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| 1.0 | PARISH | Warnford (Map 1) |
| 2.0 | HUNDRED | Meonstoke |
| 3.0 | NGR | 462250 122170 |
| 4.0 | GEOLOGY | Middle Chalk; Upper Chalk |

5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Map 2)

The settlement of Warnford is on the east bank of the river Meon at a point where the river bends southwards towards Meonstoke. However, the greater part of Warnford parish is on the west side of the river. The Meon is shadowed by the A32 and this is the principal route through the settlement. Warnford itself is situated within the Meon valley at c. 70m AOD but 1km eastwards the ground rises sharply to a hilltop (115m AOD) and the trackbed of the disused Meon Valley railway. The summit of Beacon Hill on the south-west boundary of the parish is 201m AOD. The boundaries of the parish are marked by a number of features including two ponds (Lomer and Blackhouse), tumuli, and a number of chalk pits.

6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION (Maps 3, 4 / 1 to 4 / 4 and 5 / 1 to 5 / 4)

Church & manor house + regular row + irregular rows

6.1 *The church and manor house* settlement is within Warnford Park 250m east of the A32 as it approaches Warnford from the south. The present church is late C12 but it was constructed around a pre-Conquest predecessor. Thirty metres due east of the church are the remains of the stone-built manor house of c. 1210 that was built by the family of St John (paragraph 10.0 nos 14, 15A, 15B, 16A, 16C). The manor house was a ruin by 1610 (VCH 3: 268) and it had been replaced by a new house known as Place House (or Belmont) in C16. This building was demolished in 1958 (paragraph 10.0, no. 16A).

15.1 *Irregular rows* According to Bassett (undated) the vernacular settlement stood close to the church on the old Meon Valley road until it was moved after the construction of the turnpike road. If so, this would have happened shortly after the construction of the Gosport / Bishops Waltham / Wickham / Chawton stretch after 1857-8 (Viner, 1970: 160-2). Though unverified, there is an element of truth in this version of events. The course of the new road swept to the west around Warnford House isolating it from passing gaze. In order to take full advantage of this opportunity for privacy, any peasant homes within the park would need to go. The present vernacular settlement of Warnford is on the northern fringe of the Park where the A32 loops eastwards then north-east towards West Meon. Bassett (undated) notes that there is no *village* centre at Warnford. This is certainly a characteristic of the settlement. However, there are (or were) several irregular strings of narrow roadside squatter communities, and the positions of these are noted in paragraph 11.0. At the moment, these plots have not

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been dated with precision. Some of them may be associated with migrant road construction workers that followed the development of the new turnpike route. Another possibility is that they represent the hasty relocation of families displaced from the former settlement near to the Church in Warnford Park.

6.3 *Regular row* The pre-turnpike route from Old Winchester hillfort sweeps down into Warnford from the east where it crosses the Meon at the pre-turnpike bridge at High Barn (paragraph 11.0, no.11). Along the north side of Old Winchetser Lane, from the High Barn bridge across the A32 and uphill eastwards to the quarry (paragraph 11.0, no.7), all of the buildings and their plots can be seen as set at a right angle to the road in 1872 (OS 1: 10560 survey). This row was cut by the course of the turnpike on its east / north sweep. Unfortunately, virtually all of the buildings in Warnford are C18 / C19 and so it is difficult to accurately phase this unit of settlement. A critical factor could be the date of the George and Falcon inn. This building sits at the junction of the turnpike road and the Old Winchester Lane. It is Listed as C18 but this date has been assumed as a result of its position on the turnpike. The hoardings outside the inn claim that it is C17 and its location would not be inconsistent with an earlier, primary alignment with the Old Winchester Lane.

6.4 *Site visit conditions:* initially overcast followed by strong sun (21.4.2002)

7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL (Maps 5 / 1 to 5 / 4)

7.1 *AsAP*

7.1.1 Conjectural double regular row settlement (paragraph 6.3). The origin and development of this settlement area needs to be established.

7.1.2 The site of an undated squatter community alongside the Old Winchester Lane (paragraph 6.2).

7.2 *AsHAP*

7.2.1 The church and manor site in Warnford Park (paragraph 6.1). This area is assigned SAM no. 27 (paragraph 10.2).

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

Our Lady

- The church is mentioned in Domesday Book (paragraph 14.1);
- The nave and chancel were apparently built around the old church – the former alignment of the nave can be seen upon the east face of the tower. The tower was built against the west wall of the Saxon (pre-Conquest) church. Inscriptions within the building refer to the rebuilding of the church by Adam de Port, lord of the manor from 1171 to 1213.

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- C13 south porch covers a pre-Conquest sundial that consists of a circle in relief on a square stone that in its lower half has five crossed lines marking the middle of three-hourly tides. Each of the four corners of the stone is decorated by a leaf motif.
- There is no structural division between the nave and chancel of *c.* 1190, a plan that follows the original pre-Conquest plan;
- The foundations of the pre-Conquest nave wall were discovered beneath the floor of the present church in 1906;
- Formerly, there was a north porch (details unknown);
- C14 east window;
- Tower *c.* 1130 with C14 west door and the Holy Water stoup to its right (as viewed from outside; see paragraph 16.0);
- 1752 rebuilding of parts of the tower in brick;
- Minor restorations in 1906 included buttressing;
- Inside the church there are a number of architectural fragments from previous versions of the building;
- The Purbeck Marble font is *c.* 1130;
- There are five scratch dials outside the south porch;
- Monument to William Neale † 1601.

9.0 BUILDINGS (Maps 4 / 1 to 4 / 4)

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
1037	The George & Falcon Inn	C18, 19, 20	II
10955	Abbey House (former rectory)	1825, C20	II
10956	Abbey House: barns 60m north of	C18	II
10957	Bere Farmhouse	C17, 18, 19	II
10958	Bere Farmhouse: granary 8m south of	early C19	II
10959	Manor Farmhouse	<i>c.</i> 1840	II
10960	Old Forge Cottage	late C18	II
10961	Old Peake Farmhouse	C16, 18, 19	II
10962	Riversdown	C14, 17, 19, <i>c.</i> 1900	II*
10963	Warnford Lodge, Warnford Park (Middle Lodge has been demolished)	mid C19	II
10964	Warnford Park: gateway	mid C19	II
1914	Paper Mill Cottage	C17, 18, 20	II
2554	Bere Farmhouse: well house 2m south of	C18, 19	II
41270	Church of Our Lady: boundary wall of	not given	unlisted
654	Church of Our Lady, Warnford Park	C12, 14, 18, 20	I
655	St John's House, Warnford Park	C13	I
656	Park Bridge	not given	unlisted

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657 The Dower House, Warnford Park C19 II
 Long Thatch, Lippen Lane C18

10.0 SMR DATA SW 461820 122420, NE 462720 123620 (Maps 4 / 1 to 4 / 4)

SU62SW	No.		
	14	462250 122660	Medieval parish church of Our Lady (see paragraph 8.0).
	15A	462250 122660	Medieval. Foundations of pre-Conquest church built by St Wilfred (see paragraph 8.0).
	15B	462250 122660	Medieval. Pre-Conquest sundial at the parish church (see paragraph 8.0).
	16A	462300 122650	Medieval. St John's House. A ruined C13 hall in Warnford Park. It is a rectangular aisled hall of three bays with a cellar to the west end behind a solar. Thomas Neale built a house in Warnford Park in C16 known as Place House or Belmont. It was demolished in 1958.
	16C	462690 123210	Medieval. Two artificial ponds near to St John's House are probably associated fish ponds.
	74	462300 122700	Medieval. Warnford was first documented in AD 1053.
	92A	462500 122700	Post-medieval. Late C18 park, reputedly designed by Capability Brown.
	92B	462500 122700	Post-medieval. Lake in C18 landscape park.
	92C	462500 122700	Post-medieval grotto in Warnford Park.
	92D	462500 122700	Post-medieval walled garden in Warnford Park.
	93	462500 122700	Post-medieval formal Victorian garden in Warnford Park.

