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| 1.0 | PARISH | Southwick, now Southwick & Widley (Map 1) |
| 2.0 | HUNDRED | Portsmouth |
| 3.0 | NGR | 462600 108650 |
| 4.0 | GEOLOGY | Alluvium; London Clay; Bagshot Sands |

5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Map 2)

The parish of Southwick comprises the south-east limit of Winchester City District. In appearance it is sub-rectangular, approximately 4km north / south by 5.5km west / east, but this is a Modern layout of C19 and later. To the east some land has been lost to Havant. The ridge of Portsmouth is Southwick's southern boundary but this was not so until it was amalgamated with the bulk of the former parish of Widley that now survives only in name: the church has gone and there is no obvious settlement centre. The course of a Roman road enters Southwick parish from Havant but nowhere is it a functioning route until it enters the adjacent parish of Boarhunt to the west. If visible, then it would represent a dividing line between the north and the south of parish. It is by coincidence a line of convenience because much of the parish to the north comprises large blocks of woodland, isolated components of the former Forest of Bere. There is woodland to the south too, but only in tiny fragments on the slopes of Portsmouth, whilst the south-east is generally open except around the settlement of Southwick itself, which is situated between two streams at c. 30m AOD. The principal road route through the parish is the B2177. Effectively, this is an offshoot of the Roman road at Lodge Farm on the boundary with Boarhunt, passing south of Southwick settlement and onto Portsmouth in the south. The parish has two of the C19 line of Palmerston forts, Southwick and Widley, both on Portsmouth with commanding views of Portsmouth below and to the south.

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

Religious house + medieval new town foundation

- 6.1.1** HTS (1: 268) suggests that the street plan pattern of Southwick indicates that it was planned as a medieval town that did not develop as expected. There can be no doubt that this assertion is correct. Southwick is not in mentioned in Domesday Book and the settlement remained unrecorded until, by 1150, it was chosen as the site of a new priory for a community of Augustinian canons. The nature and extent of pre-monastic settlement at Southwick is not known, but medieval religious orders almost never occupied sites that had no pre-existing buildings; the presence of a farm might be the least that would have been expected. In line with normal practice, the new priory was constructed with a watercourse on the south side and at Southwick it was the river Wallington.

- 6.1.2** Religious houses could not exist within a vacuum because a steady income was required for maintenance. One sound source of finance was a market and / or a fair. Southwick Priory acquired the right to a weekly market and an annual fair by grant of charter of 18th April 1235. Initially, the fair was to be held on the vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary (15th August) but in 1513 the day was changed to that of the feast of St Philip and St James the Apostles (1st May) and the two following days (VCH 3: 163). Markets and fairs conferred upon the charter holder the rights to levy tolls on vendors. For best effect, market and fair tolls were best levied in towns where there was a vendor / consumer base of sufficient size, and where the layout of the streets could be devised to control entry and collect tolls. Successful markets attracted settlement, and therefore property rents. Southwick was being developed at a time when both lay and ecclesiastical lords were founding new towns as a source of revenue (c. 1150-1300)
- 6.1.3** The topography of Southwick is quite consistent with it having been a medieval new town. The church of St James is its central point and this is situated in the High Street 280m north-west of the Priory. In this position it has a substantial height advantage at 30.35m AOD compared with the Priory (20.56m AOD), Back Lane (24.7m AOD) and the appropriately named Newmans Bridge at the bottom of West Street (17.0m AOD). Effectively, St James' was built upon a west-facing promontory with views down all of the approach roads into the centre of Southwick. This was significant, because the market place can be identified as a triangular area of road immediately to the south of the churchyard. When in use, it is certain that the market place was somewhat larger than it is today. It is no longer used.
- 6.1.4** The layout of buildings in Southwick reflects the townscape appearance of the settlement. Walking upwards from the Priory the building plots on the west side of the High Street are irregular in form. These might represent the rural sites of pre-town Southwick, or unofficial occupation of unsettled areas. Further north, around the market place, the properties have the appearance of burgage plots, a characteristic of medieval town planning. Side roads are also uniform in their arrangement. At St James', West Street is so straight that it could be mistaken as Modern but it has late medieval buildings on both sides. Opposite West Street, an equally straight lane heads east. One hundred and fifty meters on from this junction, the High Street terminates at Back Lane, a name that indicates that this is the end of the town.
- NB** The dedication of the parish church to St James acknowledges that the Southwick annual fair was held on his feast day. There was also a chapel to the Blessed Mary above the gate (to the priory), an indication that the fair (as opposed to the market) was held outside the Priory, at least before the feast day was changed (paragraph 6.1.2).

