

NAME Up Somborne
PARISH Kings Somborne
HUNDRED King's Somborne
DISTRICT Test Valley
NGR SU 397324
GEOLOGY Upper chalk

SITE CONTEXT The village occupies a NW facing slope between 55 and 80m OD. To the E and SE the ground rises to over 100m OD. The village lies on the S side of a dry valley with Rookley Fm on the N side but almost in the valley bottom. There is no permanent water source on the surface in the area, the nearest stream marked on the OS 1: 50,00 being almost 3 km to the W.

PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION Irregular row

Along the NW side of the road is a unit bounded by a small road on the NW side and the manor on the NE which gives an appearance of some regularity although only the two S plots are roughly equal in size and only one of those plots is occupied. The other plots of this unit have been subdivided but it is possible to suggest that originally there were four strips of a similar size and that this was a short regular row.

Along the SW side of the road through the village is a unit with a common rear boundary but which is unequally divided and not all plots are occupied. At both the N and S ends of this unit are smaller plots which contain farms.

AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The AHAP takes in the plots on the SW side of the road and the area within the loop formed by the main street, Court Lane and the drive to the manor (not an ancient element of the plan), the area around the manor and the area around where a Saxon feature was discovered during the construction of the modern houses on the NE side of the road near the start of the drive to the manor. If the reference to a chapel in Up Somborne is correct then it may have been sited near the manor or alternatively within one of the rows along the road through the settlement.

Although not entirely shown on the plan, an AAP covers the building lines on both sides of the road to the SE as far as and including the earthworks at the foot of the hill up which the series of hollow-ways run. (Note: the SMR has the hollow-ways recorded in the wrong place).

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD No church. Dependent upon King's Somborne but a chapel is mentioned in the C14, the site of which is now lost.

BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Manor Farmhouse Mid C18 altered mid C19 earlier core II
Reeds Fmhse Late C18 refenestrated C19 II

Reeds Farm Cottage Late C18 refenestrated C20 DEMOLISHED
 Yew Tree Cottage and Maismore Early C19 II
 Providence and Bramble Cottages Once 1 C15 altered C18 and C20 Cruck
 II
 Barn left of Providence Cottage C16 II
 Lovells Fmhse C17 encased and extended C18 II
 The Thatched Cottage Late C15 encased C18 altered C19 and C20 Cruck II

(Un-listed)

House to NW of Methodist chapel English bond c. 1705 (info. owner)
 with later extension to NW
 Rookley Cottage C18/early C19
 Slate Cottages C19
 Oswald Cottage 1888
 Lovell's Cottage C19
 Old School Mid-late C19

SMR DATA

44	39803290	Saxon cemetery N of Rookley Fm
50	39673243	Med building C15 cruck Providence and Bramble Cottage
51	39693243	C16 barn late cruck
138	39903210	Med holloways probable
148	39843234	Saxon post hole containing pot and bone
152	39503250	Roman coin

ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

1	39733257	Site of outbuildings shown on Tithe Map
2	39643244	Site of cottage shown on Tithe Map
3	39723228	ditto
4	39683236	Site of outbuilding shown on Tithe Map
5	39983217	Earthworks Undefined earthworks at the bottom of the steepish slope to the SE. The holloways (at least three) (SMR 138) lead up the hill from the earthworks and are <u>not</u> on the W side of the road as indicated in the

SMR

6	39733242	The area along the SE edge of the curtilage boundary of Sunny Patch has been excavated to create a level area with scarp slopes on the NE and SE sides which corresponds in depth and width to the garden of Sunny Patch. It seems unlikely that the garden of Sunny Patch would be reduced in size leaving this small area of only 3-4m width, so it may be that the site of a former property has partly been incorporated into the garden of the existing house.
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CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES 1:2,500 SU 3832-3932; Tithe map 21M65/F7/135/2
 (King's Somborne 1841).

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

BIBLIOGRAPHY

PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

Domesday Not mentioned.