10.1 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

<i>Hants No.</i>	<i>NGR</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>NAR / NMR Nos</i>
None known.			

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10.2 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

	<i>SAM No.</i>	<i>NGR</i>	<i>Site</i>
**	27	462300 122600	King John's House (or John's House) in Warnford Park. In fact, it was built by the St John family.
	565	463300 123000 to 463300 123600	Earthwork and barrow on parish boundary with Westmeon.
**	566	460500 122500	Earthwork and barrows on Beacon Hill (on parish boundary with Exton (IH / 2002).

11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Maps 4 / 1 to 4 / 4)

1	462200 122700	Conjectural site of earlier settlement as proposed by Bassett (undated).
2	462200 122700	The course of the earlier Meon Valley road ran close to the church and traces of this route remain visible.
3	462180 122800	Approximate point on a linear north / south earthwork that probably represents a continuation of the former Meon Valley road.
4	462130 122865	Site of disused waterwheel on the river Meon in Warnford Park.
5	462635 123050	Site of squatter home, perhaps destroyed by road widening. The earthen platforms of similar plots can be detected within a roadside span of 100m west-north-west.
6	462590 123100	Christmas Tree Cottage is a surviving example of a roadside squatter home. It is probably C18 in date but possibly earlier in origin.
7	462680 123080	Approximate centre of a substantial roadside quarry possibly associated with the construction of the turnpike road (A 32). Nearby squatter units nos 5 and 6) probably supplied the labour force for the quarry and for local turrpike construction.
8	462450 123090	Group of cottages east of Manor Farm House lost since 1872 (OS 1: 10,560 map).
9	462445 123315	Cottage within irregular plot on the east side of Lippen Lane. Lost since 1872.
10	462650 123440	First of a group of three fish ponds. Possibly associated with the three mills that are listed for Warnford in Domesday Book.
11	462400 123200	The old Warnford Bridge, part of the pre-turnpike road system that linked the Old Winchester Lane to the northbound route to Luppen Wood, site of a Roman villa.
12	462250 123120	Reference point on residual a residual section of the pre-turnpike road from Cheriton and Beauworth, now re-surfaced as a footpath.

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- 13 462060 I23145 Approximate position of a possible squatter cottage, lost since 1872.
- 14 462020 I23175 Approximate position of a possible squatter cottage, lost since 1872.

12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/244/2 (1839 / 1840)
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14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

14.1 Domesday Book

- 6,6 Hugh of Port holds *Warnford* from St Peter's Abbey. Alward and Ketel held it from the Abbot; they could not go whither they would. Then and now it answered for 8 hides. Land for 6 ploughs. In lordship 3 ploughs; 8 villagers and 6 smallholders with 3 ploughs. 6 slaves; a mill at 10s; meadow 8 acres. Value before 1066 and now £8; when acquired £6.
- 23, 18 (Hugh of Port) Wulfric and Wulfward held it (*Warnford*) from King Edward jointly. They had 2 halls. Then it answered for 4 hides; now for 2 hides less one virgate. In Hound there are 3 hides and 3 acres of land that belonged to *Warnford*; they paid tax in Mansbridge Hundred. In total there are 7 hides. Land for 9 ploughs. In lordship 3 ploughs; 31 villagers and 9 smallholders with 6 ploughs. A church; 6 slaves; 2 mills at 20s; meadow, 20 acres. Value before 1066 and now £14; when acquired £8.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£3.13.0	
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	£9.16.6	(35 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£3.12.8	(27 taxpayers)

14.3 Manors

Upwarnford (Warnford); Wheely (Wheeley Farm).

14.4 Hearth Tax 1665

98 hearths chargeable (25 houses)
12 hearths not chargeable (8 houses). Total: 33 houses.

15.0 PLACE NAME

15.1 1053 (*æt wearnæforda*); 1086 *Warneford*. If Ekwall was right about the existence of a hypothetical OE **wræna* ‘stallion’ (from *wræne* ‘randy’), then this is ‘stallion’s ford’, or the ford of a person so named. But more likely it is ‘ford of *wærna*’, where this name is a short form of an OE man’s name like *wærnoð*. The ford is across the river Meon (Coates, 1989: 171).

15.2 Neither of the above explanations is convincing. It is more probable that the place-name derives from OE *wer* making it the ‘ford at the weir (on the Meon)’. There is a weir, perhaps at a traditional point, 1km down stream from Warnford and this would be consistent with an earlier rendering of the place-name as *Upwarnford* (VCH 3: 269), or ‘upstream from the ford at the weir’. The ford is presumably the crossing point on the river Meon now represented by the bridge at High Barn (462400 123215 [IH / 2002]).

16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

- Church of Our Lady: C14 west door and Holy Water stoup;
- Church of Our Lady: east end;
- St John's House: context illustration showing west end of the house with Church of Our Lady as background;
- St John's House from the east end of the Church of Our Lady;
- St John's House showing the internal arrangement of piers.

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>
Bere Farm	0368	462600 125250	1200
Peake Farm	2449	463300 121700	1311
Riversdown	2450	460300 124800	961
Wheely Farm	2452	461130 124640	1045

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 records. Likely to have been informally enclosed in the late C18.			