- 6.2** *Site visit conditions:* overcast with steady rain at times (20.3.2002)

7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL (Map 5)

7.1 *AsAP*

7.1.1 The development of Southwick as a medieval new town foundation highlights the importance of the street front properties in the High Street, both of which have late medieval buildings (C16 and C17). The Church of St James has C12 building material.

7.2 *AsHAP*

7.2.1 The site of Southwick Priory, grounds and ponds. This area is a SAM (paragraph 10.2, no. 204).

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

St James Without-the-Priory-Gate, rebuilt 1566 according to a tablet on the wall of the chancel.

- At 30.35m AOD the church has a commanding view of all approaches to the settlement centre;
- Plentiful medieval roof tile fragments have been set into the base of the north wall;
- South-west wall of nave is medieval, probably C12;
- Font *c.* 1200;
- C14 windows to nave;
- Tower has C14 west doorway;
- East window probably C15 re-set;
- Contains fragments of the Southwick Priory church that was demolished in, or soon after, 1538. Of particular note are C14 windows.

9.0 BUILDINGS (Map 4)

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
10880	Broomfield House	early C19, 20	II
10881	Southwick House (HMS Dryad)	1800, 1843	II
10882	The Priory House	early C19, late C19	II
10883	Priory House, barn 10m north-west of	<i>c.</i> 1800	II
10884	Priory House: granary 35m west of	mid C19	II
10885	Bridge House, Back Lane	early C18, late C18	II
10886	42 Back Lane	C17, 19, 20	II
10887	43 Back Lane	C17, 19, 20	II
10888	44 Back Lane	C17, 19, 20	II
10889	Snow Hill, Common Lane	C17, 20	II
10890	Oak Lodge, Bridge Street	mid C18, C19	II
10891	Oak Lodge: stable block 5m north of	early C19	II
10892	45 Creech Lane	C17, 19, 20	II
10893	3 High Street	C17, 19, 20	II

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10894	4 High Street	C17, 18, 20	II
10895	5 High Street	C17, 18, 19, 20	II
10896	6 High Street	C18, 19, 20	II
10897	7 High Street	C18, 19, 20	II
10898	12 High Street	C18, 19, 20	II
10899	13 High Street	C18, 19	II
10900	15 High Street	mid C18, 20	II
10901	15A High Street	mid C18, 20	II
10902	17 High Street	C17, 18	II
10903	19 High Street	C17, 18	II
10904	20 High Street	C18	II
10905	20A High Street	C18	II
10906	Southwick Farm High Street: barn at	C 16, 18, 17	II
10907	49 High Street	C17, 19	II
10908	South Lodge, High Street	C18, 19	II
10909	Golden Lion Inn, High Street	late C18	II
10910	8 High Street	late C18, 20	II
10911	9 High Street	late C18, 20	II
10912	14 High Street	C16, 19	II
10913	16 High Street	C18, 19	II
10914	16A High Street	C18, 19	II
10915	18 High Street	mid C19	II
10916	20 High Street	late med., C20	II
10917	Water pump, High Street	mid C19	II
10918	The Lodge, High Street	early C19	II
10919	The Lodge: house north of	C18, 19	II
10920	54 High Street	mid C19, 20	II
10921	55 High Street	mid C19, 20	II
10922	56 High Street	mid C19, 20	II
10923	57 High Street	mid C19, 20	II
10924	58 High Street	mid C19, 20	II
10925	59 High Street	mid C19, 20	II
10926	60 High Street	mid C19, 20	II
10927	Red Lion Inn, High Street	early C19, 20	II
10928	Red Lion Inn: stable 5m north of	early C19	II
10929	51 High Street	late C18, 19	II
10930	52 High Street	late C18, 19	II
10931	50 High Street	late C18	II
10932	Old Vicarage, Old Fareham Road	C17, 18, 19, 20	II
10933	Old Vicarage: stables 20m west of	C18	II
10934	Old Vicarage: granary north-west of	early C19	II

