

South Warnborough

- 1.0 PARISH** South Warnborough
2.0 HUNDRED Bermondspit
3.0 NGR SU 721472
4.0 GEOLOGY Upper Chalk.

5.0 SITE CONTEXT

South Warnborough is at the head of a dry valley in the south-west corner of Hart District. The settlement is at a meeting point of roads. The principal route is the B3349 Alton-Odiham Road and this runs south-west / north-east through the valley at c. 100m AOD. At settlement centre, a minor road crosses the B3349 at right angles, descending from the south-west as Froyle Lane (from Wells Hill Farm c. 125m AOD) and rising as Lee's Hill to Lee's Hill Farm to the north-east (c. 125 AOD) on the opposite side of the valley. Lee's Hill divides c. 100m north-west of the B3349 junction. The left fork heads north as Gaston Lane.

6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION

Composite: church and manor + irregular row + irregular agglomeration

6.1 Church and Manor Domesday Book notes that South Warnborough had a church by 1086. The present structure has Norman features (8.0) and it is situated to the south of the cross-roads (5.0) at c. 105m AOD. The original (?) manor house was within an enclosure c. 70m south-east of the church but it was replaced during C18-C19 by the present building some 40m to the north-north-east. In the fields south-south-west of the demolished manor house are angular earthworks which may be either foundations or garden features (11.0). The area south of the manor house was also the site of a medieval deer park, the remains of which are now known as Warnborough Park. Relict park pale can be seen in the adjacent (west) parish of Weston Patrick (Basingstoke and Deane District), but this feature appears to enclose a separate and smaller area.

6.2 Irregular row The focal point of South Warnborough is the cross-roads. The church and manor complex occupied the whole of the southern segment in 1839 (Tithe Map). The eastern quadrant contained rectangular yards and plots associated with buildings. The northern unit, between Gaston Lane and the B3349 (known here as Tyler's Gate) is U-shaped and, in response to this constraint, the 1839 plots varied from sub-triangular to trapeziums. The most intensively exploited zone was within the western angle of the road system (ie between the B3349 and Lee's Hill). Here, on the west side of Lee's Hill, the buildings were less generously spaced than elsewhere, probably occupying sub-divisions of once larger, perhaps attenuated plots. Five of the houses in this group are amongst the seven oldest in South Warnborough (C17). Included in their number is Manor Court. From Manor Court westwards along the southern margin of Lee's Hill, the spacing and shape of the fields and house plots suggests a continuation of the attenuated row (Lee's Cottage C17). The buildings on the north side of Lee's Hill are all C18 or later and this includes Lee's Farm which has

no earlier credentials. Lee's Cottage, opposite, has no obvious link with the farm

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beyond the name.

6.2.1 Gaston Lane, the northwards fork off Lee's Hill, had only limited settlement in 1839, but *c.* 60m from the junction, there was a group of four plots and buildings. The first two, on the east side of the lane, occupied a widened stretch of the road (clearly the site of a pound) and it would appear that these two buildings have been amalgamated to form the a house now known as Varndells (C17). Diagonally opposite (west) are Winsome Cottage and The Schoolhouse (C18). They were built as separate units; one abutting the other.

6.3 Agglomeration

6.3.1 The properties on the north side of Lee's Hill (including The Old Parsonage and Old Police Cottage) are within a rectangular plot, the western boundary of which extends onto the south side of Lee's Hill for 1km before turning sharply south-east to join the B3349 north of the church. The straight and angular nature of this boundary suggests that it is post-medieval perhaps indicating a similar date for the earliest extant properties on the north side of Lee's Hill.

6.3.1 The Tithe Map shows a second rectangular boundary extending north-eastwards from the rear of the attenuated plots on the east side of Lee's Hill. After 1km the boundary takes a quarter turn to the south-east and after 2 km turns south-west to join Froyle Lane. The area thus defined formerly enclosed agricultural buildings (now modern housing, The Old Rectory and a public house). The shape of the enclosure suggests a post-medieval enlargement of the settlement.

