South Stoneham

1.0 PARISH  South Stoneham
2.0 HUNDRED  Mainsbridge
3.0 NGR  443990 / 15420 (parish church)
4.0 GEOLOGY  Valley Gravel; Alluvium in Itchen Valley. Much of the former parish is Bracklesham Beds with pockets of Plateau Gravel.

5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Map 2)
5.1 The parish is now divided between West End CP, Hedge End CP, Southampton St Nicholas and Eastleigh. The church and manor house site is within the bounds of Southampton but much of the former South Stoneham parish is in Eastleigh District including the tithing of Eastleigh itself. It is therefore very relevant to this survey area.

5.2 South Stoneham House is at c. 8m AOD and the Church of St Mary, 100m to the south-east, just a little lower. Both stand above two large ponds that can probably be equated with the two fisheries mentioned in the Domesday survey (paragraph 14.1). These are fed by The Monks Brook (east) and the Itchen Navigation passes just to the south (c. 4m AOD). South Stoneham House is now a part of the Southampton University campus which includes an adjoining tower block and accommodation units. To the east and west are C20 housing estates. Areas of woodland are still intact (south-east) and the fisheries, part of the Monks Brook and the banks of the Itchen Navigation provide public open space.

6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION (Maps 3, 4 and 5)
Church and manor house

6.1 South Stoneham House was built 1705, probably on the traditional site of the manor house. The close proximity of the C12 medieval parish church suggests that this was a church and manor house group. The two fish ponds just to the south make South Stoneham one of the few Domesday listings that can be positively associated with a recognisable site. Woodmill, 200m south-west of the church possibly occupies one of the two mill sites that were in neighbouring North Stoneham in the 1080s.

6.2 South Stoneham is suggested as a deserted medieval village site by Beresford and Hurst (1971: 189). It is so often the case that apparently isolated churches are regarded as indicators of desertion but it is a weak argument without supportive evidence, and there is none. In fact, South Stoneham contained a relatively large number of medieval sub-manors / estates (9) and these might be reasonably regarded as representing a dispersed settlement pattern (see paragraph 14.3).

6.3 Site visit conditions: hazy sun (14.3.2000)
7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL (Map 5)

7.1 AsAP
This area takes into account all of the features that can be reasonably identified with the Domensday entry for South Stoneham, including the possible mill site that was not within its bounds at that time. These features are: the manor house site, church, fisheries and mill.

7.2 AsHAP
In spite of the extensive C20 building development around South Stoneham House, considerable archaeological potential must remain and an AHAP has been defined that includes the House, its southern grounds, the church, and the churchyard.

NB There would be some merit in examining the archaeological potential of some of the sub-manor centres though some of these have been subsumed by urban sprawl whilst others are represented as farms.

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD
St Mary
- C12 chancel arch (chalk); chancel; font; piscina in north chancel (reset);
- C13 nave;
- C15 / 16 tower with C19 crazy paving finish;
- 1728 north transept;
- 1854 nave windows; south transept;
- Monuments: tomb of c. 1540 (chancel); wall monument to Edmund Clarke † 1632.

9.0 BUILDINGS (Map 4)

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<td>Moorgreen Farmhouse, Burnetts Lane, West End</td>
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92A 443900 115700  Prehistoric. Flint tool recovered during an archaeological evaluation.
92B 443900 115700  Prehistoric. Flint debitage associated with 92A.
92C 443900 115700  Prehistoric pottery associated with 92A.
92D 443900 115700  Prehistoric pit associated with 92A.
93A 443900 115700  Iron Age pit found during an archaeological evaluation.
93B 443900 115700  Iron Age post-hole associated with 93A.
93C 443900 115700  Iron Age pottery associated with 93A.
94A 443900 115700  Roman ditch found during an archaeological evaluation. Perhaps associated with a road.
94B 443900 115700  Roman quarry, perhaps associated with 94A.
94C 443900 115700  Roman pottery associated with 94A.
94D 443900 115700  Roman. Tile find. Associated with 94A.
95A 443900 115700  Saxon. Building overlying conjectural Roman Road.
95B 443900 115700  Saxon. Pits containing artefacts and animal bones associated with 95A.
95C 443900 115700  Saxon. Faunal remains associated with 95B.
96A 443900 115700  Medieval. Enclosures defined by ditches.
96B 443900 115700  Medieval. Pits associated with 96A.
96C 443900 115700  Medieval. Pottery associated with 96A.
97 443900 115700  Pleistocene. Ancient water course.