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10935	Offwell Farmhouse, Portchester Road	early C18, 19	II
10936	Offwell Farmhouse: barn 20m east of	C18	II
10937	Southwick House (HMS Dryad): clock tower at	C19	II
10938	Fort Southwick, Portsdown Hill	C19	I
10939	Southwick House, Purbrook Heath	c. 1820	II
10940	Southwick House: stables & wall to service yard	early C19	II
10941	Tudor Cottage, Purbrook Heath	C18, 19	II
10942	23 West Street	late C18	II
10943	22 West Street	1866	II
10944	24 West Street	1866	II
10945	25 West Street	mid C19	II
10946	27 West Street	mid C19	II
10947	26 West Street	mid C18	II
10948	28 West Street	mid C18	II
10949	29 West Street	C17, 18, 19	II
10950	31 West Street	C17, 18, 19	II
10951	32 West Street	C17, 19	II
10952	K6 telephone kiosk, West Street	1935	II
10953	34 West Street	C17, 18, 20	II
10954	Rose Cottage, West Street	late C18, 19	II
1106	Mitchelland Farm, Common Lane: barn at	C18	not listed
1205	Church of St James Without-the-Priory- Gate, High Street	C12, 14, 15, 16	I
1855	41 Back Lane: barn attached to	C17, 19	II
2002	30 West Street	late C16, 20	II
41641	Comphouse Farmhouse, Pitymoor Lane: barn 35m north-east of	not given	unlisted
41642	Comphouse Farmhouse: animal sheds 40m north-north-east of	C19	unlisted
42080	Belney Farmhouse, Belney Lane	late C19	unlisted
42081	Belney Farmhouse: granary 15m south- west of		

10.0 SMR DATA

SW 462460 I08290, NE 462810 I08950 (Map 4)

SU60NW	No.		
	22	462590 I08640	Medieval parish church of St James (see paragraph 8.0).
	48	462610 I08610	Medieval. Late medieval timber-framed building with later modifications.
	50	462620 I08600	Medieval. C16 timber-framed building with later features.
	52A	462890 I08440	Medieval. Priory of Austin canons of local importance founded 1133 at Portchester Castle but transferred to Southwick in <i>c.</i> 1153. After 1538 the buildings were demolished and materials used to construct a house which was in turn destroyed in 1839. Visible remains of the priory comprise a wall arcade of 8 bays of C13. C16 features and some aspects of the plan are just visible.
	52B	462890 I08440	Medieval cultivation terrace on gentle southern slope near to the site of the priory, said to be remains of vineyards. To the west are other rectilinear and circular slopes which might be related to the priory, or of Modern origin.
	52C	462890 I08440	Medieval fish ponds at Southwick Priory constructed in a narrow valley that leads into the river Wallington. Ponds are retained by a series of 3 banks that span the valley. Middle pond (the Monks' Pond) survives as a water-filled feature 72m x 25m. The upper pond, smaller and lower, is <i>c.</i> 80m x 60m.
	52D	462890 I08440	Medieval. Inhumations found when a trench was cut through the south-east corner of the lower pond. No coffins in evidence.
**	88	462660 I08570	Post-medieval. C19 Golden Lion Brewery built at the rear of a public house of the same name. Equipment remains intact but unused since 1956.
	96	463100 I08500	Post-medieval ice house the dome of which has collapsed.

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100	462800 108400	Post-medieval. Find spot in Priory Field. C18-C19 bronze seal matrix with gemstone engraved with a dove carrying a twig and the legend <i>pax a mon ami</i> .
104	462800 108600	Medieval. Two fishponds visible as earthworks, 0.4 acres and 1.0 acres in extent respectively. Possibly the same as 52C, landscaped as Victorian gardens.
123	462600 108700	Medieval. Southwick first documented in 1140.

10.1 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

Hants No.	NGR	Parish	NAR / NMR Nos
	463400 109100	Southwick & Widley	

10.2 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

SAM No.	NGR	Site
125	463600 109200	Motte and bailey castle at Place Wood.
204	462800 108400	Southwick Priory.
500	462800 106900	Fort Southwick.
591	462600 108600	Southwick brewhouse (The Golden Lion).

11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Map 4)

1	462410 108620	Site of cottage in irregular plot on south side of West Street. Demolished since 1870.
2	462450 108745	Reference point on a former back lane to buildings that front onto the west side of the High Street (north). This feature has become fragmented since 1870.
3	462600 108615	Medieval market place in the High Street immediately south of St James' Church.
4	462520 108540	Reference point on a former back lane to buildings that front onto the west side of the High Street (south).

12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/220/2 (1839 / 1841)
- GSGB 316 Fareham
- OS 1: 2500 SW 462460 108290, NE 462810 108950
- OS 1: 25000 Explorer 119: Meon Valley, Portsmouth, Gosport & Fareham
- OS 1: 10,560 462500 108499 (1870).