6.4 Synthesis The church and manor unit is readily identifiable. There was an associated attenuated settlement fronting onto Froyle Lane-Lee's Hill and Gaston Lane. Post-medieval extensions north of Lee's Hill and either side of the B3349 north-east of the cross-roads (6.3), have subsequently merged with (and obscured) the original settlement layout (6.1; 6.2). This arrangement is clarified on a shaded version of the Tithe map (*qv*).

6.5 Site visit conditions: intervals of strong, low sun; dry.

7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The suggested settlement development at South Warnborough (6.0) requires the support of archaeological evidence. With this in mind, the following areas assume importance.

7.1 AsAP

7.1.1 The medieval church, churchyard and manor site extended southwards to encompass the former manor site and other earthworks, eastwards to provide a *buffer zone* and northwards and north-west to include the former orchard and both sides of Lee's Hill where C17 buildings are situated. One of these is Manor Court (Map 5, page 248 and Map 7, page 250).

7.1.2 In Gaston Lane an AAP includes a small group of attenuated properties including The School House (C18) and Varndell's (C17 [Map 5, page 248]).

7.1.3 Lee's Cottage and plots (C17). Possibly a survivor of an irregular row (Map 7, page 250).

7.1.4 Hilltop Cottages and Tyebar Cottage (undated). See 7.1.3 (Map 7, page 250).

7.2 AsHAP

7.2.1 An area including the medieval church, churchyard, both manor sites, Church

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Cottage and Manor Cottage (7.1.1).

7.2.2 The west side of Lee's Hill from the cross-roads up to and including Manor Court.

Here, there is a concentration of C17 buildings (7.1.1)

7.2.3 Grounds of the House known as Varndell's (7.1.2).

7.2.3 Grounds of the house known as Lee's Cottage (7.1.3).

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

St. Andrew

8.1 Church

- Norman: north doorway ; one south window.
- Early English chancel with 3 east lancets.
- Decorated: single light north window;
- Window re-used in south aisle constructed 1870. Rosette patterned stone blocks beneath the sill suggest a secular origin for this feature (manor house?).
- C15, C16 stained glass fragments.
- Monuments: tomb chest with shields in quatrefoils; E wall brass to Robert White (†1512).

8.2 Churchyard

- Boundary or mound visible south-west of south aisle.
- Church walls / churchyard interface has been trenched for drainage.

9.0 BUILDINGS

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
4522	Abbotsford, Alton Road (W)	C18, 19	II
4523	Post Office Stores, Alton Road (W)	late C18	II
4524	Barn (Street Farmhouse), Alton Road (W)	C18	II
4525	Street Farmhouse, Alton Road (W)	late C18	II
4526	Blounce Cottage, Alton Road (W)	C17	II
4527	Blounce Farmhouse, Alton Road (W)		dated 1699
	II*		
4528	Blounce Farmhouse: granary	early C19	II
1387	South Warnborough Manor House	C18, 19	II
4529	Manor House: stable block SW of	early C19	II
4530	Manor House: gateway SW of	early C19	II
4532/3	Church Cottage & Manor Cottage	early C19	II
4535	Church of St Andrew	C13, 14, 15	
		1870	II*
4536	Ford Farmhouse, Ford Lane	C18	II
4540	Ford Farmhouse: granary	early C19	II
4041	Ford Farmhouse: barn NE of	C18	II
4542	Old Police Cottages, Gaston Lane	late C18	II
4543	Varndells, Gaston Lane	C17 & later	II

