

NAME Stratfield Saye  
PARISH Stratfield Saye  
HUNDRED Holdshot  
DISTRICT Basingstoke and Deane  
NGR SU 686614 (Church at SU 695614)  
GEOLOGY London Clay

**SITE CONTEXT** The church and Stratfield Saye House are sited on the W bank of the River Loddon at a little over 50m OD. The main area of settlement lies over 1km away to the W at around 60m OD, a small rise over such a distance. This relatively flat area of terrain extends to beyond Fair Cross to the NE.

#### PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION

Stratfield Saye House now stands isolated in its large park. The church used to stand to the SE of the house but was demolished in 1758 and the present church built some 500m away to the SW but still within the grounds of the house. The rectory lies near the church and is the only other domestic building in the area.

Almost 2 km to the W of Stratfield Saye House is the main centre of settlement in the parish which is known as Stratfield Saye. The development here appears to be almost entirely C20 with some C19 building. There are other settlements at West End Green, Fair Oak Green and Fair Cross.

#### AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The site of the old church near the house has been located by excavation but no information about the date of construction was obtained. Was this the site of the church mentioned in Domesday? This area has high archaeological potential. Whether there was any other settlement near the house is not known but the SMR records the possibility that there is a DMV in the grounds of the house. The road pattern has been altered to divert it away from the house but even the old road is difficult to see on the ground. There does not appear to be any earthworks to substantiate the record but there is a need for further fieldwork to be carried out. It is possible that there was only a church and manor focus here as there may have been at Stratfield Turgis.

Historical sources seem to indicate a large population in the area with at least four pre-Conquest manors, a Domesday population of 59 over three manors, 47 taxpayers in the C16 and 61 houses recorded for the Hearth Tax.

**CHURCH & CHURCHYARD** St Mary. In the grounds of Stratfield Saye House. Built in 1754-8. The medieval church stood near to Stratfield Saye House.

A church is recorded on the largest of the three Domesday manors.

#### BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Nos 1, 2 and 3 Chequer Lane Early C19 and C20 II

Nos 3, 4 and 5 Fair Cross Mid C19 II

Milton House C18 early C19 II  
 Fair Oak Cottage, Fair Oak Lane C17 C18 C20 II  
 Foywell C17 C18 C20 II  
 Laylands Cottage, Mill Lane C17 II  
 Goodchilds House, Mortimer Lane C18 II  
 Fairfield C17 C18 II  
 Infant School 1841 II  
 School and School House 1843 II  
 Stratfield Saye House c.1640 C18 early C19 I  
 Stables S and N sides C17 C18 and C19 II  
 Church of St Mary the Virgin 1758 I  
 The Old Rectory C18 C19 II  
 Elm Lodge Early C19 II  
 Milton Lodge Mid C19 II  
 Pheantry Lodge Mid C19 II  
 Homeleigh, Stratfield Saye Rd C17 C18 early C19 II  
 King's Fmhse C17 II  
 Stable C17 II  
 Barn C18 C19 II  
 Ive's Fmhse c.1830 II  
 Well House C16 C17 C20 II  
 Heywood Fm C17 C18 II

#### SMR DATA

5	69506150	Possible DMV
6	69936156	Med church, destroyed
8	69976172	Post-med ice-house
9	68406170	Med village mentioned in Domesday Book
11	69006100	Roman coin and figure

#### ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

1	68026183	Site of cottage shown on Tithe map with 2 other cottages to the W. Probably of post-med date as they are on plots that appear to have been taken in from the road side verge
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CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES OS 1:2,500 SU 6861-6961, 6862-6962; Tithe map 21M65/F7/226/2 (1839)

#### AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY

Boon, G.C.	1973	The old church, Stratfield Saye in <i>PHFC&amp;AS</i> Vol 30, pp 45-6.
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#### PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

**Domesday** Gilbert who also holds Swallowfield, the King's manor, but the Hundred states that it never belonged there. Edward held it from King Edward in freehold. Then it paid tax for 1 hide; now it does not pay tax. Land for 2 pl. 2 villagers. Hugh holds from Gilbert and pays 15s.

Hugh son of Baldric. Bondi held it from King Edward in freehold. Then it paid tax for 15 hides; now for 7.5 hides. \*4 hides were appropriated in the King's despite.\* Land for 17 pl. In lordship 2 pl; 30 villagers and 10 smallholders with 16 pl. A church; 14 slaves; 2 mills at 27s 6d; meadow, 40 acres; woodland at 100 pigs; 1 site in Winchester. Value before 1066 £15; later £12; now £15.