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- VCH 3: 161-5

14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCE

14.1 Domesday Book

Not mentioned. Southwick was in the Forest of Bere and was conceivably the product of later assarting. For this reason, it was not the subject of pre-Conquest charters (see paragraph 17.1).

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£2.17.10	
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	£9.15.10	(90 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£9.14.2	(72 taxpayers)

14.3 Manors

Southwick; Belanney; Newlands (?); Wanstead

14.4 Hearth Tax 1665

Southwick: 151 hearths chargeable (53 houses)
0 houses not chargeable (0 houses). Total: 53 houses.

Wanstead: 26 hearths chargeable (9 houses)
1 house not chargeable (1 house). Total: 10 houses.

15.0 PLACE NAME

c. 1140, 1212 *Sudwic*; reign of King John *Suwyca*; 1291 *Suthwyk*. OE / ME **Suðwic* 'south specialised farm'. *Wic* often means 'dairy farm' in particular. It is not clear from what perspective it is south. Perhaps from the fact that it is just south of the Roman Road from Chichester to Bitterne - one of the farms opposite could have been a 'north wick'; or from Wanstead Farm, less than two miles east-north-east. No significant connection with Hambleton, the parish immediately north, is known (Coates 1989, 153-4).

16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

- None taken.

17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS

17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters

- None listed by Sawyer, 1968.

17.2 Other parish settlements include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>NGR / map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
Beckford (Lower)	2258	463100 110700	1236
Beckford (Upper)	2267	463100 111000	1236
Belney Farm	2255	464700 109800	1263
Creech Farm	2257	463710 110230	1236
Hock Heath Farm	0683	464800 108000	1380
Lyeheath Farm	2259	464700 109020	1244
Newlands Farm	2260	466480 108630	1234
Offwell Farm	2261	462000 107800	C13
Paulsgrove	0684	463100 105600	1300
Plant Farm	2263	467400 109100	C13
Potwell House	0685	465300 107700	1248
Sheepwash Farm	2265	465700 109500	1269
Wanstead	2271	464300 109400	1201

17.3 Enclosures

Parliamentary:

<i>NEP No.</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
None.				

Formal Agreements:

<i>NEP No.</i>	<i>Agreement</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
No formal enclosure known.			

17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

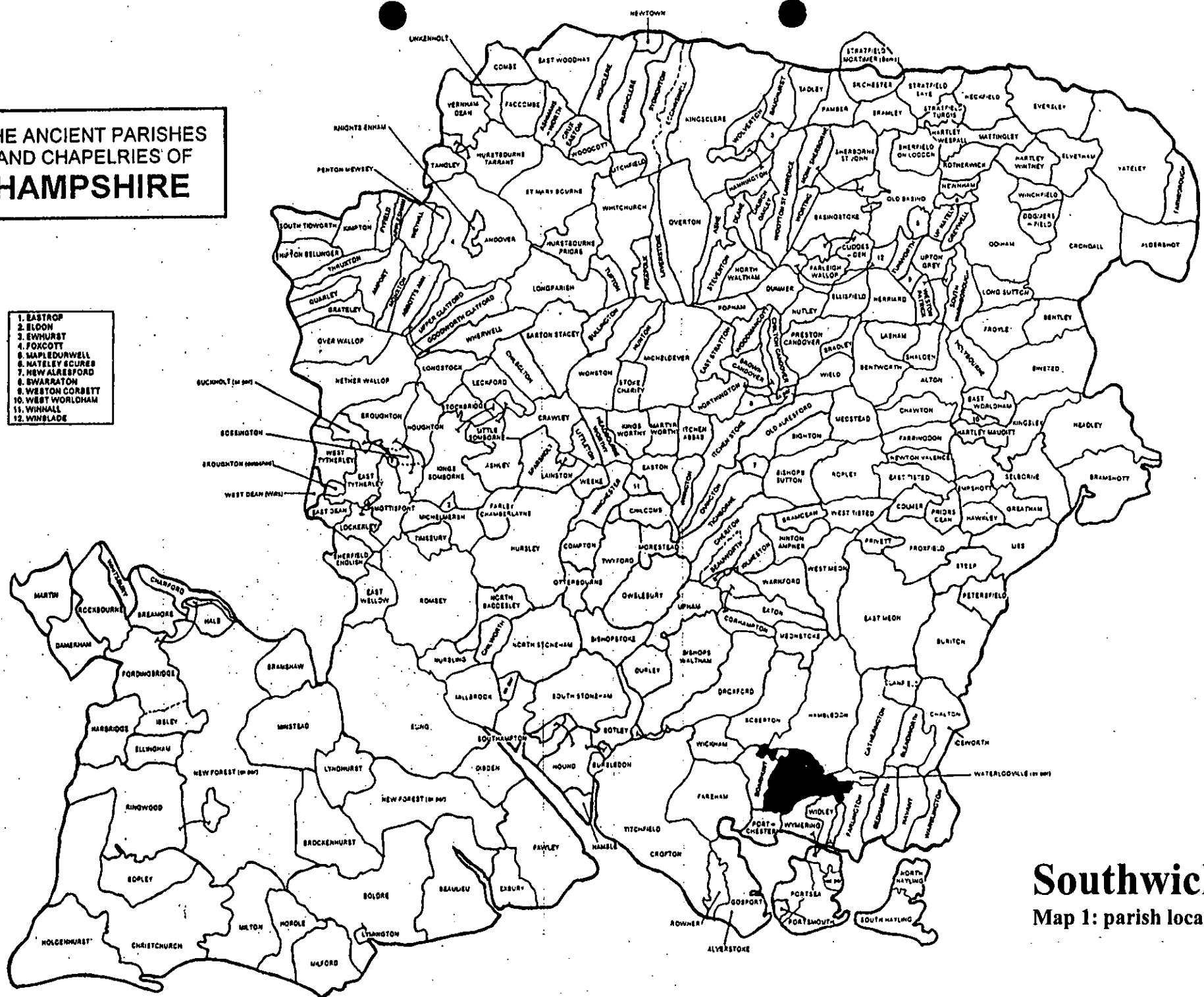
Medieval Southwick was largely coterminous with the lands of the Priory. The existence of a market place has been postulated (paragraphs 6.1.3 and 11.0, no3).

