

NAME Vernhams Dean  
PARISH Vernhams Dean  
HUNDRED Pastrow  
DISTRICT Test Valley  
NGR SU 340567  
GEOLOGY Upper chalk

**SITE CONTEXT** The main area of settlement in the parish, Vernham Dean, is sited in a valley at 130m OD with the valley side on the N rising to 170m OD within 1 km and to the S rising to over 200m OD. Vernham Manor is in a small tributary valley of the main valley at a slightly higher position. The other settlements of Vernham Street, Vernham Row and Littledown are sited on the undulating land above the valley and to the NE of the main settlement.

**PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION** Composite - Regular row and irregular row with green.

To the E of the road N from the village there is a block divided into four strips. Near to the road frontage the strips are further sub-divided. On the W side of the road there is another block of a similar length but less wide. This block fronts onto an open area which is probably the E end of a green that has been built on resulting in the 'island' to the W. N of the 'island' are several small irregular plots. At the W end of the green there is a suggestion that it has been encroached upon by the two cottages. Along the S side of the remaining open area there is a small cluster of buildings in small but squarish plots.

The church stands in an isolated position away from all the centres of population in the parish.

E from the church is the manor house which is also quite isolated with only a pair of cottages and farm buildings at that centre.

#### AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The street frontage along the N side of the E-W road through the village, the former green and the street frontage along the S side of the road from the E end of the green to the E all lie within the AHAP. This provides coverage for the principal areas of occupation especially the S ends of the two areas of regular plots on either side of the road to the N.

Along the S side of the E-W road along the length of the green there is no evidence, either cartographic or earthwork, to suggest that this area has been occupied but has been included within the AAP as there still remains the possibility that there was settlement within this part of the village. The AAP also extends along the rest of the S edge of the AHAP and covers the rear part of the plots of the regular row on the E side of the N road. The rear part of the short row on the W side of the road has been almost totally developed and so has not been included in the AAP.

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD St Mary. W doorway of c. 1220 but re-set. Medieval masonry in N wall of nave but rest of church of 1851.

A chapelry of Hurstbourne Tarrant until 1871.

## BUILDINGS

(Listed)

The Boot Inn, Littledown Late C18 cladding on timber frame II

Dykes Fmhse C17 with late C18 ext to form L-shape II

Yew Tree Cottages Late C18 and early C19 II

Hall's Farm Cottage Early C19 II

### Vernham Bank

Bank Cottage Late C18 II

Bowers Cottage Once 2 Originally timber framed but now mainly C18 II

### Vernham Dean

Sargent's Fmhse Early C19 II

Barn 40 yds W of Sargent's Fmhse Early C19 II

West Dene C18 II

Edgington House Early C19 exterior but of older origin II

The Hook Early C19 II

The Den Late C18 exterior with C20 additions II

Allways Late C18 II

Meadow Cottage C17, late C18 and late C20 additions II

David's Cottage Once 2 C18 II

Old Forge 2 units now one dwelling C18 II

Cheyney Cottage 1708 II

Long Thatch House and barn now one dwelling C18 with C20 alterations II

Gardia Once 2 C18 with C20 additions and alterations II

Applethatch Once 3 C17 with C18 cladding II

Dean Cottage C17 with C20 W half II

Hatchways Once 2 C18 with substantial C20 alterations II

Beeches Farm Late C18 II

Pond Cottage C18 and C20 II

Nos 1, 2 and 3 Now 2 houses Late C18 II (Burnt down -awaiting rebuilding)

The George Inn C17 timber frame twice refronted II

Denver Cottage Early C19 II

Apple Tree Cottage C17 with early C19 cladding tp part II

Lilac Cottage Once 2 C18 II

Deers Leap C18 II

Poplar's Fmhse C17 Refaced and extended late C18 II

### Vernham Street

Flowers Fmhse C18 II

Barn and stables 10yds S of Flowers Fmhse C18 and C19 II

Flowers Fmhse Late C18 to early C19 II

Heartseaze Cottage C18 II

Fairview C17 timber frame with C18 cladding C19 addition to rear II

Berneval Cottage Late C18 II

#### General

Anchor Farmhouse 1719 re-cladding of timber frame with C19 addition II

Barn 50yds E of Anchor Fmhse C18 II

Box Farm C18 but mainly C19 II

Church of St Mary 1851 II

Manor Fm Cottages Once 2 Late C18 with C20 ext II

Vernham Manor House Medieval with later alterations Gabled wings of c.1600 when the whole was re-built in brick II\*

Barn 50 yds SE of Vernham Manor House C18 II

Garden wall and gazebo N of Vernham Manor House Early C19 II

Upton Manor House Early C18 extended 1936 II

(Un-listed)

#### SMR DATA

2	43995693	Med building
4	33155642	Med boundary mark C15 (documentary)
6	43025701	IA banjo enclosure and IA pot
7	33605710	IA pot and Roman pot
8	34505750	IA celtic fields

#### ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

1	34525636	Site of cottage shown on Tithe map. No obvious earthwork on the site of the cottage but to the S of the site there is a scarp/ridge which may mark the boundary of the property
2	34345643	Site of outbuildings shown on Tithe map
3	33815659	Site of cottage shown on Tithe map
4	33945664	ditto
5	33415688	ditto
6	33195652	Site of 2 cottages shown on Tithe map
7	35235666	Site of cottage and outbuilding shown on Tithe map
8	35255657	Site of cottage and outbuildings shown on Tithe map
9	33535690	The field to the W and E of this point have various linear earthwork features which in the main will probably represent old boundaries
10	33135631	Earthworks. Possibly agricultural. Scarps and level areas with probable lynchets (See sketch plan)
11	35225640	Two almost parallel banks run along the line of the valley S of Vernham Manor near the bottom of the valley, one on either side. They appear as though they may have 'contained' a stream or narrow pond. Although the valley does not have a water course in it now it seems to be fairly damp in the bottom

