

NAME Sydmonton
PARISH Ecchinswell and Sydmonton
HUNDRED Kingsclere
DISTRICT Basingstoke and Deane
NGR SU484578
GEOLOGY Upper Greensand, surrounded by Chalk Marl and Lower Chalk then by Middle Chalk.

SITE CONTEXT The church and Sydmonton House lie in a large 'basin' between four areas of higher land - Isle Hill to the E, Beacon Hill to the W, Watership Down to the S and a hill to the N. The church is at 130m OD and on fairly level ground but to the NE the land falls away gently into a narrow valley where there are some ponds.

PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION The plan description is based upon a map of 1751.

Regular row with green.

A large square green is probably the remains of a once larger rectangular green with a short regular row along the N side. On the encroached area of the green are three properties. The church and the manor house lie to the N of the regular row.

AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The area of park around Sydmonton Court contains the remains of the village shown on the C18 map and is therefore of high archaeological potential. The AHAP also includes the area of the estate buildings W of the Court as part of this area fronted onto the green and the C18 map shows one building near the green on the W side. To the E the AHAP extends beyond the present day park to cover the 'island' and the building line along the E side of the road to the N. On the S side of the road, the area around Sydmonton Farm is also within the AHAP as much of this area fronted the green and so may have contained buildings abandoned by the C18. The earthworks along the N side of the road to the E have been severely damaged by the construction of ponds (October 1995).

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD St Mary Re-built 1853. Norman N and S doorways. Norman former chancel arch, now the tower arch.

BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Sydmonton Fmhse C18 C19 II
Cartshed 20 yds SW and granary 60 yds NW Early C19 II
Church of St Mary 1849-53 II*
Sydmonton Court C16 C17 C18 C19 E shaped mansion II*
Stable block 50m W (Early C19) and dovecote 30 yds W (C17 C19) II

(Un-listed)

SMR DATA

6 48485789 Med church

9	48665785	DMV
10	48705800	Strip lynchets
34	50006000	Prehist flint tool
36	49905950	P-med watermill
47	49065820	Med strip lynchet
71	48465799	P-med dovecote

ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

No additional sites are added as all earthworks seen are presumed to be under the SMR records 9 (DMV) and 10 (strip lynchets).

Earthworks exist in the small paddock E of Sydmonton Farm and along the N side of the E-W road W of Quarry Cottages. Parallel to Quarry Copse there are a series of strip lynchets.

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES OS 1:2,500 SU 4857-4957; 19M61/1485 (1751).

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

BIBLIOGRAPHY

PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

Domesday Romsey Abbey. It always held it. Before 1066 it answered for 10 hides; now for 7.5 hides. Land for 11 pl. In lordship 2 pl; 17 villagers and 11 smallholders with 9 pl. 1 slave; meadow, 4 acres; woodland at 5 pigs from pasturage. Value before 1066 £7; later £8; now £10.

Subsidy Rolls

1334	3. 6. 2
1524	4. 3. 1 (32 taxpayers)
1586	5. 0. 4 (4 taxpayers)