18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

- 1 Map 1: Parish location (not to scale)
- 2 Map 2: General (settlement) location at 1: 25000
- 3 Map 3: Ordnance Survey First Edition County Series (*c.* 1870s) not to scale
- 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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AND CHAPELRIES OF
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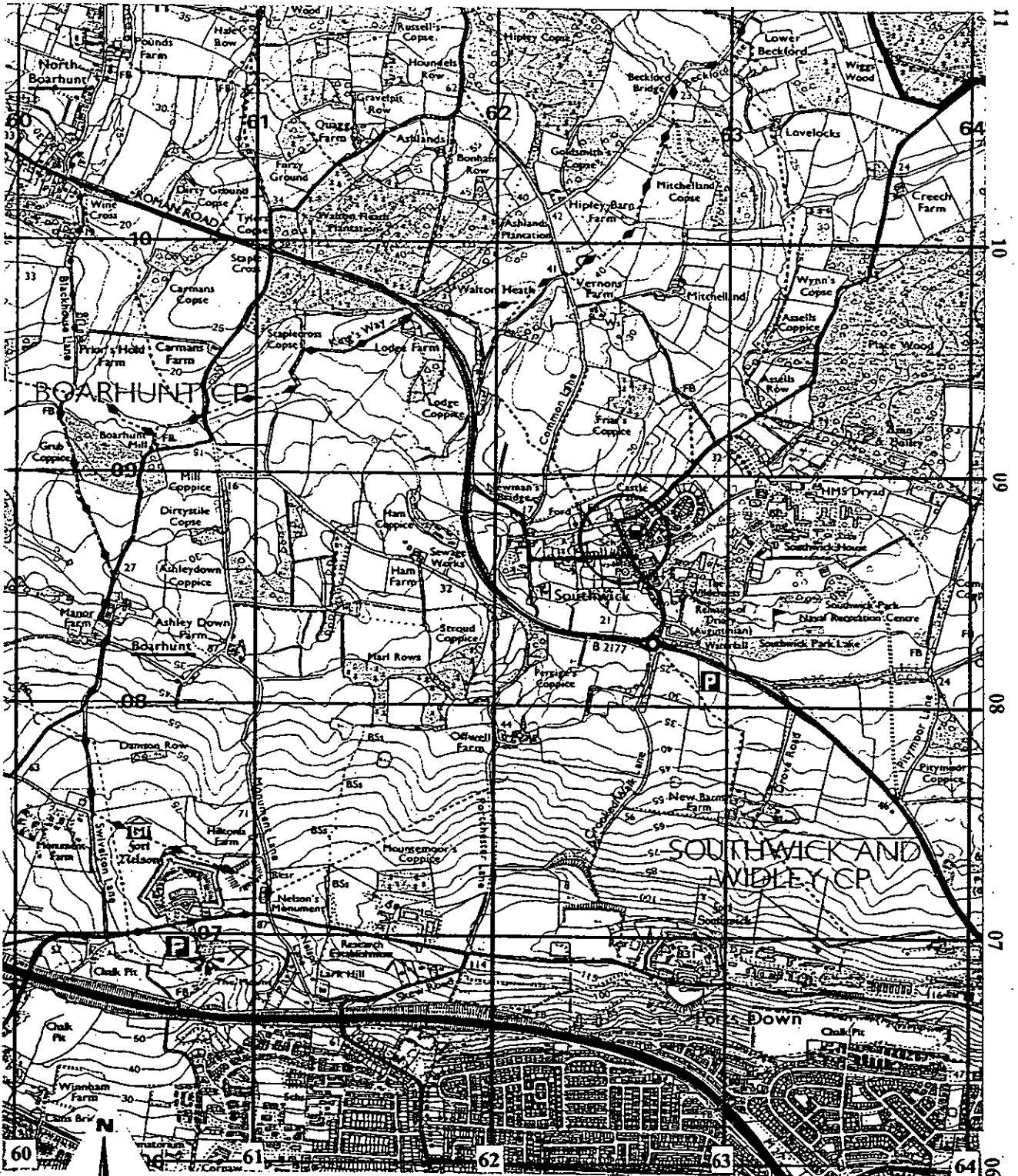
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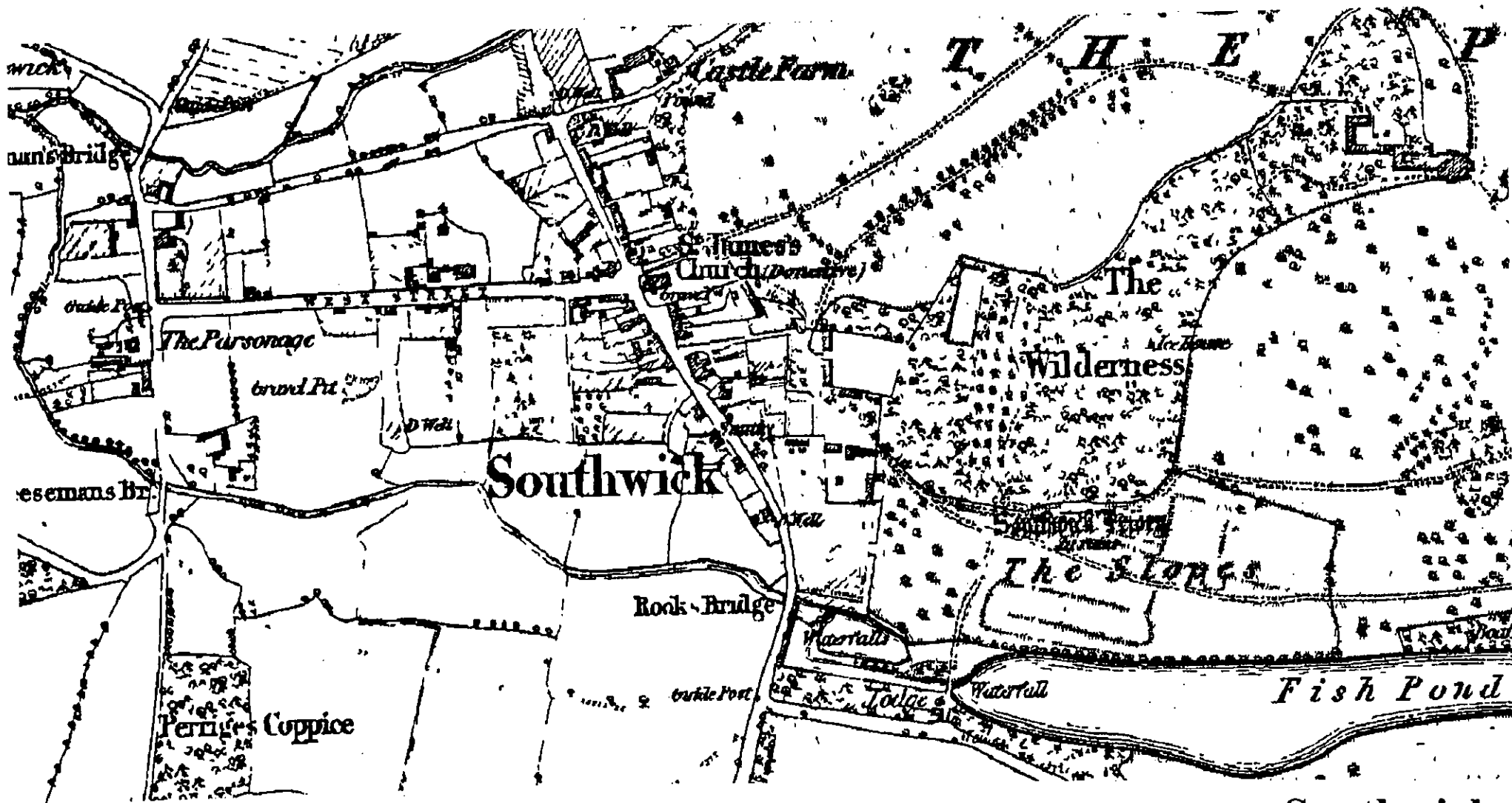
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Map 1: parish location