Subsidy Rolls

1334	1. 12. 10
1524	0. 15. 8 (13 taxpayers)

Manorial Documents

Hearth Tax

1665	18 hearths chargeable (9 houses)
	9 hearths not chargeable (8 houses) Total 17 houses

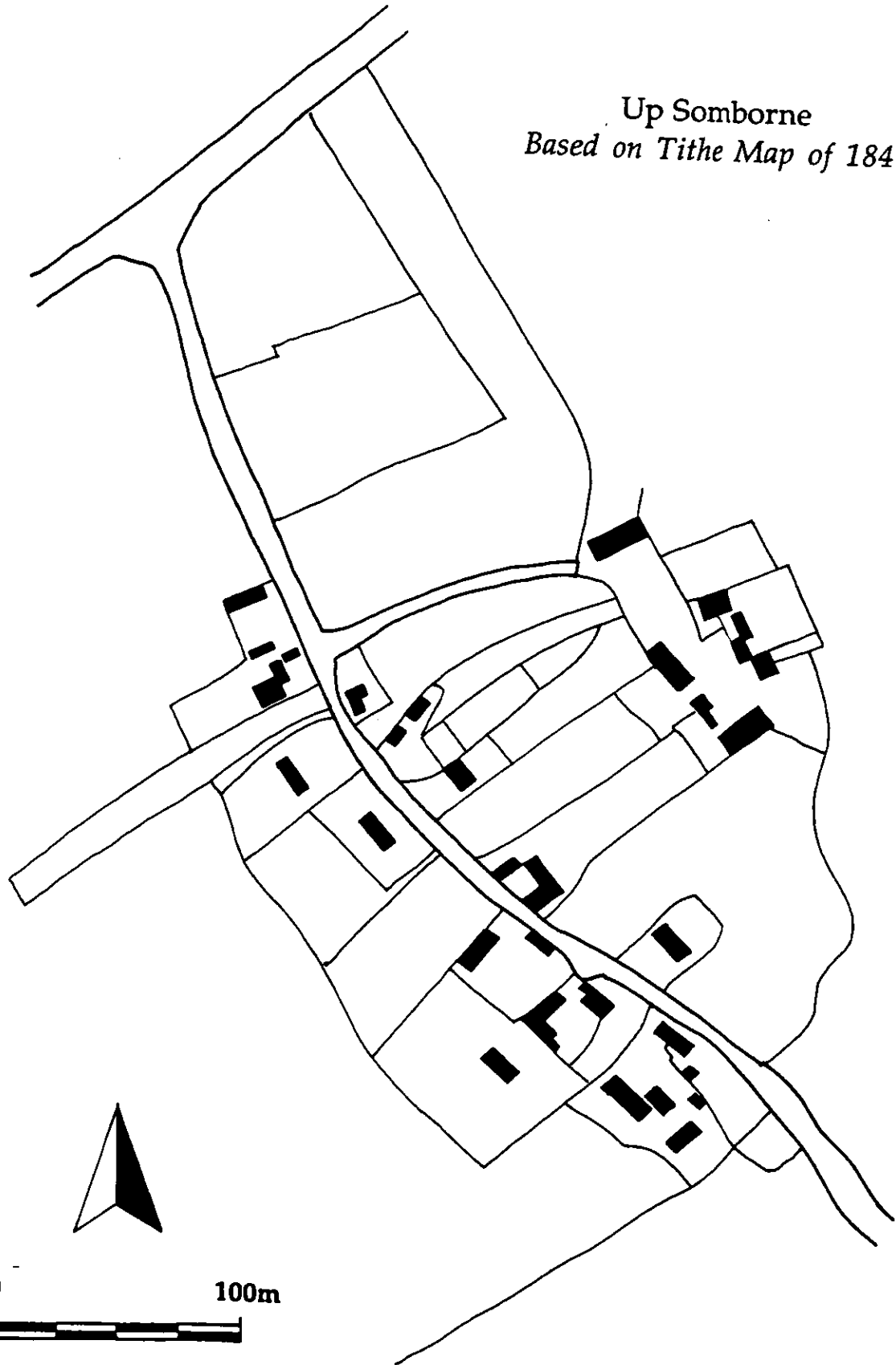
PLACE NAME 1167 *Opsunburna* 'pig stream'.