Manorial Documents

Hearth Tax

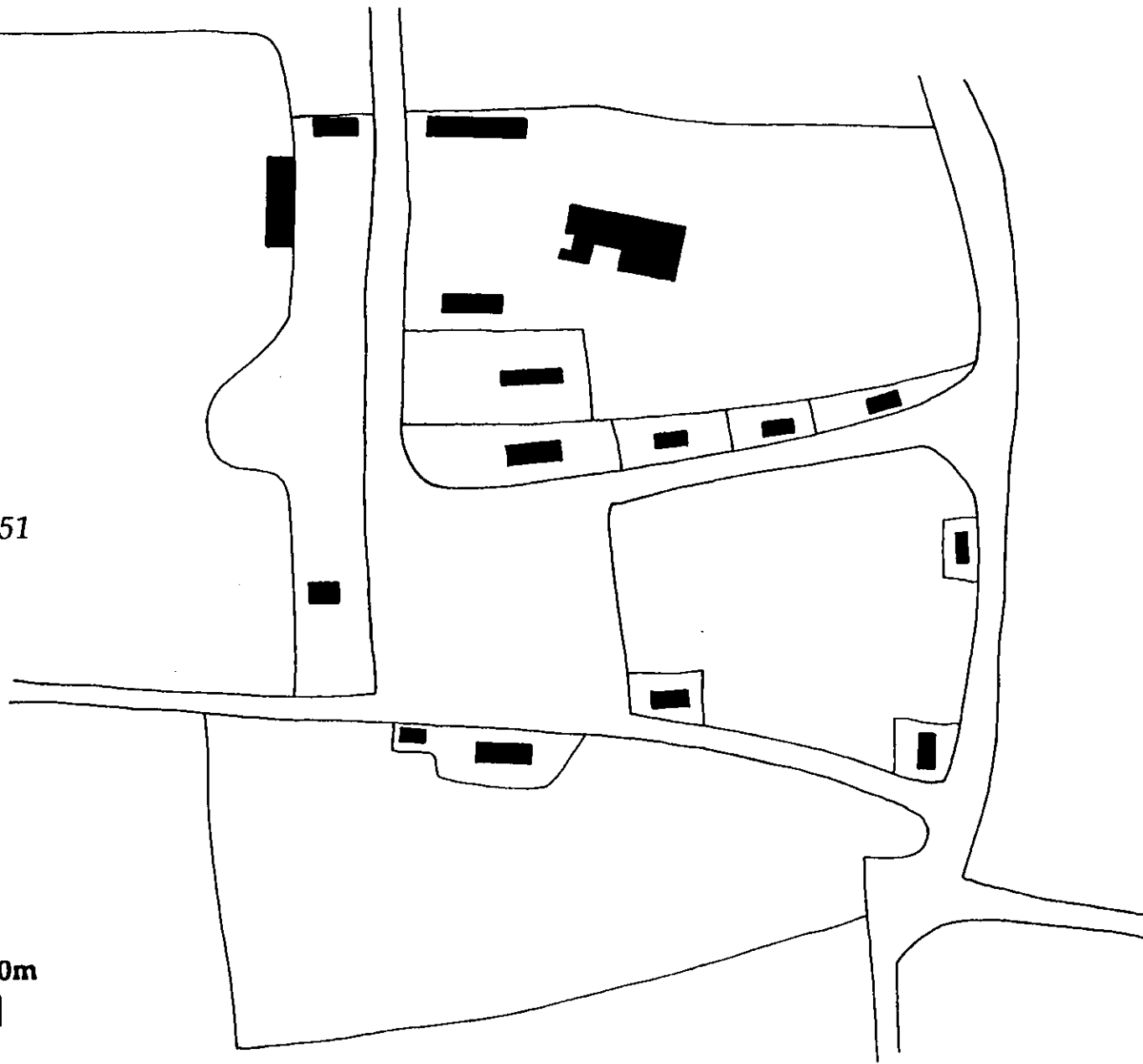
1665	62 hearths (22 houses)
	6 hearths not charged (5 houses) Total 27 houses

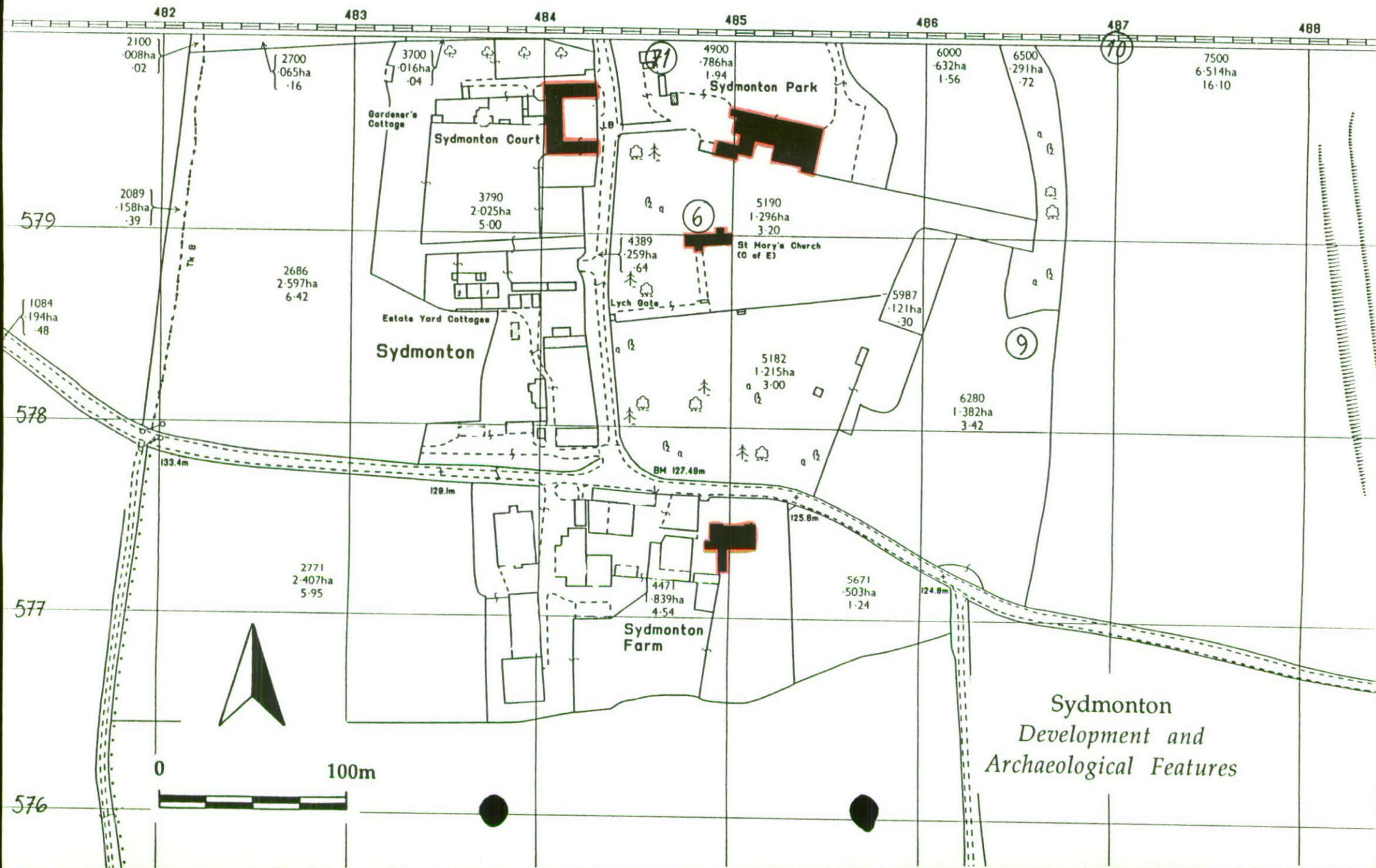
PLACE NAME 1086 *Sidemanestone* OE *Sidemannestun* 'Sidemann's farm'. A *Syde-man minister* signed the Eccinswell charter of 931 and was possibly holding the manor from Romsey Abbey