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4546/7	Winsome Cottage & Old School House, Gaston La. (built separately)	early C18	II
4549/50	Rosemary Cottage & Holly Tree Cottage, Lee's Hill (S)	C17, 18	II
4551/2	Cobweb Cottages & St Margaret, Lee's Hill (S)	C17, 18, 20	II
1246	Thatch End, Lee's Hill (S)	C17, 18, 20	II
4553	Manor Court, Lee's Hill (S)	C17	II
4554	Lee's Cottage, Lee's Hill (S)	C17, 18	II
4555	Old School Cottage, Lees Hill (N)	1810	II
4556	The Old Parsonage, Lees Hill (N)	C18	II
4557	Swanborough Lodge, Lees Hill (N)	C18, 19	II
4558	Wells Hill Farmhouse, Froyle Lane	C17, 20	II
56	New Farms House, Froyle Lane	C18	II
4559	Lee's Farm, Lee's Hill (N)	late C18	II
1662	Lee's Farmhouse: barn NW of	C18	II
1092	Vine Cottage, Lee's Hill	C18, 19	II
listed	Jobless Cottage & attached cottage, Lee's Hill (S)		II

10.0 SMR DATA SW 47150 14700, NE 47300 14800

SU74NW	No.		
	18	47221 14713	Medieval, c. 1440. Manor house, site of. See No. 19, Boundary.
	19	47221 14713	Post-medieval. Bank enclosing site of medieval manor house (<i>qv</i> No. 18). Survives best on east side. Mounds at the four corners survive except north-west.
	21	47216 14719	Medieval, C13, 14, 15. Parish Church.
	37	47220 14730	Medieval. South Warnborough village. Estate mentioned in Domesday book.

10.1 Hampshire Romano-British Villas survey

No. 140	472400 145900	New Farm House. Samian pottery; roof tiles. NMR: SU 74 NE16 / 243750 NAR: SU 74 NE16
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11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES

1	472100 147110	Rectilinear earthworks
2	472060 147300	Field terracing?
3	472090 147330	Site of building, 1839
4	472220 147410	Site of building, 1839
5	472260 147460	Site of buildings in the grounds of The Old Rectory, 1839
6	472240 147390	Site of building, 1839
7	472030 147470	Site of building, 1839
8	472140 147180	Earthwork (8.2)

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12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/219/2 (1839/41)
- GSGB 284 Basingstoke
- OS 1: 2500 SW 471700 146900, NE 472500 147800
- OS 1: 25000 Pathfinder 1224, Lasham and Alton (North)

13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

14.1 Domesday Book

44,4 Hugh son of Baldric holds (South) Warnborough and Guy from him with his daughter. Bondi held it from King Edward. The it answered for 11 hides; now for 6 hides. Land for 12 ploughs. In lordship 2 ploughs. A church; 3 slaves; a mill at 10s; meadow, 12 acres. [Value] before 1066 £12; later £6; now £10.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£5.14.0	
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	Not listed.	
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£3.17.10	(30 taxpayers)

14.3 Manorial Documents

South Warnborough was a single manor. Documents available at HRO.

14.4 Hearth Tax

1665 79 hearths chargeable (27 houses),
13 hearths not chargeable (13 houses). Total: 40 houses.

15.0 PLACE NAME 973 x 974 (*aet*) *weargeburnan*; 1046 (*on*) *weargeburninga*; 1291 *Suthwargheborgh*. OE *Weargaburna* 'felons' stream' or *wergburna* 'willow stream'.

16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS

17.1 Reading Abbey Cartularies

Gift in free alms by Alan de Croen to Reading Abbey of [? one] hide of land at Crowdale [in South Warnborough] with pasture rights for 12 oxen and 100 sheep in winter [1121 x c.1150].