PHOTOGRAPHS 2/27-32

OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

1333-45 There is mention of a chapel at Up Somborne (VCH Vol IV p 469).

Up Somborne
Based on Tithe Map of 1841



4684
6-13

5477
4-22

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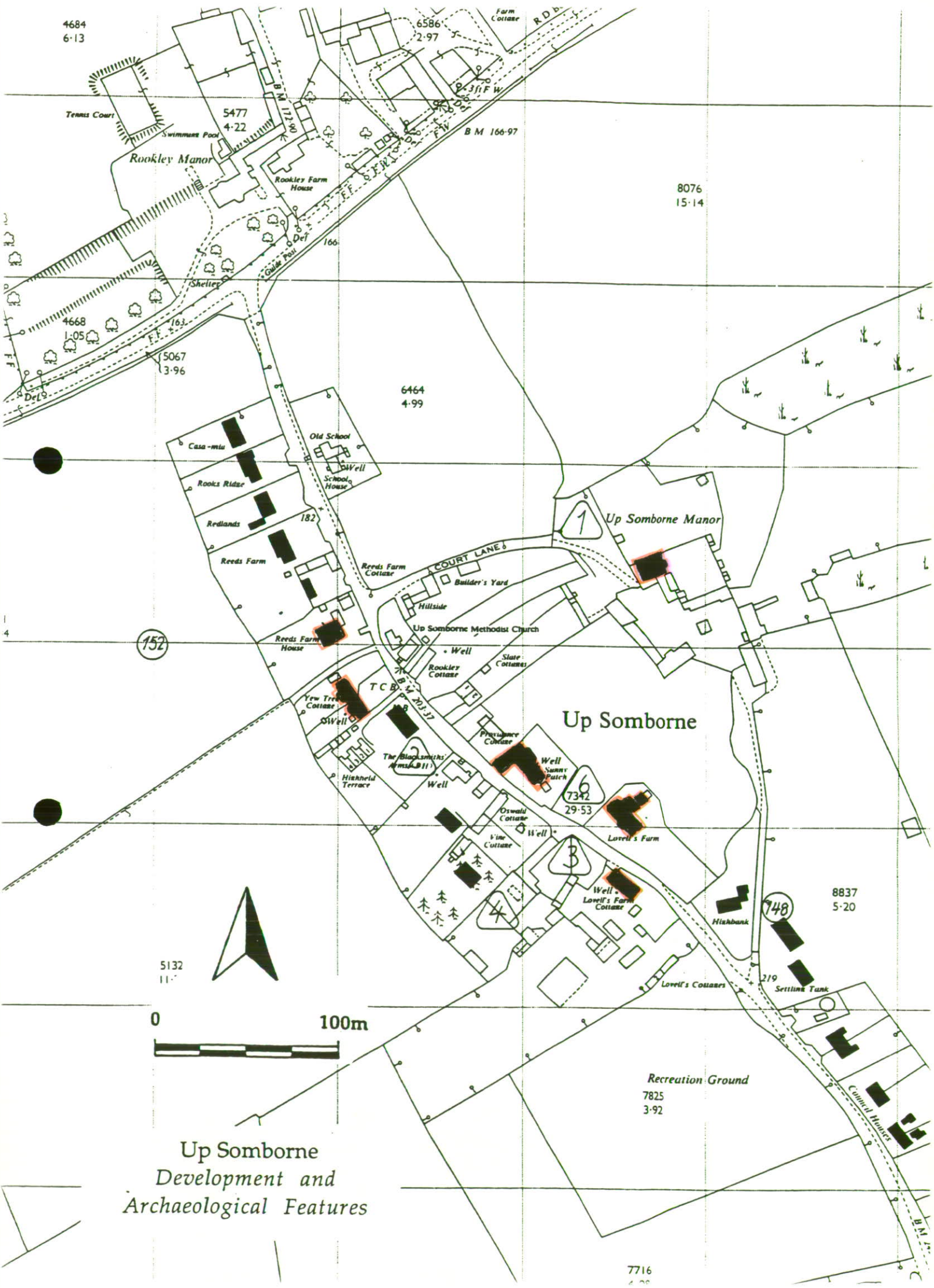
Up Somborne Development and Archaeological Features

