

NAME Sherfield English
PARISH Sherfield English
HUNDRED Thorngate
DISTRICT Test Valley
NGR SU 291223
GEOLOGY London Clay and Reading Beds (mainly London Clay)

SITE CONTEXT The village is sited in a valley at approx 35m OD mainly on the W bank of a tributary of the River Blackwell. The land rises either side of the stream to approx 50m OD. Manor Fm and the site of the old church are at the head of this small valley with a S facing slope to the N rising to over 90m OD.

PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION Church and manor and short irregular row to S

The church and manor house (now both demolished) are sited with Manor Farm over 0.5km N of the main area of settlement which lies along a small lane to the S. All but one of the buildings stand on the W side of the lane and most of those are within a block with a common rear boundary. The individual plots are of unequal size and shape. E of this area is another small lane to the S from the main E-W road along which there are two groups of buildings within irregular plots. The fields between these two lanes are small and irregular in shape whereas surrounding fields, especially towards the church and manor are larger and more regular.

The area between the church/manor and the settlement may have been a park. The stream shows signs of having had a possible ornamental feature of two equal loops either side the main course near the main road and a large square pond at the source of the stream.

AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD St Leonard 1902.

The old graveyard is situated over 0.5km to the N of the present church. There is no trace of the church, only gravestones remain.

BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Upper Toothill Fmhse and attached range 1861 II

The Telegraph House Early C19 II

Gateway to Melchet Court 1914 II

Sherfield Primary School Mid C19 II

Warren Cottage Mid C19 II

Church of St Leonard 1902 II

Hatchetts Inn C17 altered and extended C18 II

Summerhill Former rectory Early C19 II

Glebe Fmhse Early C18 extended C19 II

Coombe Valley C16 altered C20 II

Old Smithy C18 with C19 bay added II

Coles Barn Fm C16 refronted C18 II

Manor Fmhse Early C18 altered C19 II
Woodshed 15m W of Manor Fmhse C18 II (GV)
Barn 60m N of Manor Fmhse C17 II
Granary 30m N of Manor Fmhse II
Sherfield Manor House C18 remodelled late C19 using material from
early C18 Sherfield House II
Martins Roost C16 altered C20 II
March End C16 extended C18 and C20 II

(Un-listed)

SMR DATA

5	29262295	Site of med church and med coffin find
8	29882270	Med pound. Oral - no confirmation
12	29302200	Post-med watermill. Demolished (The wheel exists)
15	29102230	Med village mentioned in Domesday Book
19	29312292	Post-med manor house Demolished
22	29202322	Fe spearhead of unknown date from gravel workings

ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

1	29132223	Site of building shown on Tithe map
2	29132216	ditto
3	29382218	ditto
4	29372236	Site of 2 buildings shown on Tithe map. The probable position of the buildings is now represented by earthworks
5	29542246	Site of 2 buildings shown on Tithe map. There are earthworks of field boundaries in this area but nothing that appears to be associated with the site of the buildings
6	29182245	Earthwork. Small platform alongside track approx 110m N of the gates across the track A second larger platform lies some 80m N of the first platform. The platform has a small raised area in it's SW corner and a shallow indentation in it's NE corner.

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES 1;2,500 SU 2822-2922, 2821-2921; Tithe map 21M65/F7/205/2 (1840).

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

BIBLIOGRAPHY

PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

Domesday Hugh of Port. Edric held it from King Edward in freehold. Then it paid tax for 6 hides; now 2.5 hides. Land for 8 pl. In lordship 1 pl; 11 villagers and 6

smallholders with 8 pl. 2 slaves; a mill at 5s; meadow, 2 acres; woodland at 20 pigs. Value before 1066 and later £3; now £4.

Subsidy Rolls

1334	2. 17. 2/3f
1524	2. 5. 2 (20 taxpayers)

Manorial Documents

DCAD Vol VI 6749 Grant by Joan Atten Hasshe to John le Englisshe of a messuage and 3 pieces of his land in Shirefelds whereof 1 piece lies between la Mulle lane and one is called Mabelie Heye. 19 Ed III

6766 Indenture of grant to Robert le Couke of la Whireparrische of a tenement and 10 acres arable in Shyrefeld between land called *Wormesland* which tenement John le Shephurd fromerly had. 27 Ed III

6751 Quitclaim by Richard de Engleys to William le Couk of his right in a messuage and 10 acres arable in Shyrefeld called *Adyesland* lying in a croft on the E side of the high road leading from the court of Shyrefeld to Lokerlygh. 29 Ed III

595 Grant of a mill (water) at Shyrfeld Engleys and access to a pond at Shyrefeld to let in and shut off the water. Also the right to build a second mill near the first. 47 Ed III

6729 Quitclaim by Margaret English alias Combe to Eleanor St Amand of her right in the manor of Sherfeld English the advowson of the church and lands there. 8 Hen VI

6773 Grant by William Spenser to John Cooke of a messuage and 0.5 acre of land in a croft called Wolcroft in Schirvyle with a way to it, a messuage and 10 acres arable called *Adyesland* . . .