17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

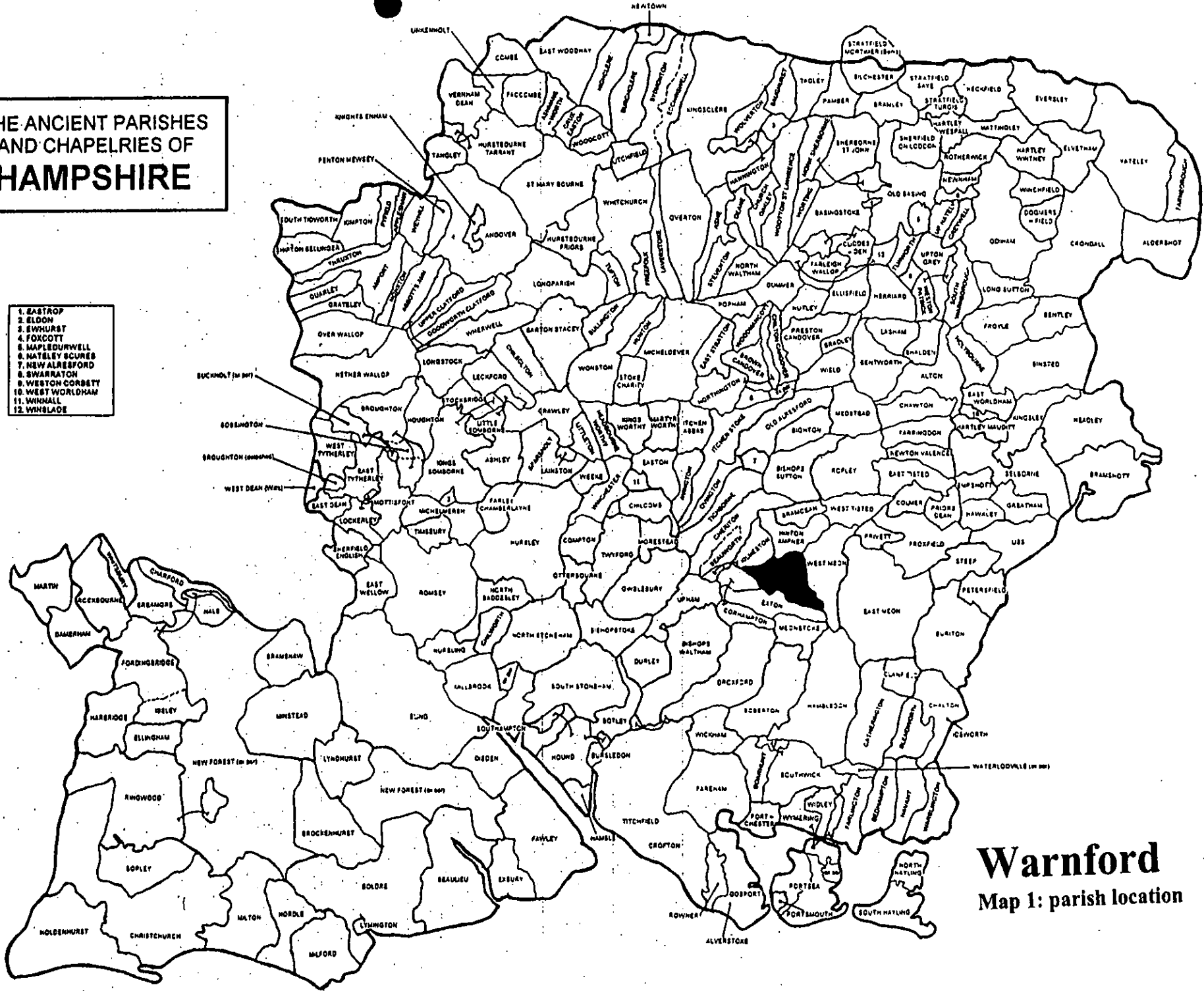
None recorded in 1874.

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 Maps 4 / 1 to 4 / 4: Development & archaeological features at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 5 Maps 5 / 1 to 5 / 4: Areas of archaeological potential at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%

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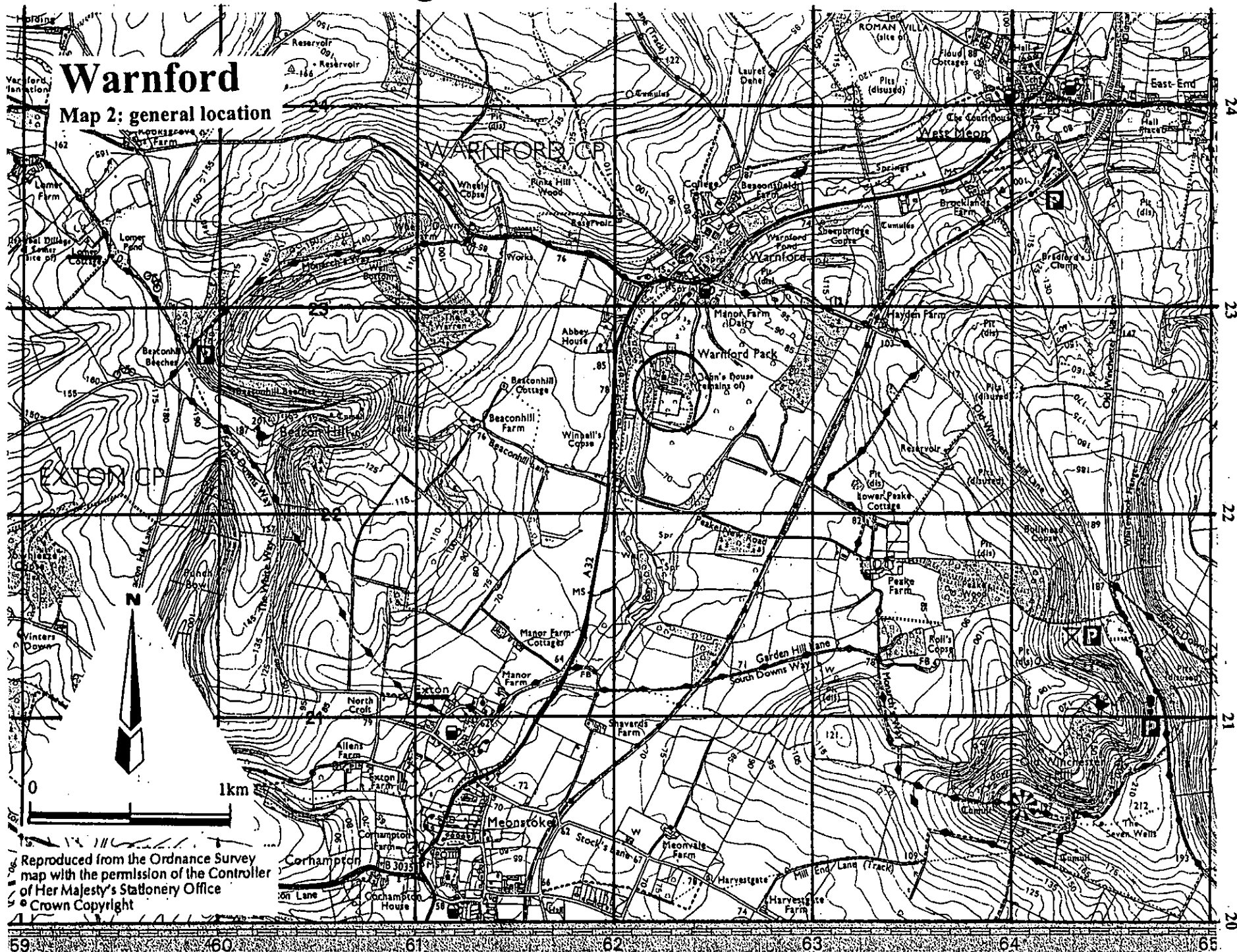
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- 11. WINMALL
- 12. WINSLADE