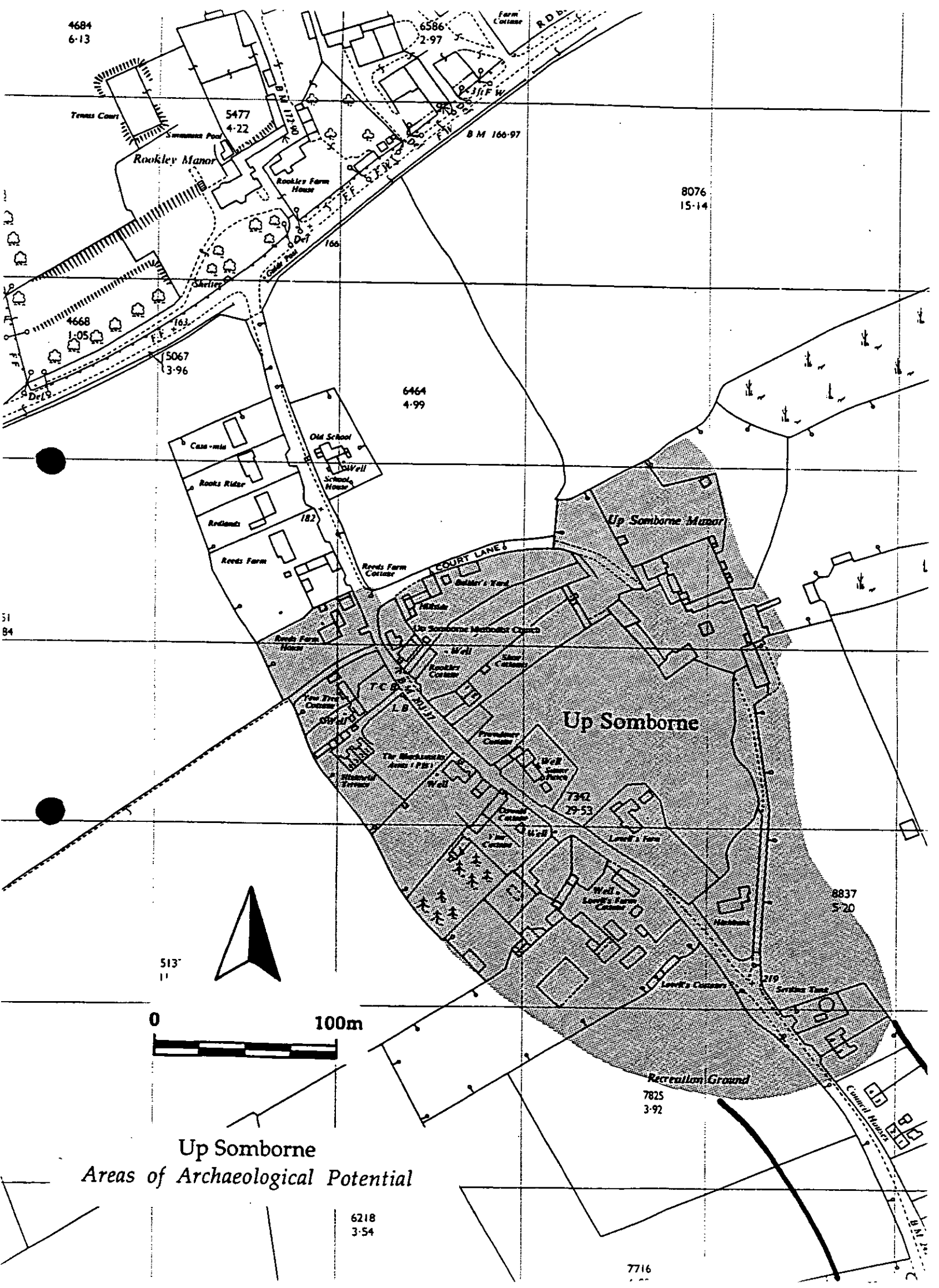
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Recreation Ground
7825
3-92

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Up Somborne
Areas of Archaeological Potential