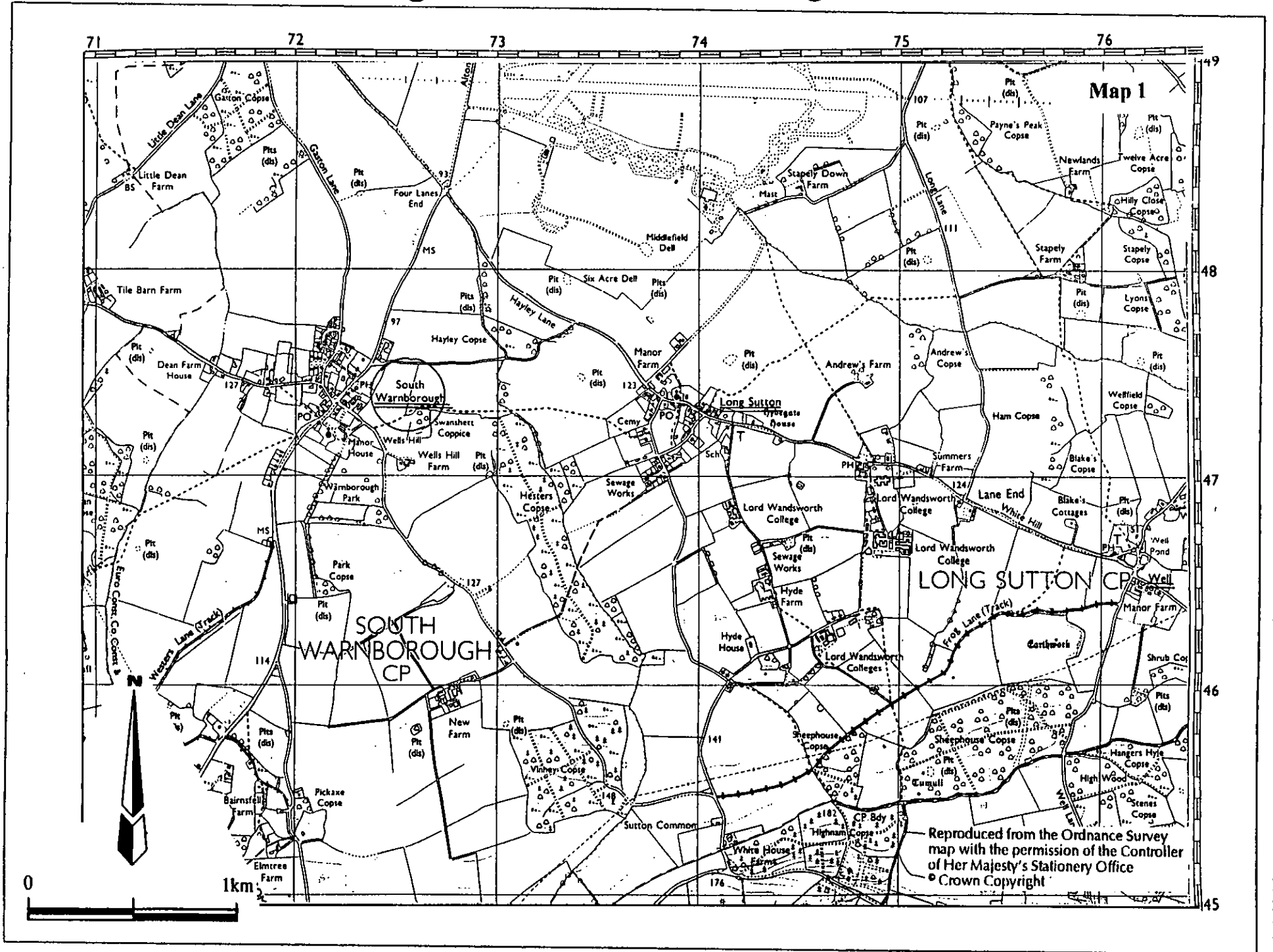
17.2 Other parish settlements include:

Blounce 47130 14540	1500, le Blunt (associated with the family of Peter le Blunt)
Dean Copse 47100 14700	1300, atte Dean (Valley / Home of Peter atte Dean)
Ford Farm 47170 14960	1327, atte Ford (Home of John atte Ford)
Wells Hill 47250 14710	1327, Wales (associated with the family of Geoffrey Wales)

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18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