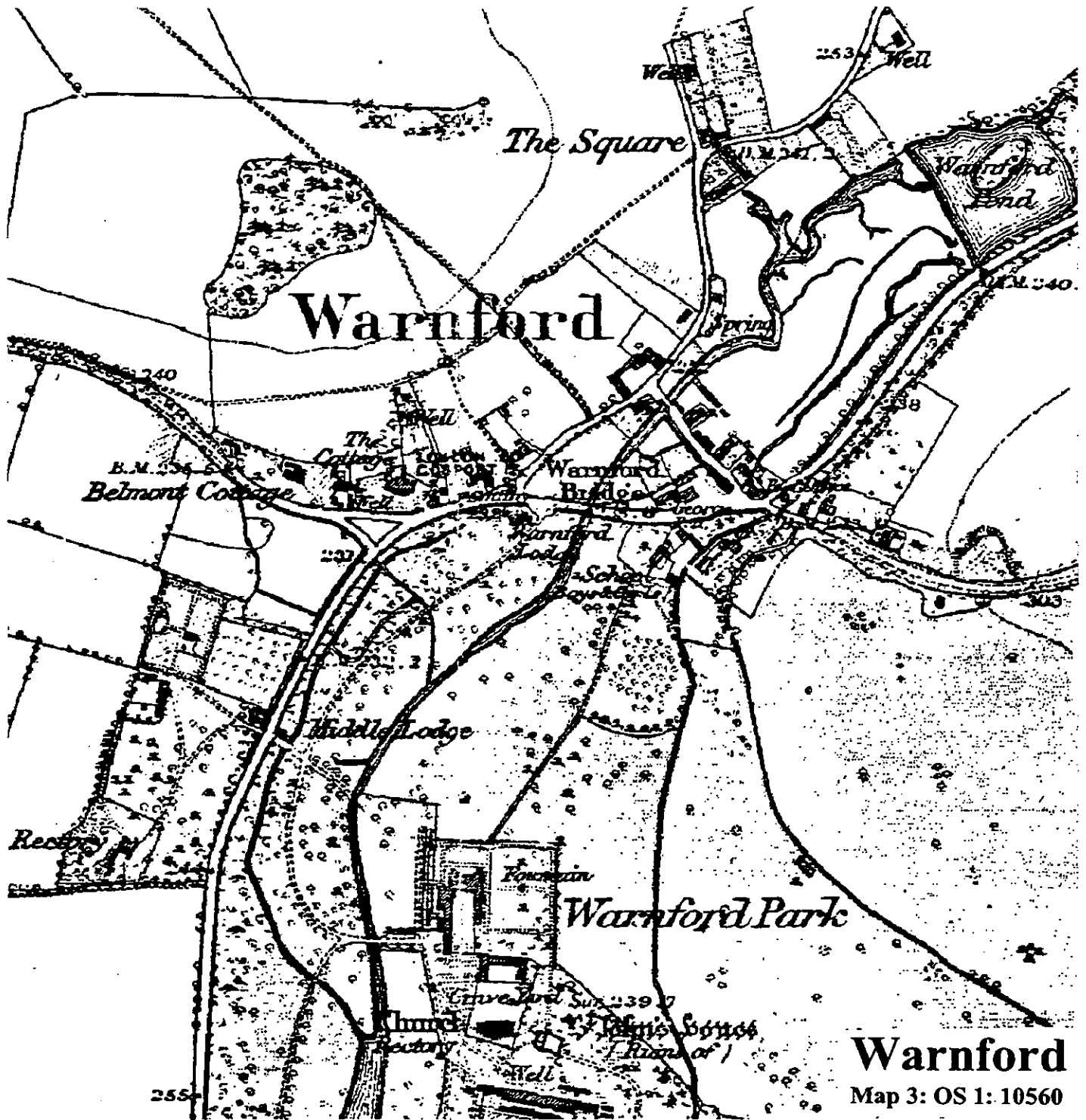
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Map 1: parish location