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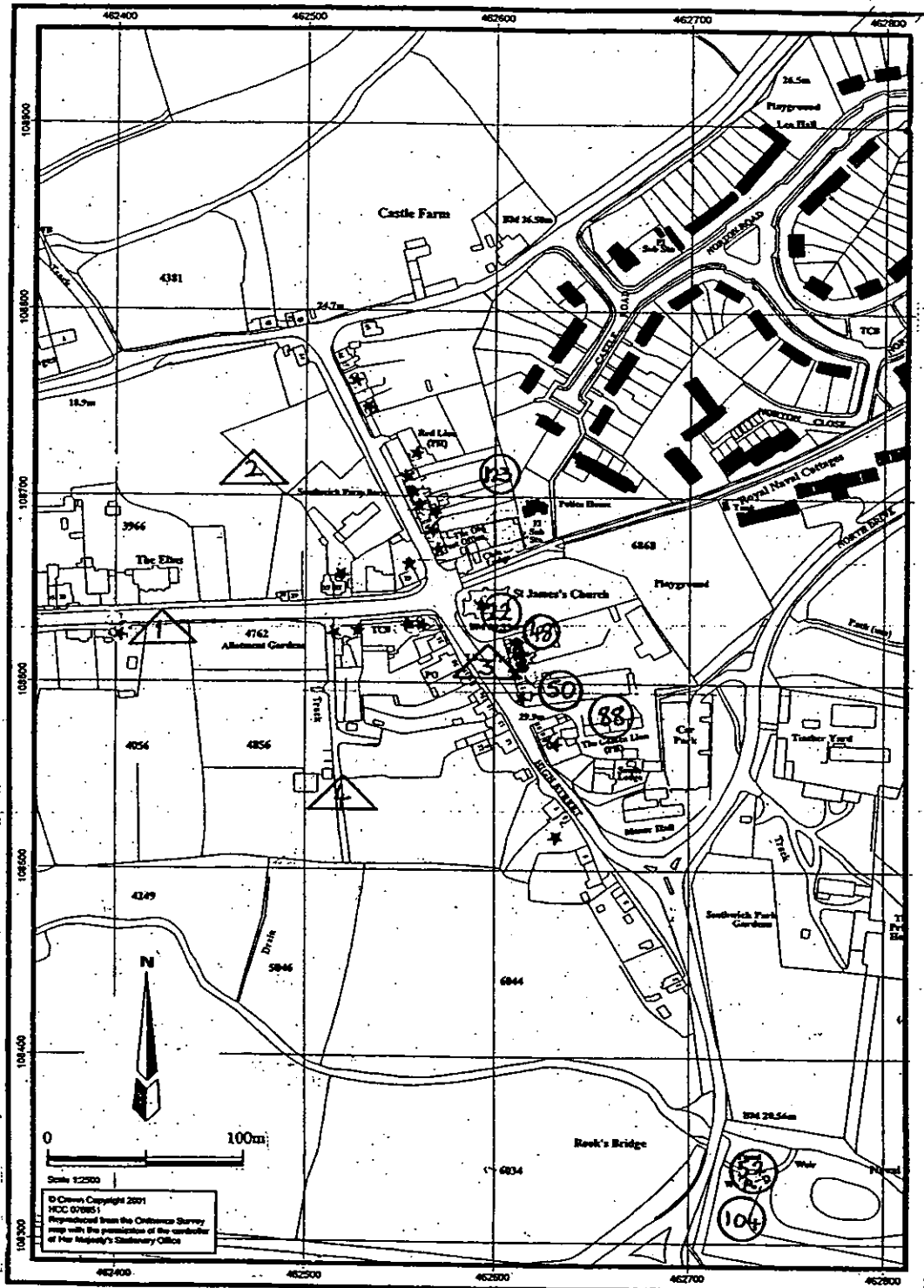
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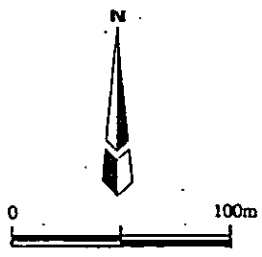
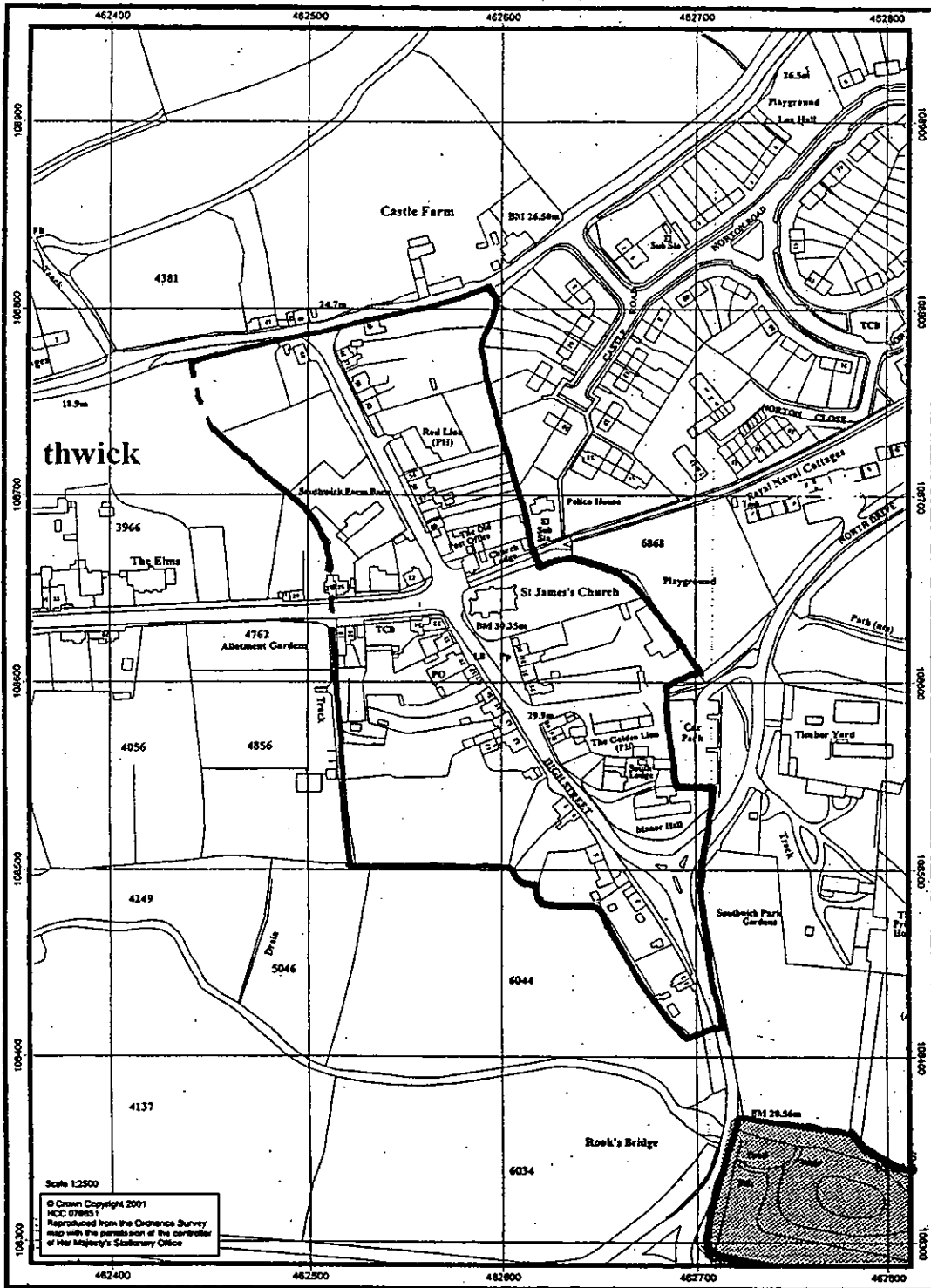
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Map 3: OS 1: 10560



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 Map 4: development & archaeological features



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 Map 5: areas of archaeological potential