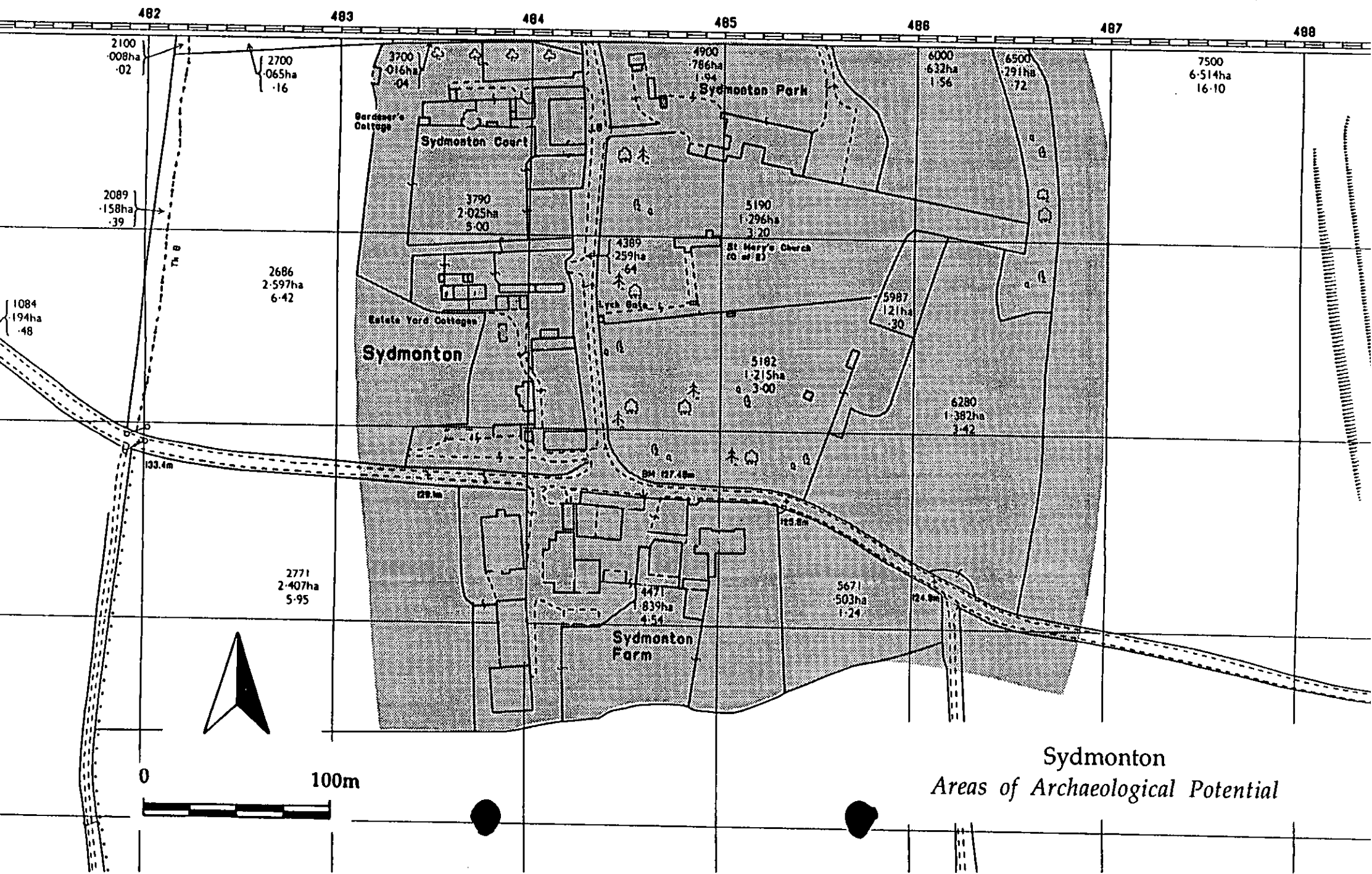
PHOTOGRAPHS

OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

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Based on Map of 1751







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