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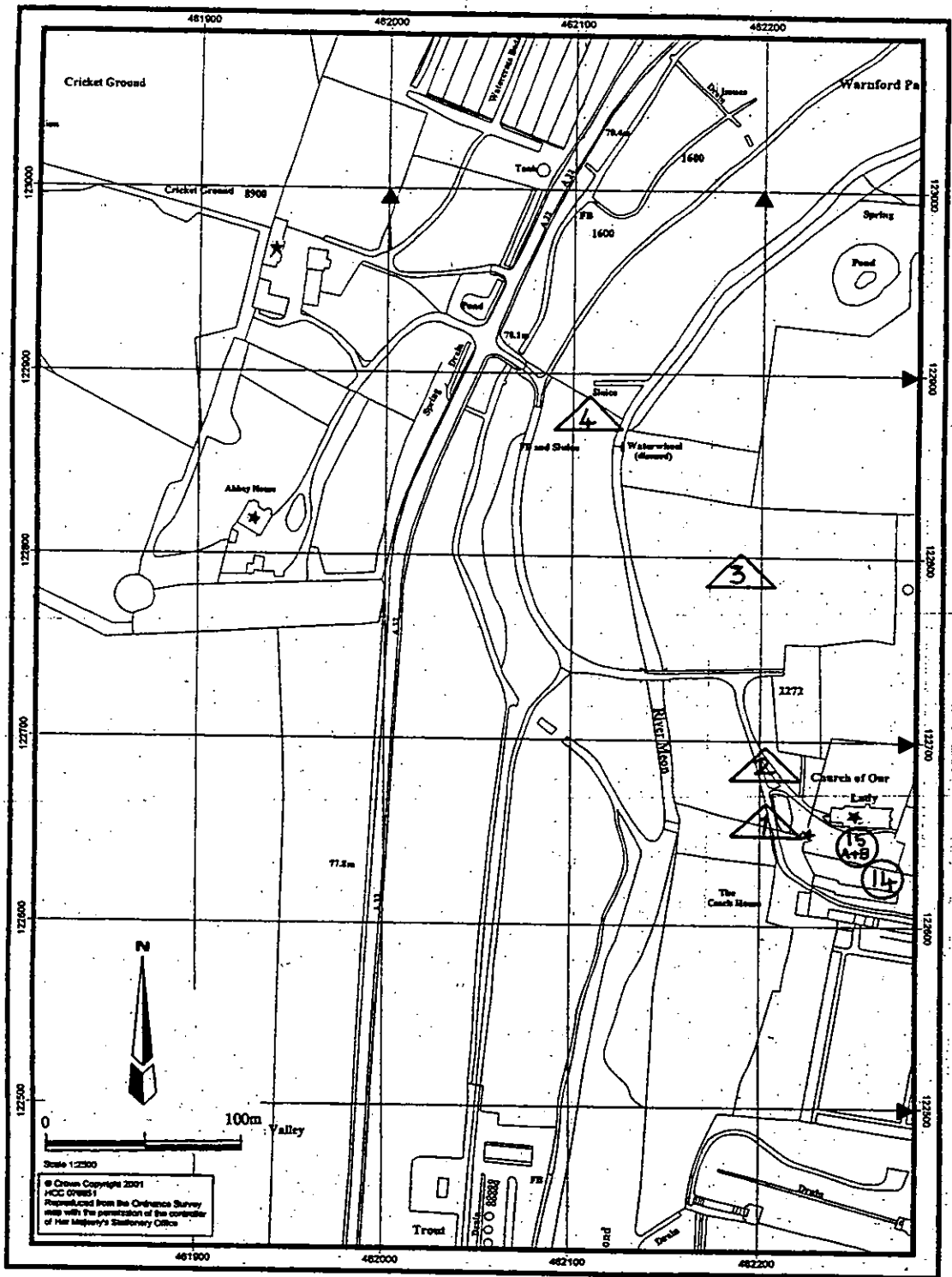
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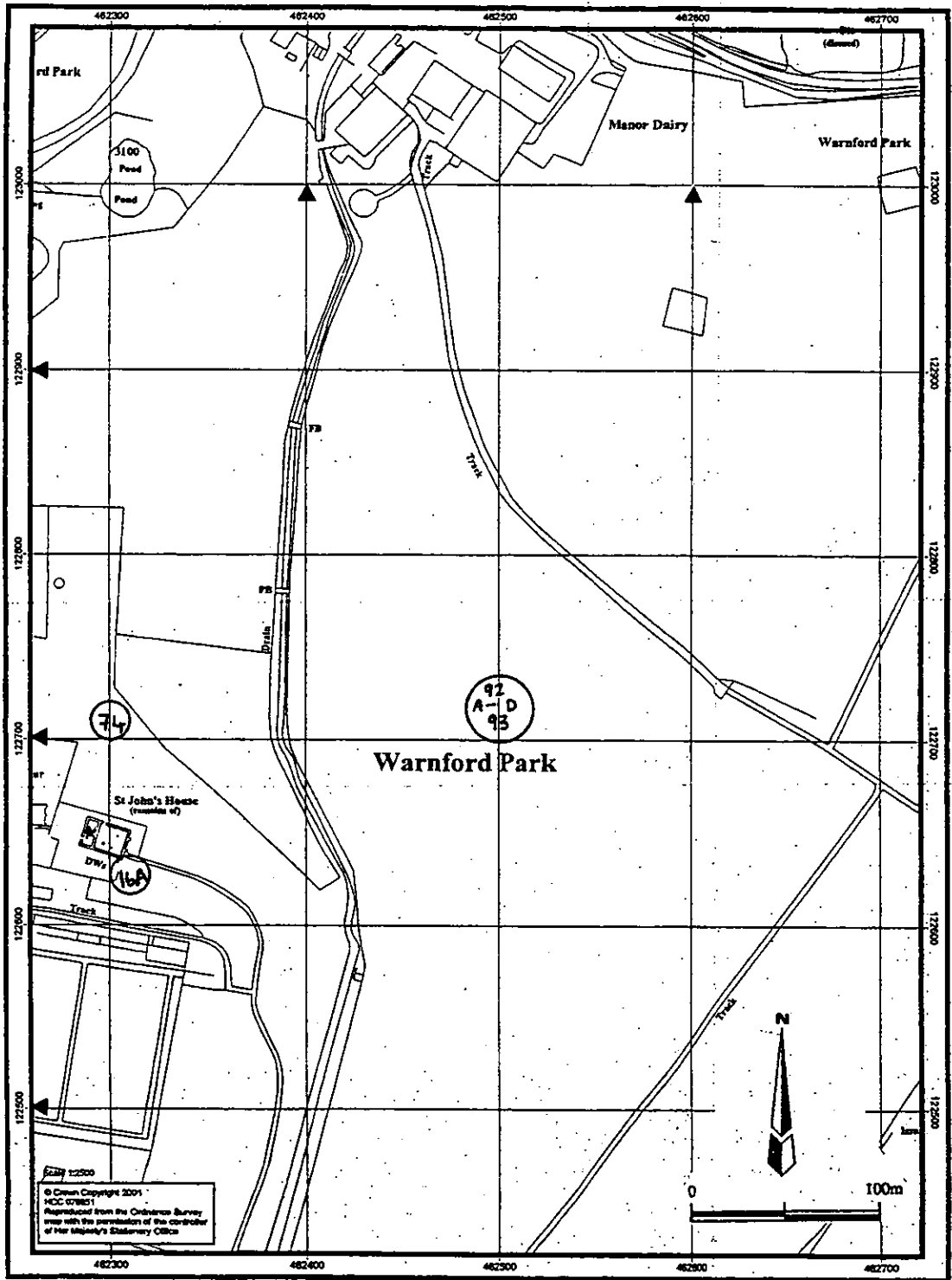
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Map 3: OS 1: 10560