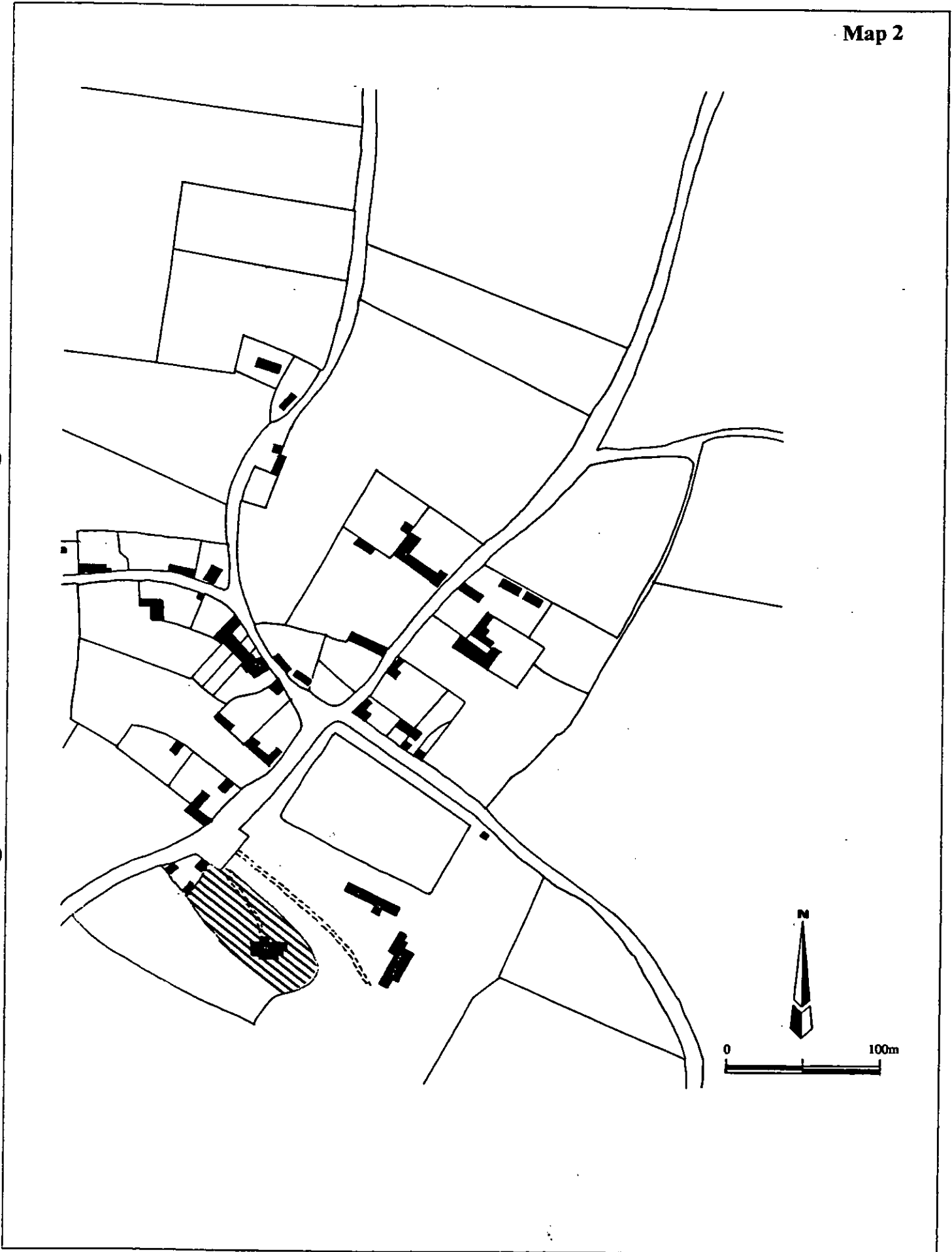
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- 3 Tithe Map transcription at 1: 2500 showing irregular row (6.2)
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- 5 Map: Areas of Archaeological Potential at 1: 2500
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- 7 Map: Areas of Archaeological Potential at 1: 2500; Lee's Hill