Hearth Tax

1665	54 hearths chargeable (26 houses)
	19 hearths not chargeable (19 houses) Total 45 houses

PLACE NAME C11 *scirefelds*. Probably OE *Scira feld* '(the) bright open land' or may contain *scir* 'shire'. Many of the place-names containing this element are near the county's borders.

PHOTOGRAPHS

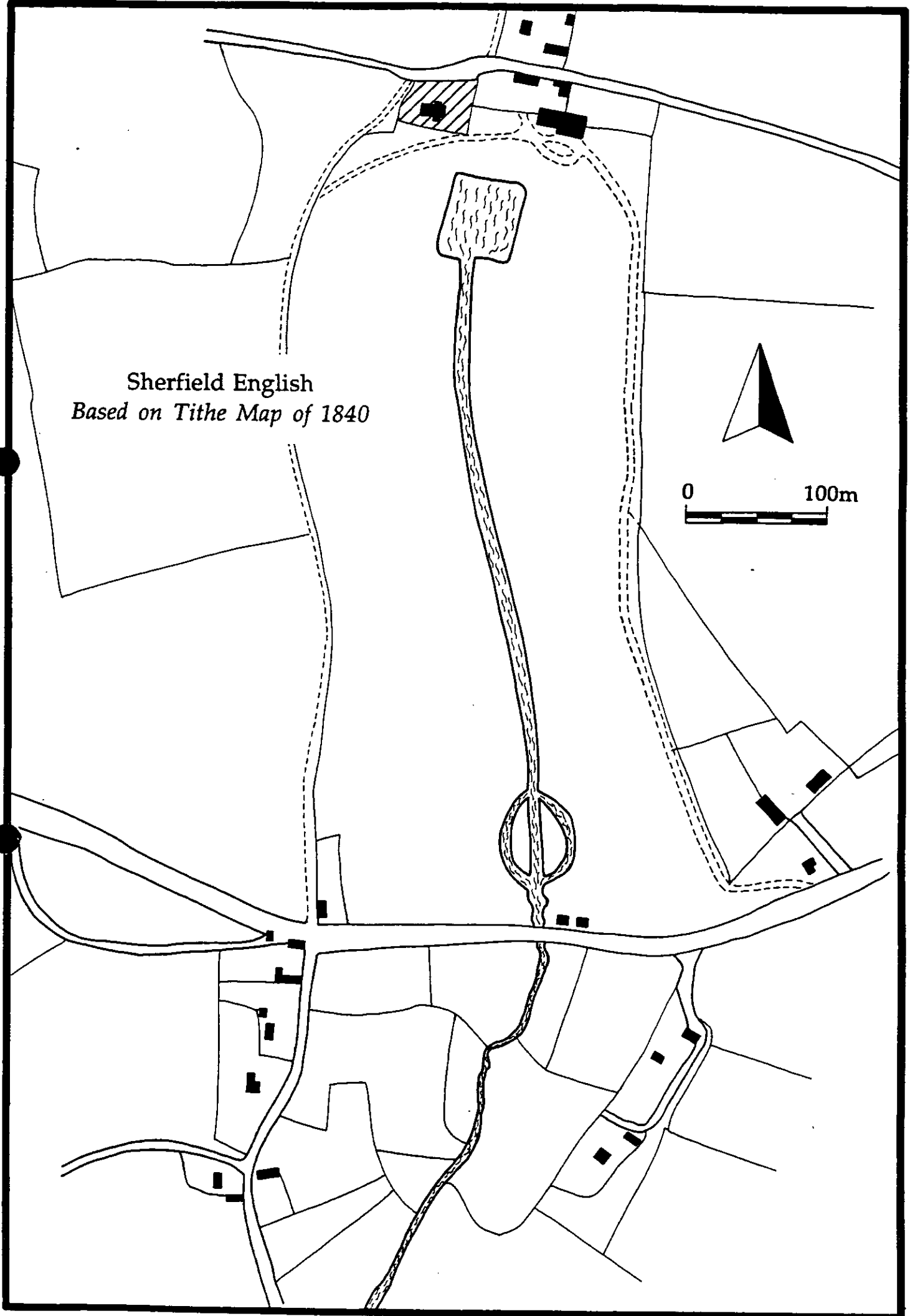
OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

1254 Gilbert de Englys was fined for wasting his woods (VCH Vol IV p 510).

Sherfield English
Based on Tithe Map of 1840



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A horizontal scale bar with alternating black and white segments, indicating a length of 100 meters.