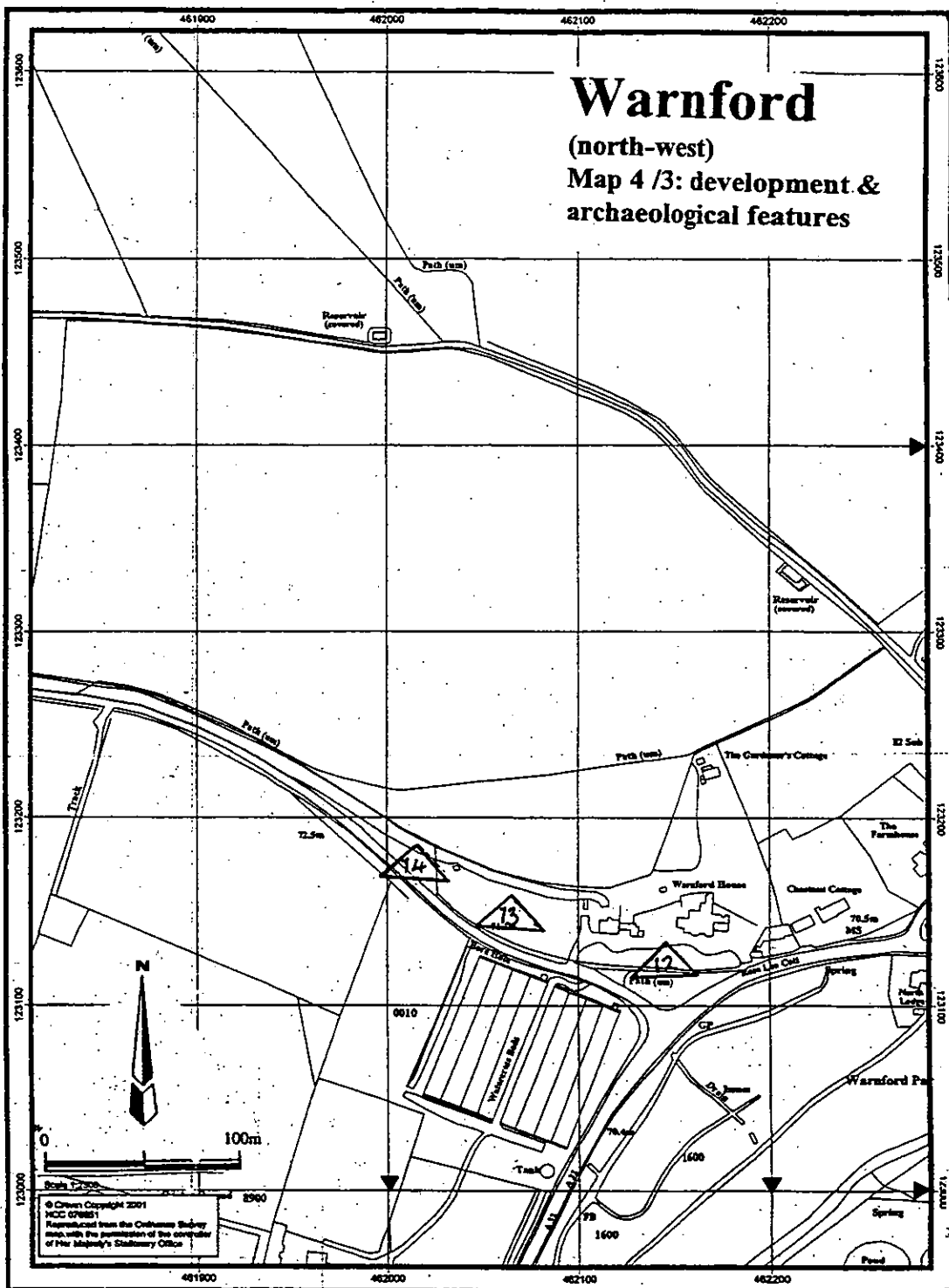
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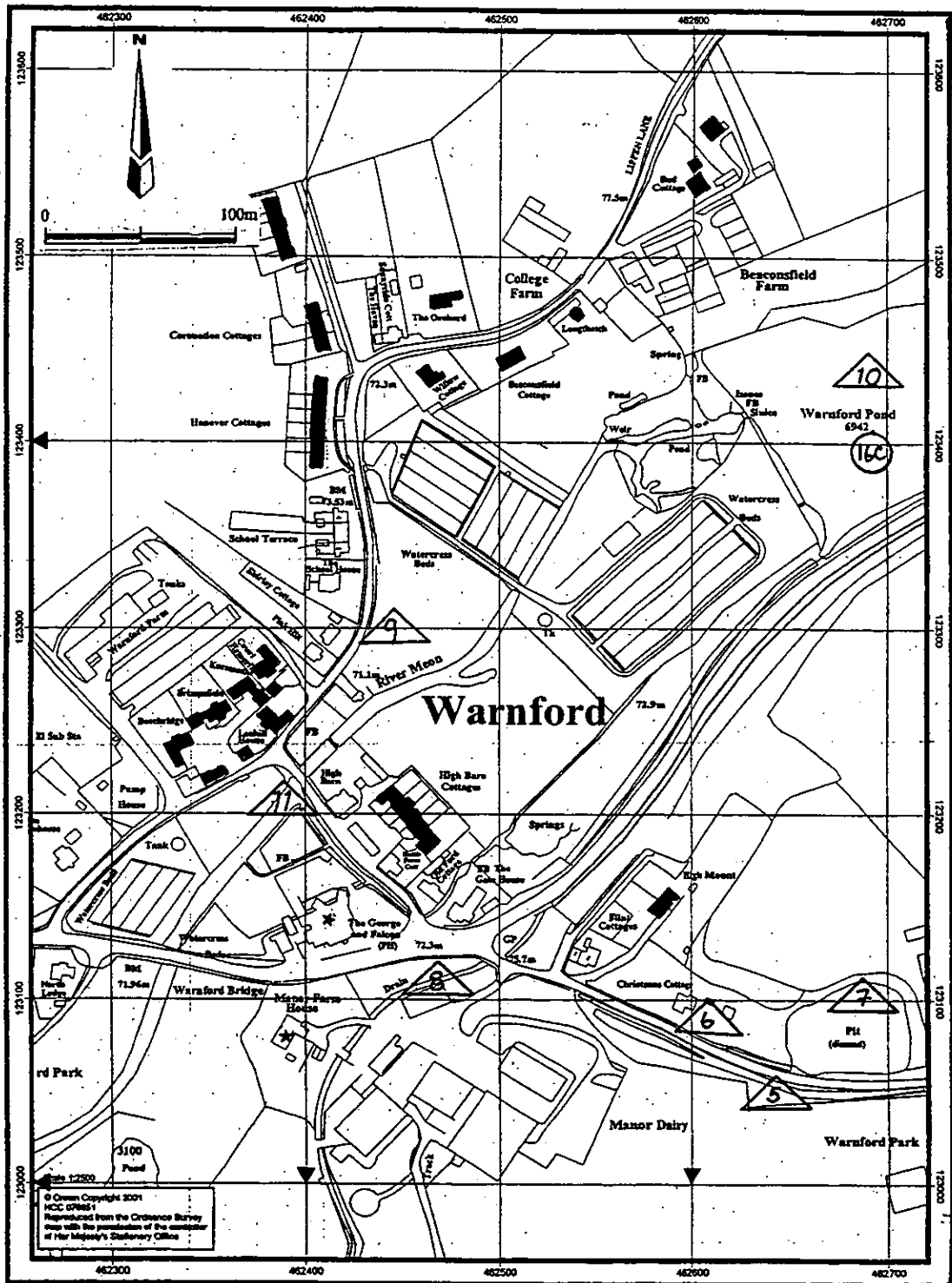