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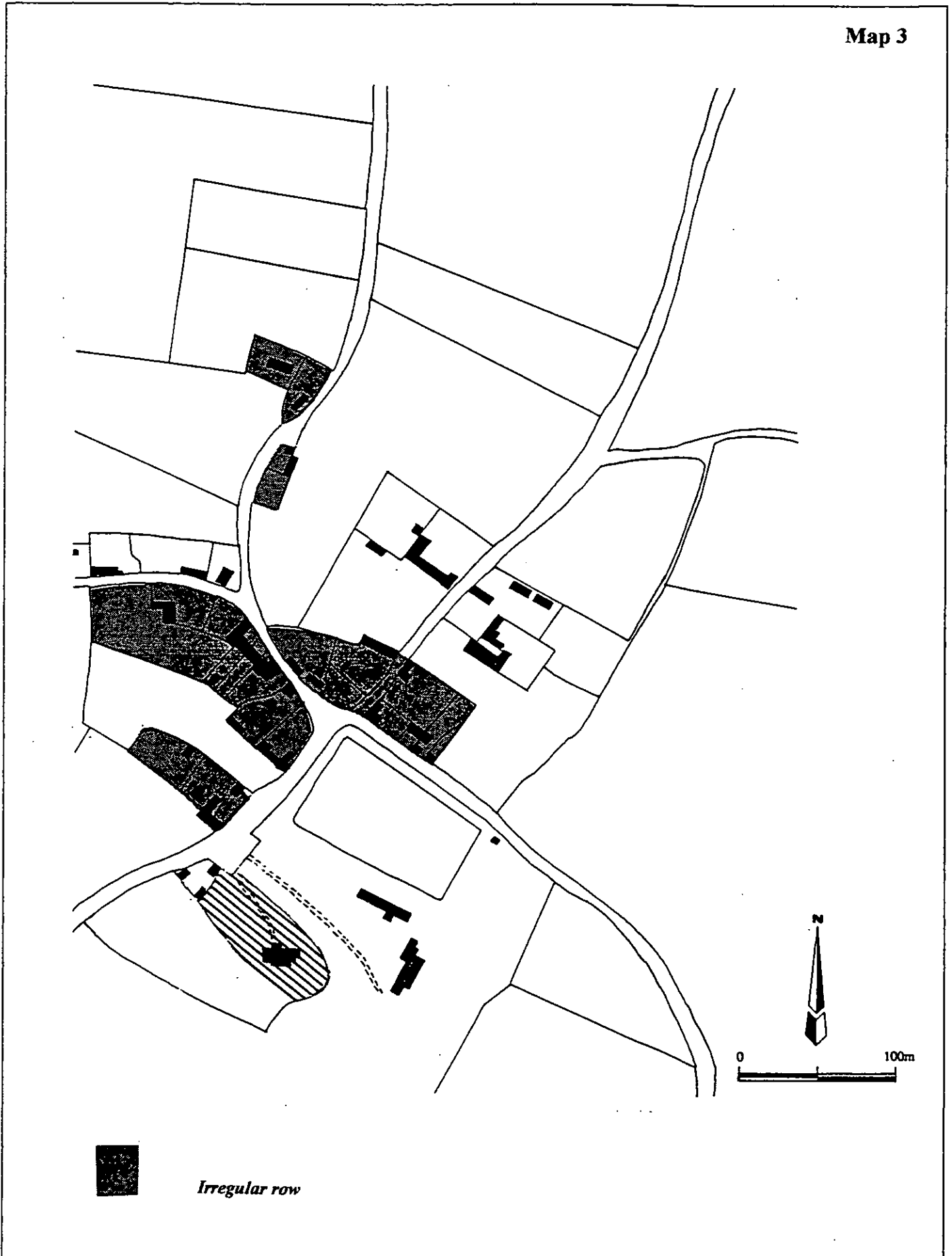
