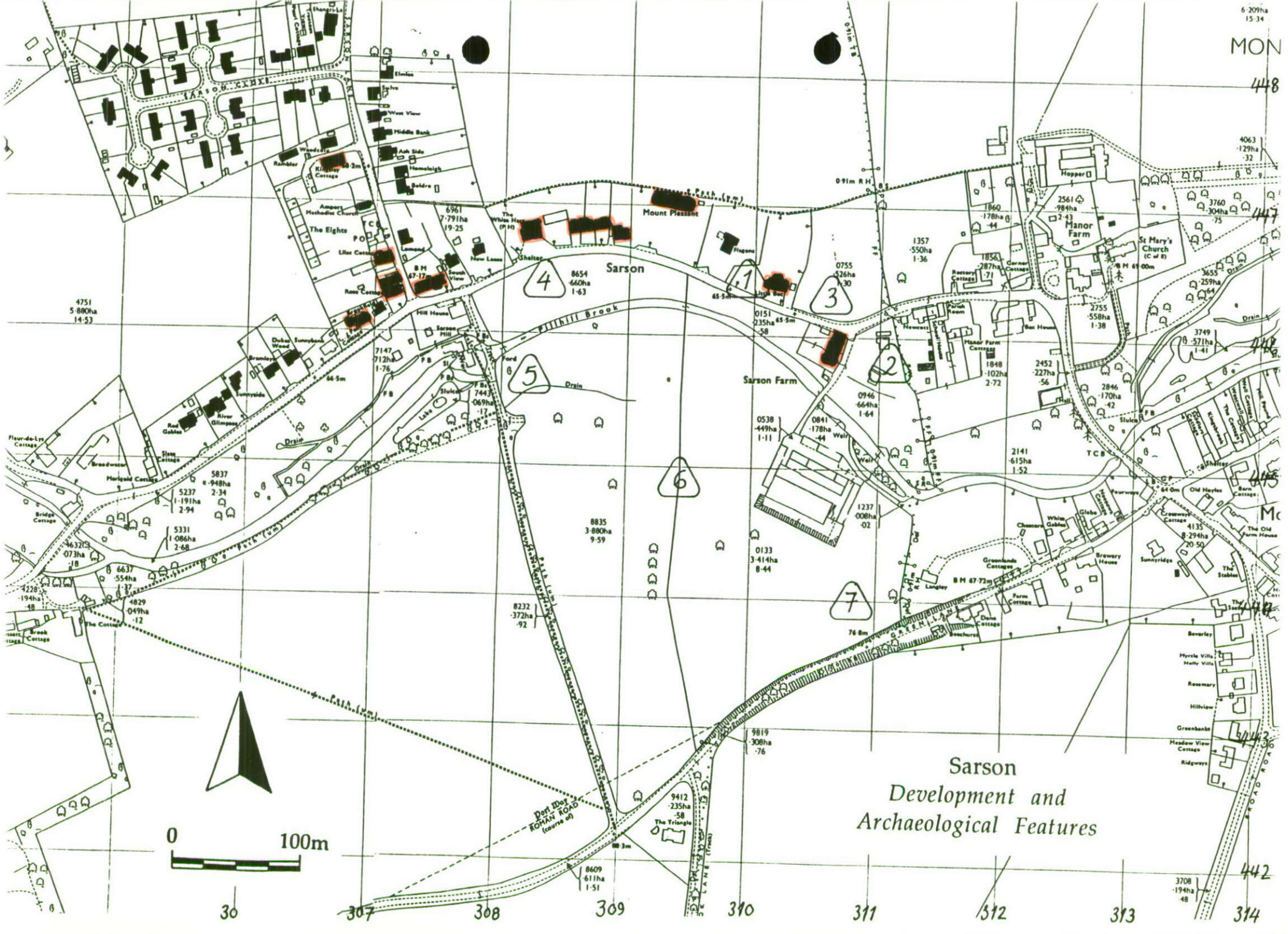
### PHOTOGRAPHS

### OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

Holloway at Sarson up hillside from Pillhill Brook to Portway. There are terraces of house sites on either side. C12 and C13 pottery has been found E of Green Lane (Routh 1986).