Ælfric holds. . . 2 hides. Godric and Siward held them from King Edward in freehold as 2 manors. Ælfric has held them up to now without any warrant. 3 villagers with 1 pl. Meadow, 2 acres. Land for 3 pl. Before 1066 and now it paid tax for 2 hides. Value before 1066, 15s; later and now 10s.

### **Subsidy Rolls**

1334	3. 16. 6
1524	9. 9. 10 (47 taxpayers)

### **Manorial Documents**

#### **Hearth Tax**

1665	181 hearths chargeable (49 houses) 12 hearths not chargeable (12 houses) Total 61 houses
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PLACE NAME 1053x1066 *stratfeld* OE *Strætfeld* 'open land by the paved road'. held in 1244 by John de Stutevill and then known as *Stratfeldse Stutville* and later by Richard de Say.

### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

#### **OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS**

In 1954 excavations were undertaken to try to discover the exact location of the medieval church, the 'ugly and uncouth structure' of an C18 account, which was demolished in 1758. It was sited close to Stratfield Saye House but VCH misplaces it to NW instead of to the SW of the stables. The excavation revealed a robber trench, window glass and tile (Boon, 1973).

Chequer Green, Fair Oak Green and West End Green were inclosed 1866.

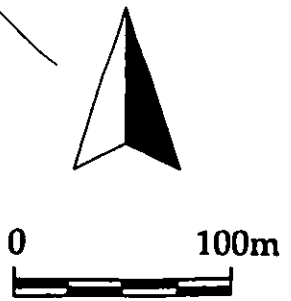
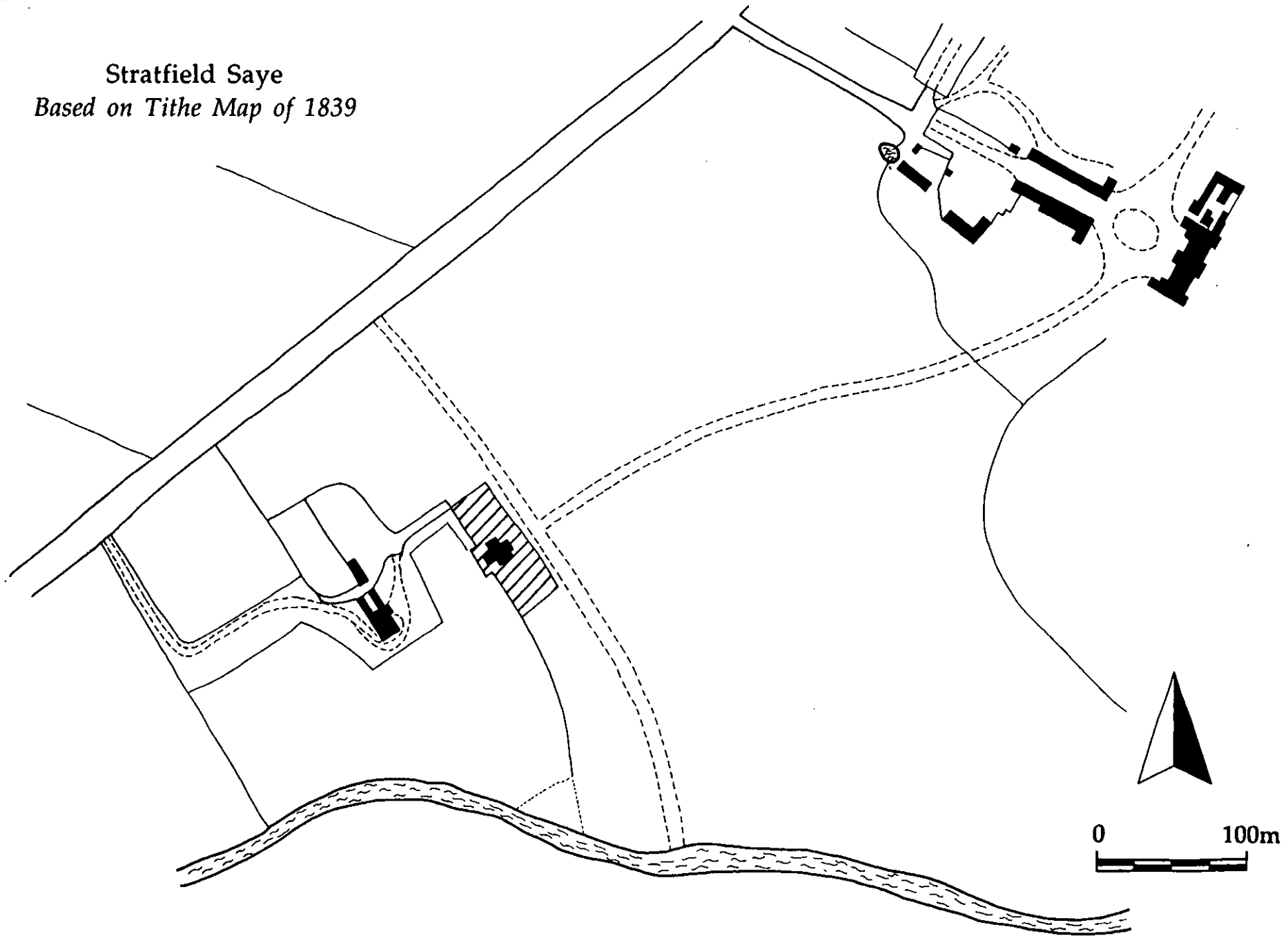
A Hermitage was founded here as a possession of the abbey of St Mary, Vallemont, Normandy in the C12.