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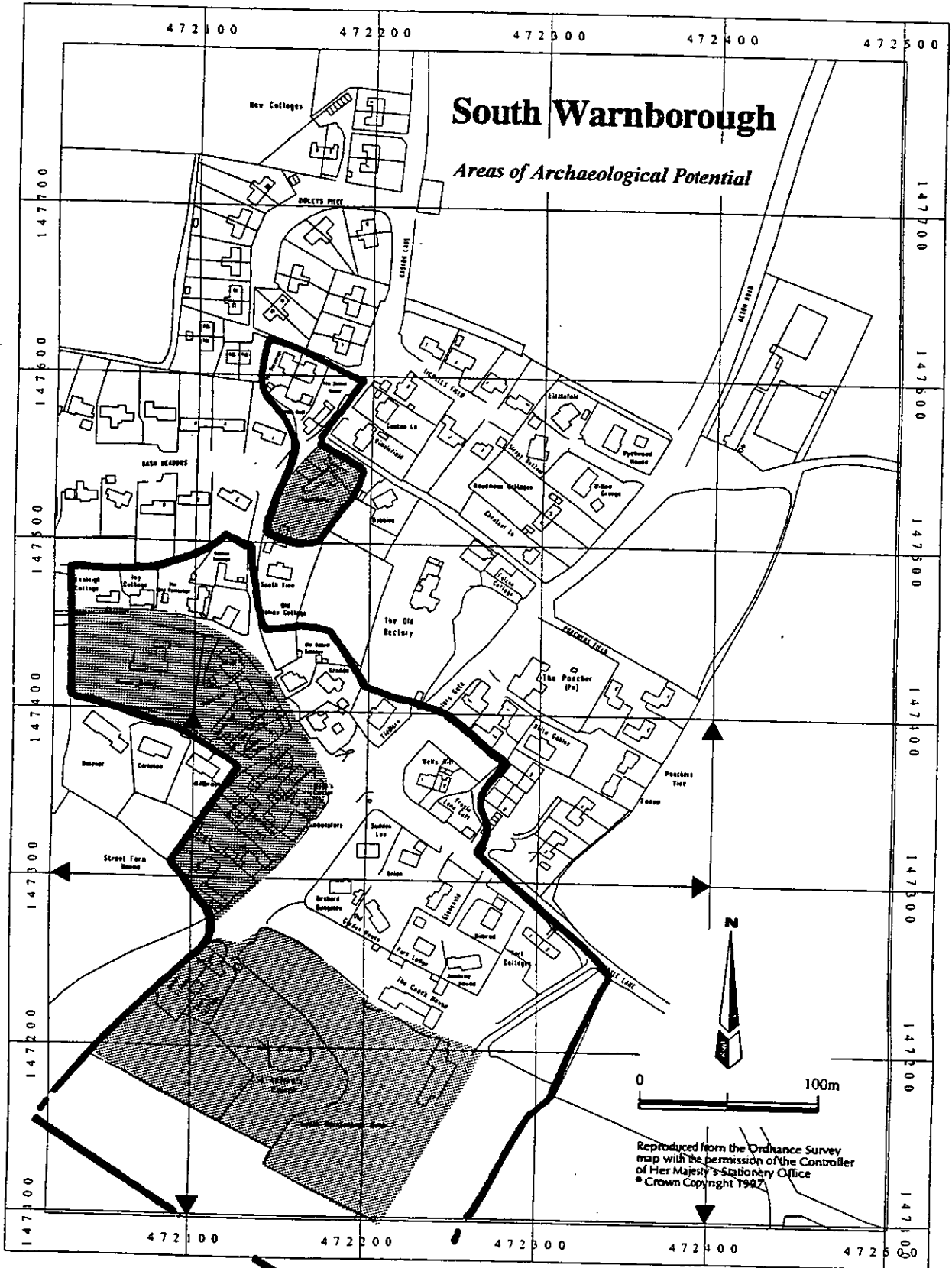