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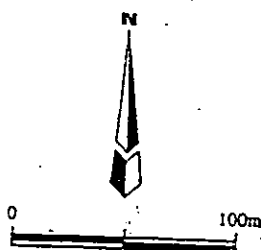
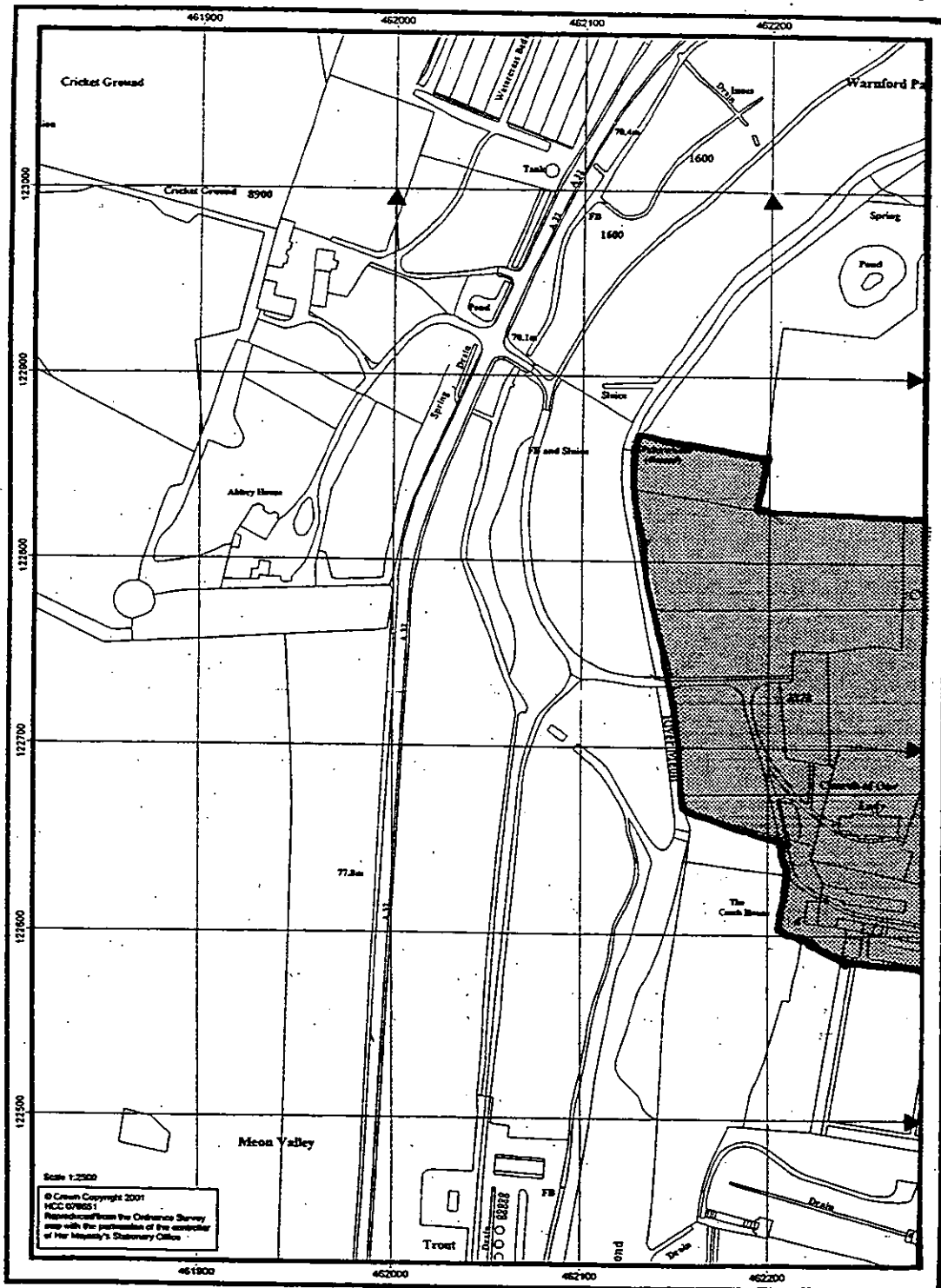
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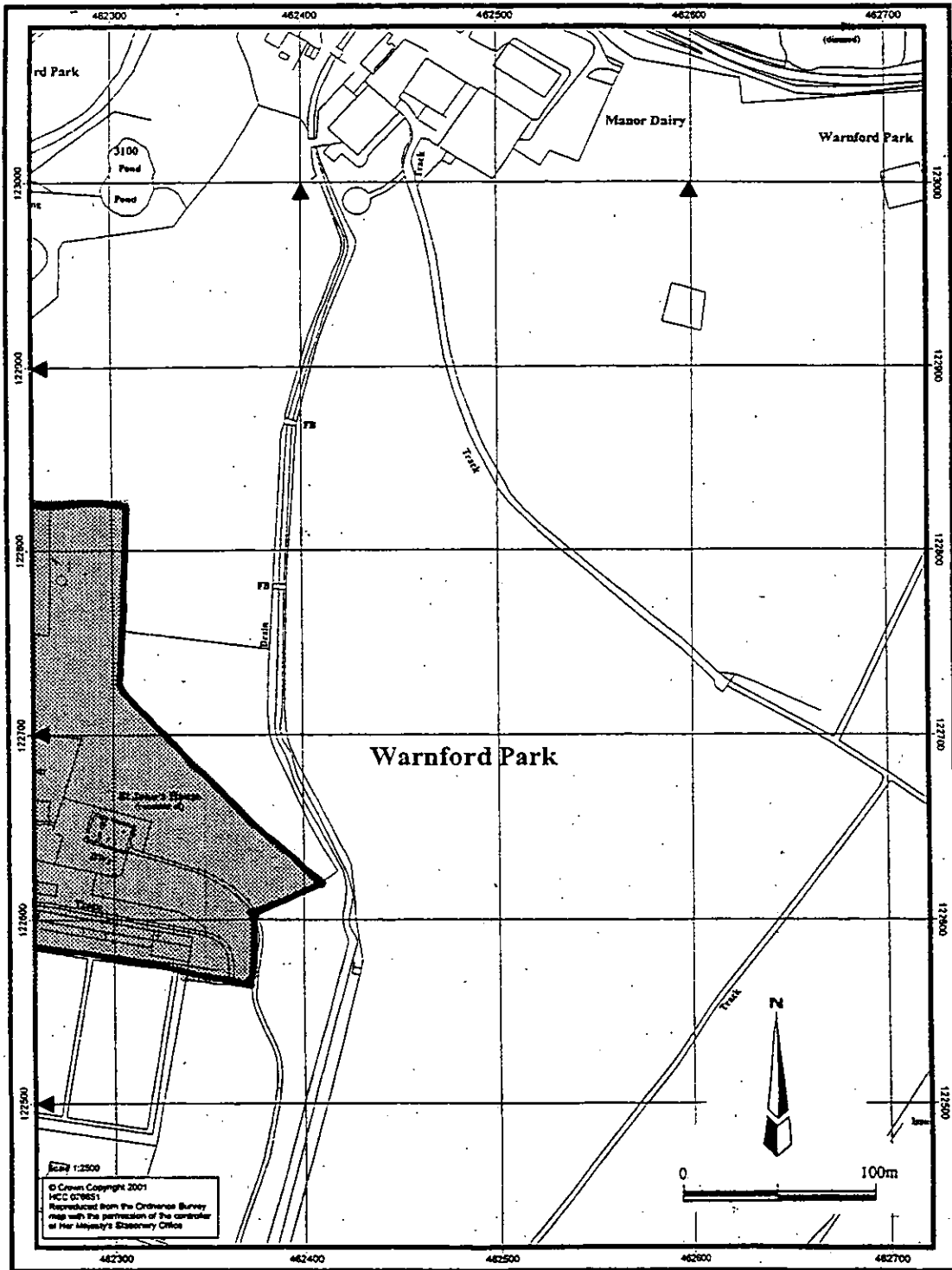