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*Based on Tithe Map of 1835*

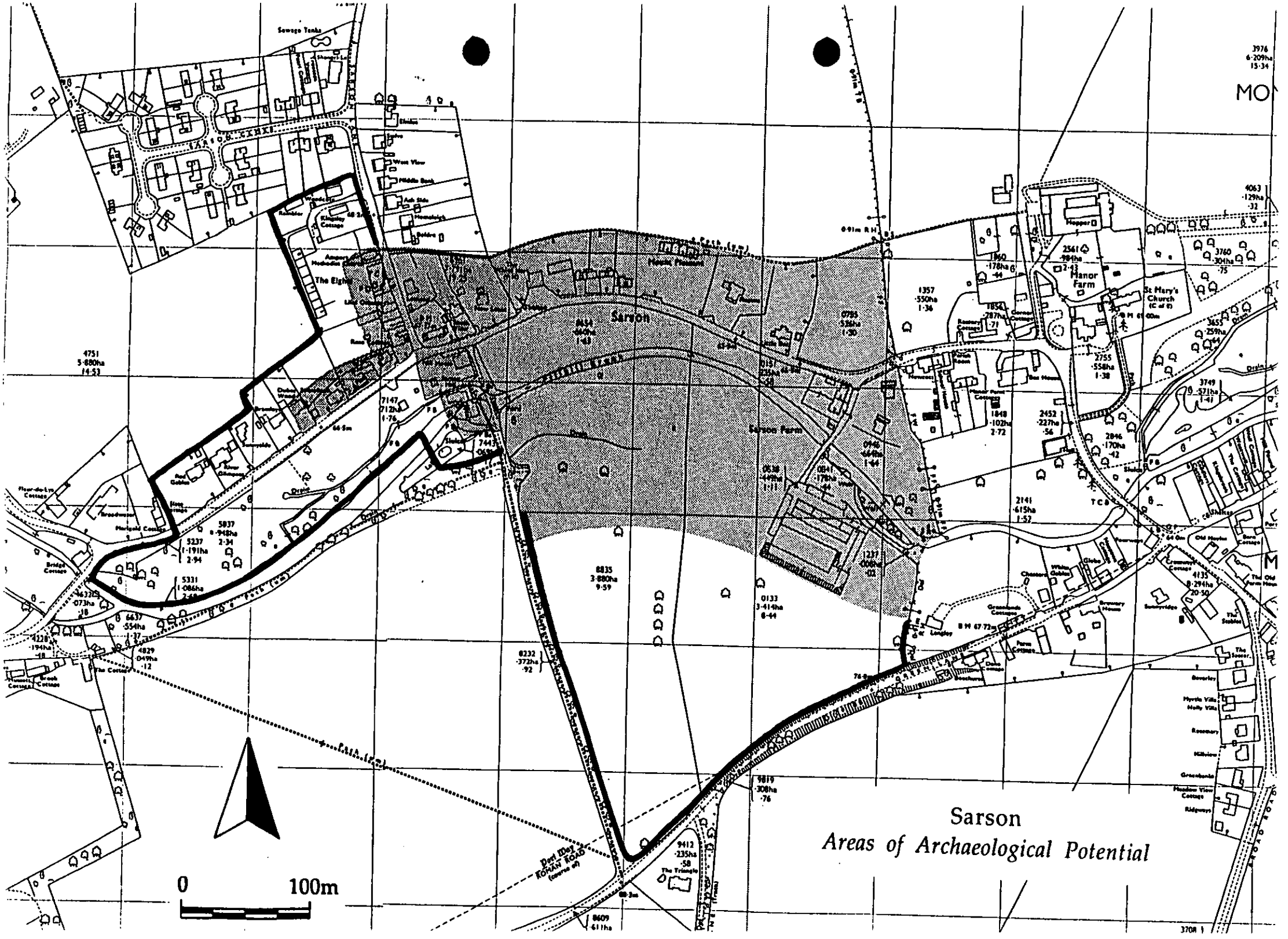


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Development and  
Archaeological Features



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Areas of Archaeological Potential