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Map 3





Map 5

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Map 6



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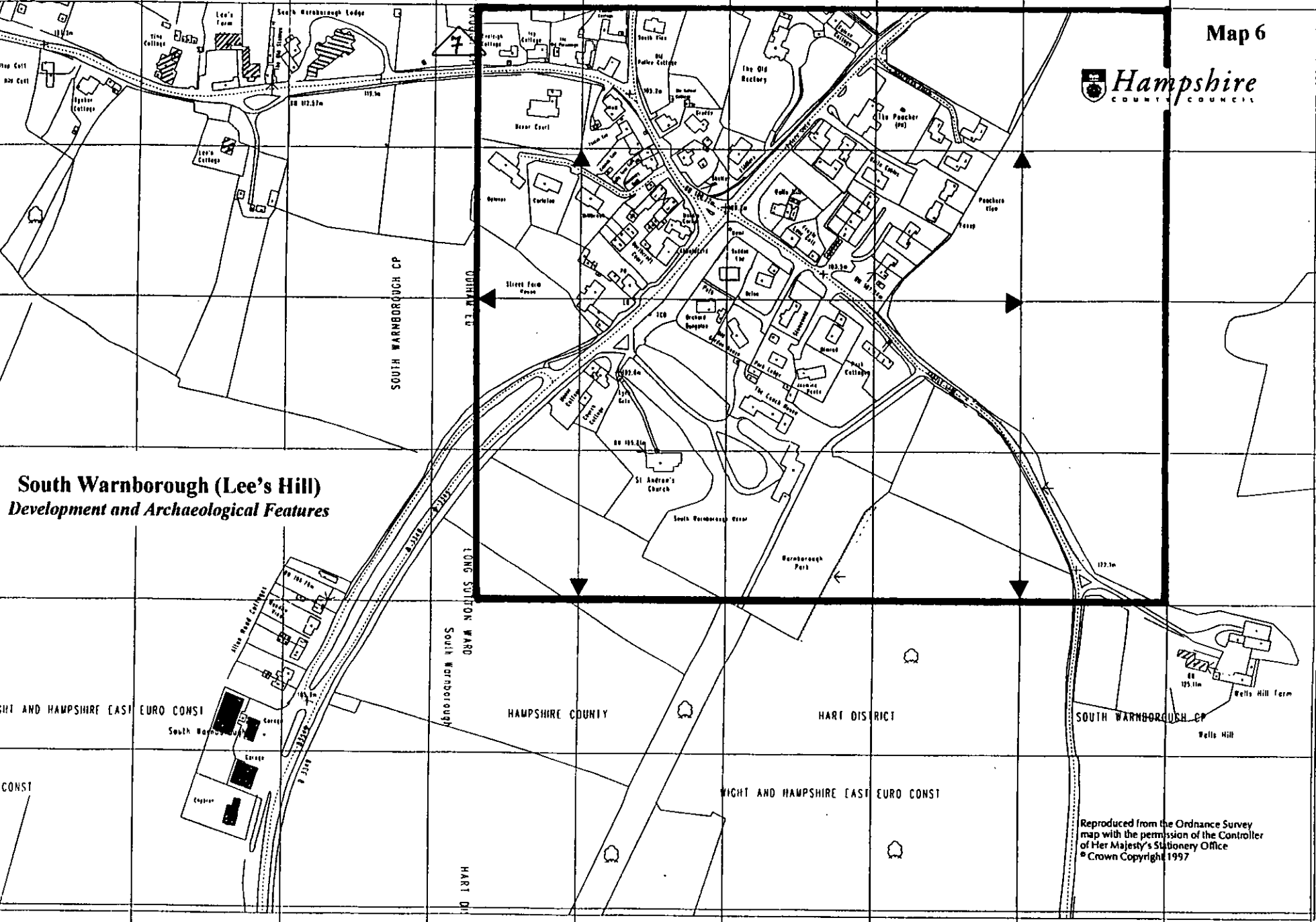
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Development and Archaeological Features**

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