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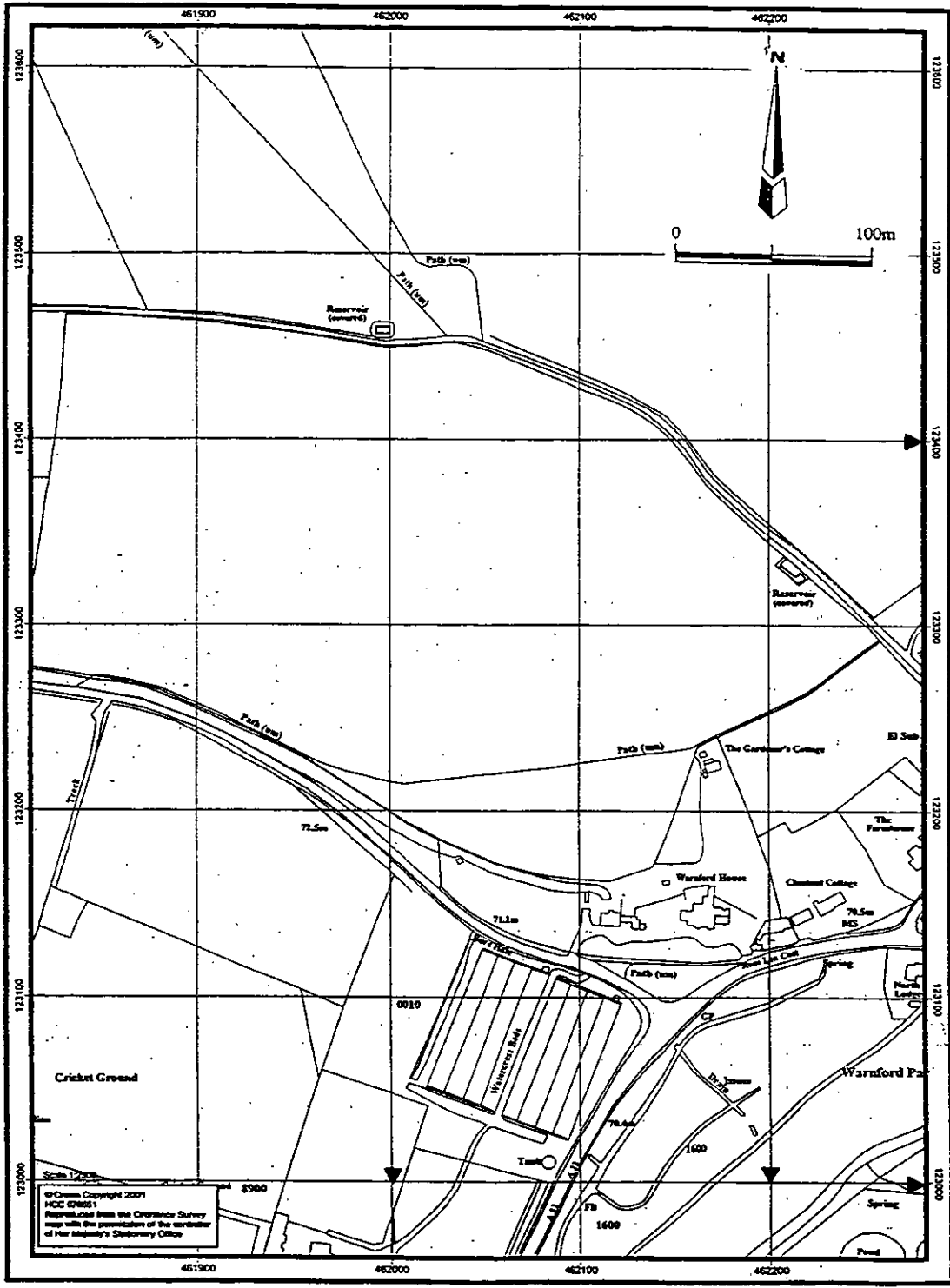
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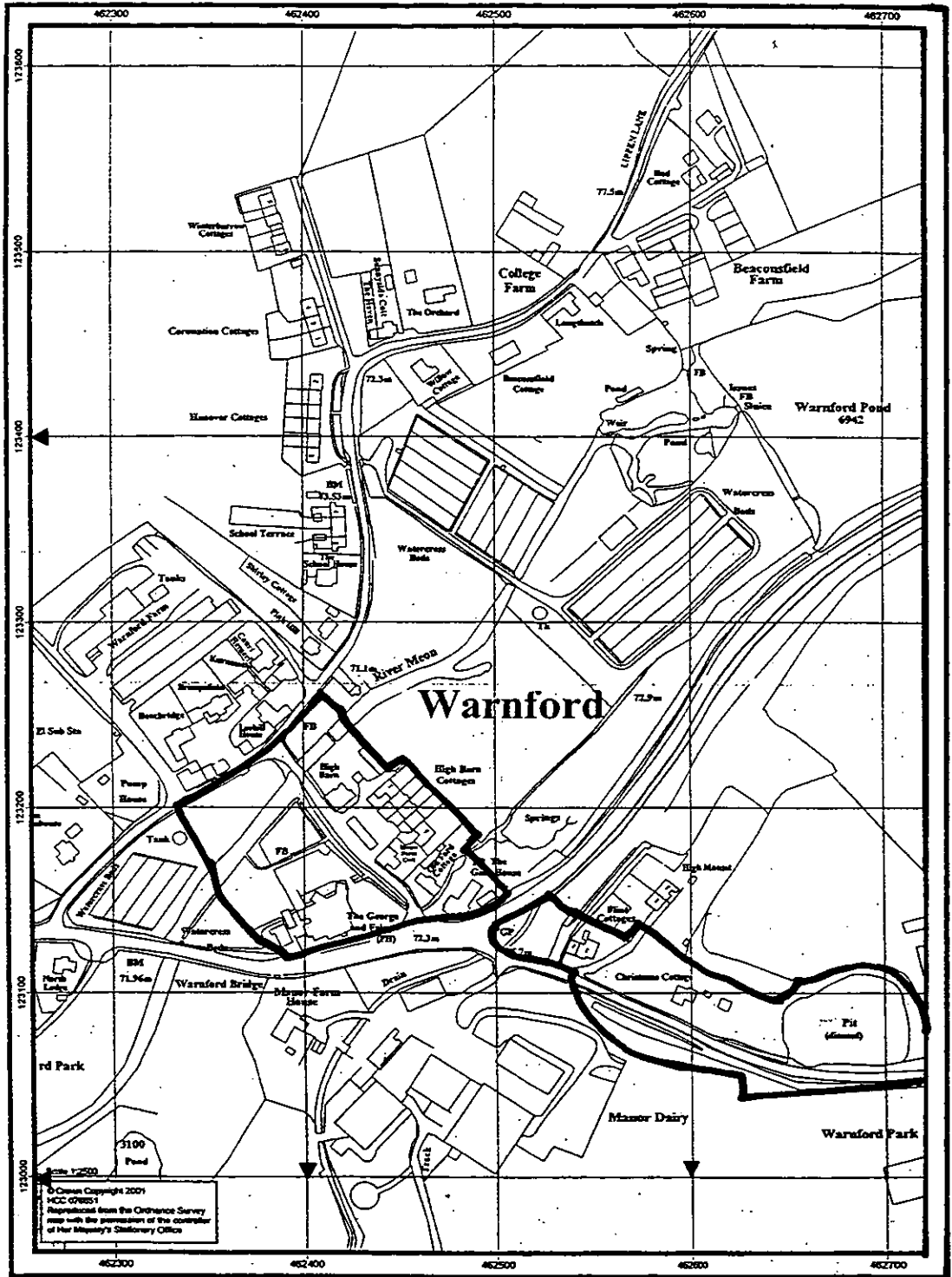
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