12 35345648 A series of 3 or 4 boundary banks running down the slope. To the S there is a quarry which seems to have similar banks either side. S of the quarry there is an area with many undefinable 'humps and bumps'

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES OS 1:2,500 SU 3256-3356, 3456-3556; Tithe map 21M65/F7/242/2

#### AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY

Currie, K n.d. *An archaeological evaluation of a proposed extension to the churchyard at St Mary's church, Vernhams Dean, Hants*

#### PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

**Domesday** Not mentioned. Probably under Hurstbourne Tarrant.

#### Subsidy Rolls

1334 3. 10. 10/1f

1524 4. 10. 4 (48 taxpayers)

May also include part of Upton.

**Manorial Documents** Continued as part of Hurstbourne Tarrant until 1177. In 1277 the manor was divided between two heiresses. About 1400 a moiety was granted to Winchester College. West Vernhams was the other moiety. The two manor Farms probably represent the two moieties.

#### Hearth Tax

1665 97 hearths chargeable (42 houses)

38 hearths not chargeable (37 houses) Total 79 houses

PLACE NAME 1210 *Ferneham* Possibly from OE *Fearnham* 'bracken estate' but last element may be *hamm* rather than *ham* if this is not an ancient place as the use of *ham* in place-names died out early.

#### PHOTOGRAPHS

OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS A mill was recorded as being almost in ruins in 1277.

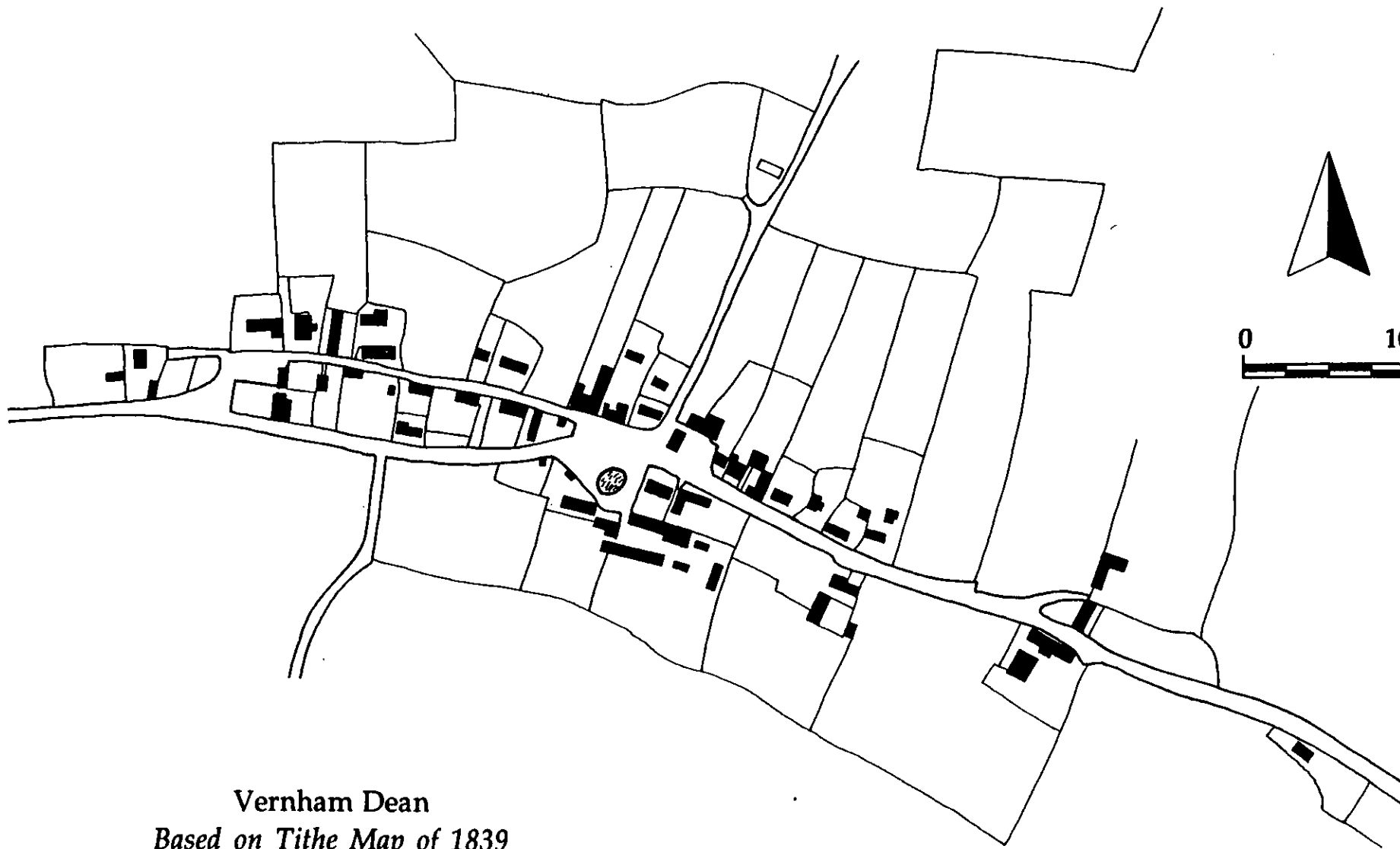
A small assessment excavation was undertaken when it was proposed to extend the churchyard. No evidence for settlement was recovered (Currie, n.d.)



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Development and  
Archaeological Features





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*Based on Tithe Map of 1839*