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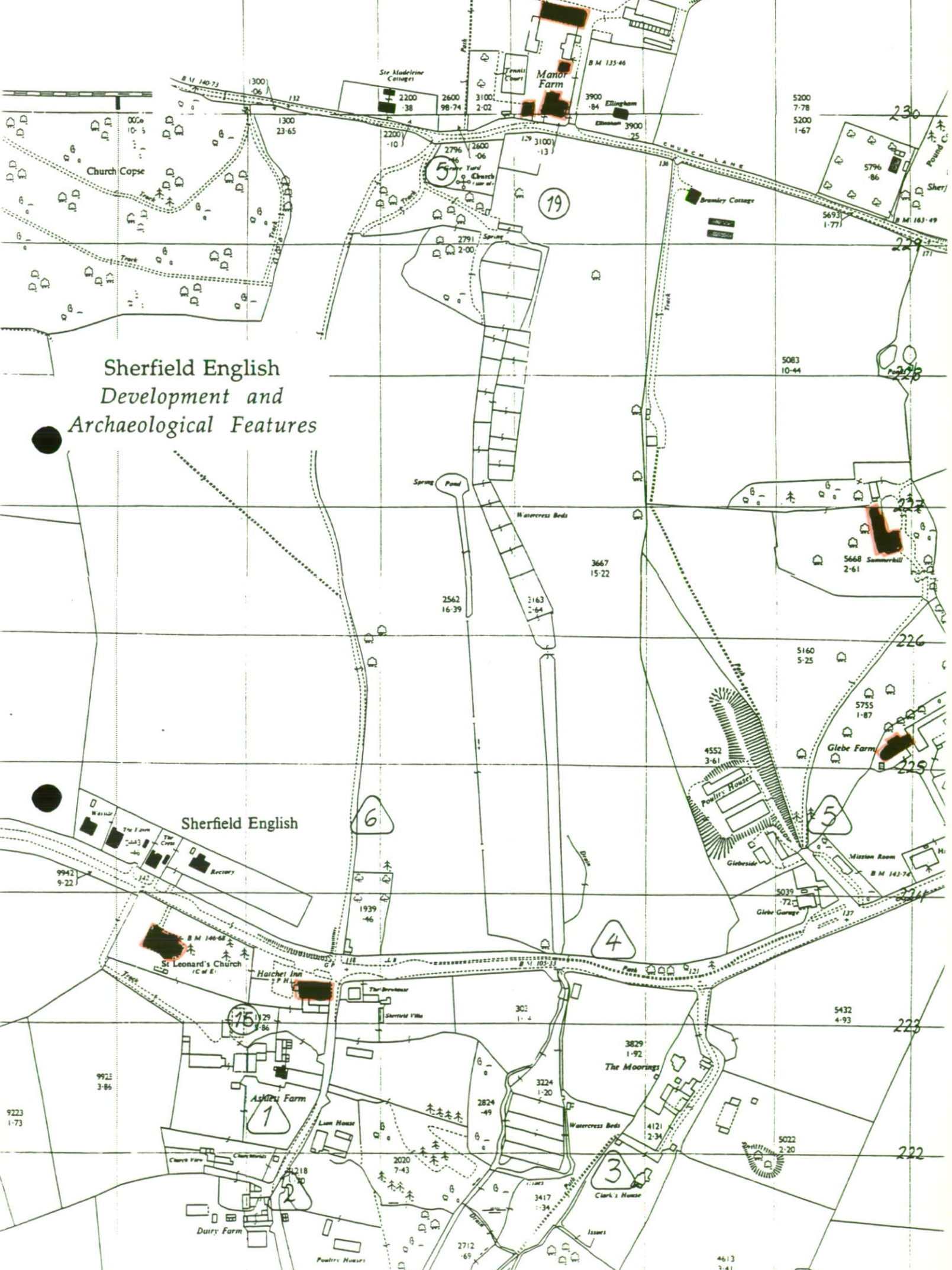
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Sherfield English
Development and
Archaeological Features

Sherfield English

St Leonard's Church
(C of E)

Asker's Farm

The Moorings

Glebe Farm

Manor Farm

Church Copse

Poultry Houses

Springs Pond

Watercress Beds

Mission Room

Dairy Farm

Clark's House

Poultry Houses

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