10.1 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey
Hants No. NGR Parish NAR / NMR Nos
None included in the survey.

10.2 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)
SAM No. NGR Site
561 447400 113800 Hickley Wood hillfort
12148 447510 114820 Bowl barrow 200m west of Moorgreen House.

11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Map 4)
1 444040 115420 Hollow-way that runs alongside the east boundary of the churchyard. This was a section of an access road from what is now Wessex Lane to the fishponds at south of the church.
2 444190 115450 Bank and ditch boundary.
12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES
- Tithe Map  21M65/F7/217/2  (* / 1845)
- GSGB 315  Southampton
- OS 1: 2500  SW 443500 115000, NE 444600 118000
- OS 1: 25000  Outdoor Leisure 22, New Forest

13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY
- Coates R  1989 Hampshire Place-names  Southampton, Ensign Publications
- VCH 3: 481-489

14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES
14.1 Domesday Book
3, 16 (The Bishop of Winchester for the supplies of the monks of Winchester)  
(South) Stoneham. It is for the clothing of the monks. Before 1066 it answered for 5 hides; now for 3 hides. Land for 9 ploughs. In lordship 1 plough; 11 villagers and 9 smallholders with 8 ploughs. 1 slave; meadow, 23 acres; 2 fisheries at 39 pence; woodland at 20 pigs. Value before 1066 £7; later £4; now £8.  
Richere the Clerk holds this manor’s church with 2 other churches near Southampton which belong to this mother church. 1 hide of land is attached there and all the tithes of this village and also of the King’s land. Value of what he holds from the Bishop 20s; what he holds from the King 20s.  

The following can be identified as being in the same parish.

49, 1 William Alis holds Allington. Godman held it from King Edward. Then and now it answered for 3 hides. Land for 5 ploughs. In lordship 1 plough; 11 villagers and 6 smallholders with 7 ploughs. A church; 10 slaves; 2 mills at 20s; meadow, 67 cares; 30d for grazing; woodland at 20 pigs. Value before 1066 £15; later £7; now £6 10s.

56, 2 Henry (the Treasurer) also holds Eastleigh. Godwin held it from King Edward; he could go whither he would. Then it answered for 2 hides; now for 1. Land for 2 ploughs. In lordship 1; 4 villagers and 7 smallholders with 3 ploughs. 2 slave; meadow, 12 acres; woodland at 5 pigs. Value before 1066, later and now 40s.

Boyatt was in Otterbourne but parts of this became included in Eastleigh (Boyatt Wood).
58, 1  Herbrand (of Pont Audemer) holds Boyatt from the King. Godric held it from King Edward. Then it answered for 2 hides; now for ½ hide. Land for 2 ploughs. In lordship 1 plough. 2 slaves. 2 mills at 16s; meadow, 45 acres; woodland at 1 pig. Value before 1066 £4; later and now 40s.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334

Manors and / or tithings in the following order.

Boyatt (Otterbourne) £0.12.3
Eastleigh £1.17.10
Barton (Peverel) £1.2.0
Townhill £2.19.8
Allington £3.5.3
South Stoneham £7.14.4

1524 South Stoneham was not listed but manors and / or tithings within the parish were included as follows:

Allington
1st survey: £1.10.10 (16 taxpayers)
2nd survey: £1.10.2 (taxpayers; not given)

Barton Peverel
1st survey: £1.4.8 (9 taxpayers)
2nd survey: £2.7.2 (32 taxpayers)

Boyatt (Otterbourne) 1st survey: £0.16.8 (7 taxpayers)
2nd survey: £1.00.8 (12 taxpayers)

Eastleigh
1st survey: £0.9.8 (5 taxpayers)
2nd survey: Not listed; included with Boyatt (5+7=12)