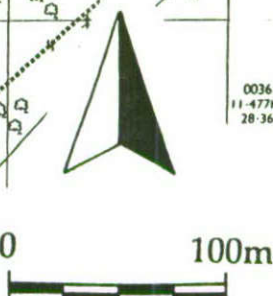
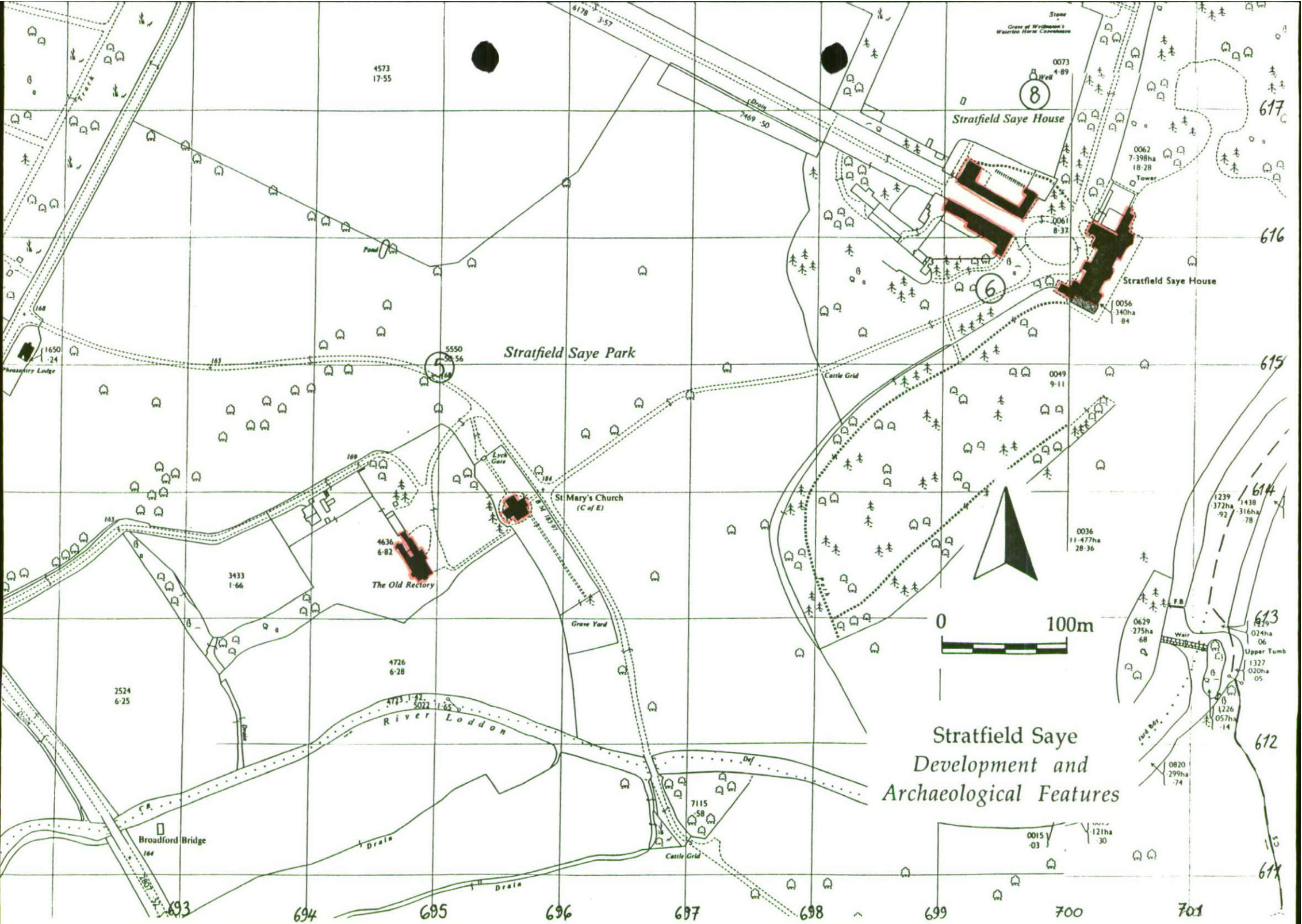
1261 Licence to inclose a park within the metes of the Forest of Pamber.

1294 Priory Manor held a messuage with dovecote within the precincts of the priory manor. There were 7 free tenants on the manor at that time.

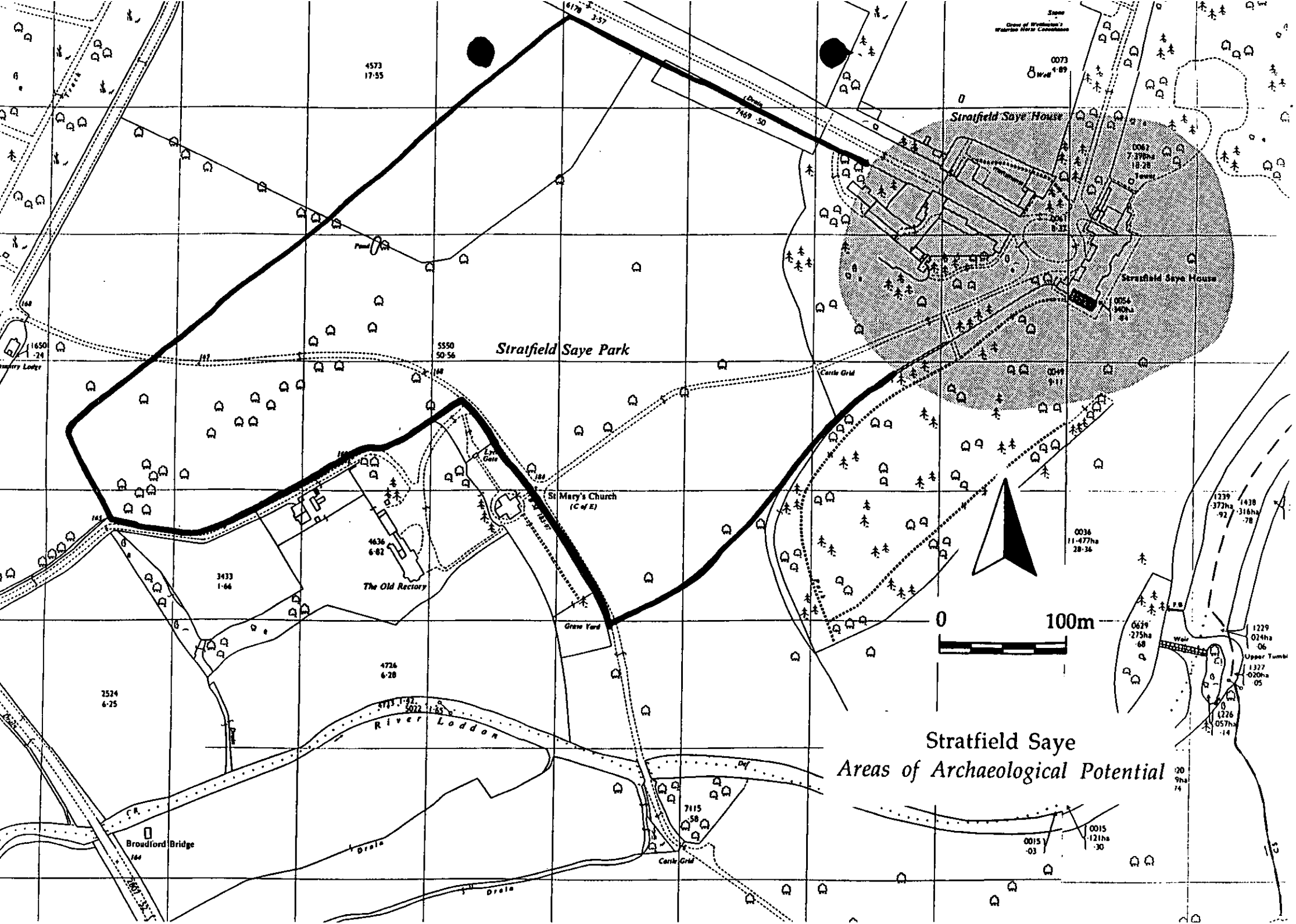
1403 3 mills: 2 watermills and 1 fulling mill recorded (VCH Vol IV p 57).

Stratfield Saye  
Based on Tithe Map of 1839





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