Townhill
1st survey: £2.2.8 (14 taxpayers)
2nd survey: £3.4.0 (15 taxpayers)

14.3 Manorial Documents

The following manors have been recorded, their probable manor house sites in brackets:
South Stoneham (South Stoneham House); Mainsbridge alias Townhill (The Grange); Mainsbridge alias Swaythling (Sheppard’s Farm); Pollack; Bitterne; Allington (Allington Manor Farm); Barton Peverel; Eastleigh; Portswood; Shamblehurst (Shamblehurst Farm). At Swaythling and Pollack, manorial rights could not be found in the title deeds by the late C19 (VCH 3: 484).
14.4 Hearth Tax 1665
Manors and / or tithings in the following order.

- Bitterne: 39 hearths chargeable (11 houses)  
  5 hearths not chargeable (4 houses)  
  Total: 15 houses.

- Pollack: 22 hearths chargeable (3 houses)  
  8 hearths not chargeable (6 houses)  
  Total: 30 houses.

- Boyatt (Otterbourne): 33 hearths chargeable (14 houses)  
  4 hearths not chargeable (4 houses)  
  Total: 18 houses.

- Barton Peverel: 9 hearths chargeable (4 houses)  
  1 hearth not chargeable (1 house)  
  Total: 5 houses.

- Eastleigh: 9 hearths chargeable (2 houses)  
  Total: 2 houses.

- Shamblehurst: 38 hearths chargeable (18 houses)  
  26 hearths not chargeable (26 houses)  
  Total: 44 houses.

- Allington: 60 hearths chargeable (20 houses)  
  17 hearths not chargeable (16 houses)  
  Total: 36 houses.

15.0 PLACE NAME
932 (C13 / C14) (æt) stanham (North); 1086 Stoneham (North). Both North and South Stoneham have the same origin. They were distinguished in medieval times as Abbot’s and Bishop’s Stoneham, being held by Hyde Abbey and the see of Winchester respectively. Place-name is OE stanham ‘stone estate’. Coates suggests that the origin is derived from buildings or the character of the land (Coates R, 1989: 157). However, it is also possible (and more probable) that the two estates were once a single unit and that the place-name is derived from a Roman road that ran from Clausentum (Bitterne), north to Winchester. A Roman road crossed into the parish at Chandlers Ford in North Stoneham (IH 3 / 2000).

16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS
None taken.
17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS
17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters

- AD 990 x 992. King Æthelred to the church of St Peter and All Saints, South Stoneham, Hants.; grant of land at Hinton Ampner, Hampshire. *Latin with English bounds* (284 / 942).

- AD 990 x 992. King Æthelred to ?; grant of land at Weston in *South* Stoneham, Hampshire. *Latin with English bounds* (284 / 944).

**NB** Various commentators have disagreed as to whether this charter refers to North or to South Stoneham. The lack of clarity could be explained by an ancient boundary change noted by the author of VCH whereby in the extent of North Stoneham, as granted to Hyde Abbey in 941, there was a ‘mill place at Northe Mannysbrygge’. This would have to put the mill on the North Stoneham side, probably the site of one of the two mills mentioned in Domesday as being in North Stoneham (VCH 3: 479; see also Paragraph 14.1 below). At the time of the VCH survey there were no suitable mill sites in North Stoneham (VCH 3: 479) and it seems that those of 1086 had been transferred to South Stoneham at some time (e.g. West End Mill). This would make the charter bounds of North and South Stoneham irrelevant to the late C19 parish boundaries and therefore render it difficult to interpret the charter.


**NB** The same comments apply as to 944 above.

17.2 Other parish settlements include:

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17.3 **Enclosures**

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<td>1814</td>
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17.4 **Commons & Greens (residual)**

None known and a zero return was made to the Inclosure and Tithe Commissioners in 1873.

18.0 **ILLUSTRATIONS**

1. Map 1: Parish location (not to scale)
2. Map 2: Settlement location at 1: 25000
3. Map 3: c. 1845 Tithe Map transcription at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
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%
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Map 3: transcribed from the Tithe Map of c.1845