

NAME Whitsbury
PARISH Whitsbury
HUNDRED Cawden and Cadworth (Wiltshire)
NGR SU 128192
GEOLOGY Upper Chalk and Reading Beds. The church and the fort are sited on small islands of Reading Beds.

SITE CONTEXT The church stands on high ground to the E of the village at 110m OD. The land falls sharply from the church down to the village street which lies in a small dry valley. To the N of the settlement is Whitsbury Castle Ditches, an Iron Age hillfort.

PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION Irregular row.

The houses and farms of the settlement lie along the NNW-SSE street of the village. There is no regularity in the plots and there are many empty plots and fields between the buildings. As the road ascends the hill to the N it becomes deeply cut into the slope to a depth of 3-4m from the field level on the E side of the road.

AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL The AHAP includes the Iron Age hill-fort to the N of the settlement as excavation there has already shown that there was some probable settlement there in the Saxon period. The AHAP then stretches to the S to include the whole of the fields around Glebe House Farm up to and including the church. Within this area Roman artefacts have been discovered which may have been associated with settlement here. To the S the AHAP narrows to only include the plots lining the road on both sides of the street where, partly due to the topography and because of the usual layout of linear settlements such as Whitsbury, most of the buildings of the village are likely to have been. On the W side of the street the AHAP widens to include the whole of the plot in which it is said that the old manor house stood. The AHAP does not include the area of the modern development on the W side of the street.

Where the AHAP is confined to the road-side plots, an AAP covers the areas immediately behind the houses where information about the division of the properties may still survive, either in the form of earthworks or as negative features.

Another small AAP has been assigned to the area to the E of the church. This area has no evidence for there having been settlement around the church but the possibility that the church formed an early focus for settlement should be considered.

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD St Leonard. 1878 (Pevsner and Lloyd, 1967, 651). Actually the church was extensively restored in 1878. There are few records about the church but early in the C18 there is a reference to it being repaired by the then incumbent at his own expense.

BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Barn 200m W of the Manor House Early C18 II
Barn 100m NW Early C18 II
Glebe House Late C18 II
Post Office Cottage C18 II
Church of St Leonard II
Minors Cottage C18 C19 II
Herrington Early C18 II
Carpenters Mid C18 II Built by Jonathon Carpenter in 1698 (Houghton-Brown, 1986)
Barn range 10m S of Carpenters C18 II
The Cart Wheel Early C19 II
Ferosa Once 2 Early C19 II
Nippards Late C18 and early C19 II Known from 1694 at least. It had earlier been known as Buthcher's (Houghton-Brown, 1986)
Lower Fmhse C17 C18 II

(Un-listed)

SMR DATA

SU11NW

12	12801968	IA hillfort SAM 61. Saxon pit and some pot retrieved
15	12801920	Meso flint tool
21	13401870	BA boundary
22	12801930	Roman coin
23	12901920	Roman pit and corndryer
32	14201750	Possible site of kiln in Kiln Wood Probably brickworks
35	14451772	IA kiln
36	14501770	Flint debitage, IA pot, Roman pot, Med pot
37	14501770	IA occupation site
38	12801970	Meso flint debitage and tool
39	12801970	Roman pot
40	12801970	Saxon pot and pit
44	14301790	Flint debitage and med pot (low density)

ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

1	12871917	Hollow-way. A short section of hollow-way leads from the direction of Glebe House Farm into the churchyard
2	12801900	Earthworks. At least two scarp slopes run parallel to the road and may mark the division between the occupied land and farm land. The line of the earthworks corresponds to the line of some of the rear boundaries of properties to the S
3	12651925	Possible site of the old manor house which was demolished in 1826. According to the church guide, the manor stood on the opposite side of the road from Glebe House Farm (Houghton Brown, 1986)

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES Tithe map 21M65/F7/254/2 (1843); OS 1st Edition 6" 1871; OS 1:2,500 SU 1218-1318, 1219-1319.

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Houghton-Brown, C. 1986 *A Short History of the Parish of Whitsbury and St Leonard's Church*

PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

Domesday Recorded in Wiltshire. Robert fitz Gerald. Saulf held it in the reign of King Edward. 5 ploughlands, 50 acres of meadow, 50 acres of pasture, 10 acres of coppice And a mill. 5 slaves, 5 villagers, 11 cottagers and 1 bordar.

The Wiltshire VCH notes that 'Jones identified the above entry as Whitsbury (the entry is for *Witeberge*) but that this was not accepted by the editors of Wiltshire Place-Names or Ekwall in his Dictionary of English Place-Names'.

Subsidy Rolls and Poll Tax

1334	2. 0. 0
1377	29 taxpayers

Manorial Documents In 1274/5 it was stated that the manor had always belonged to the Kings of England. During the reign of Henry I the manor was granted to the monastery of Reading.

Hearth Tax

PLACE NAME 1132x1135 *Wiccheberia* Possibly OS *wice* 'wych-elm' and bury from the nearby hillfort Whitsbury Camp or Castle Ditches

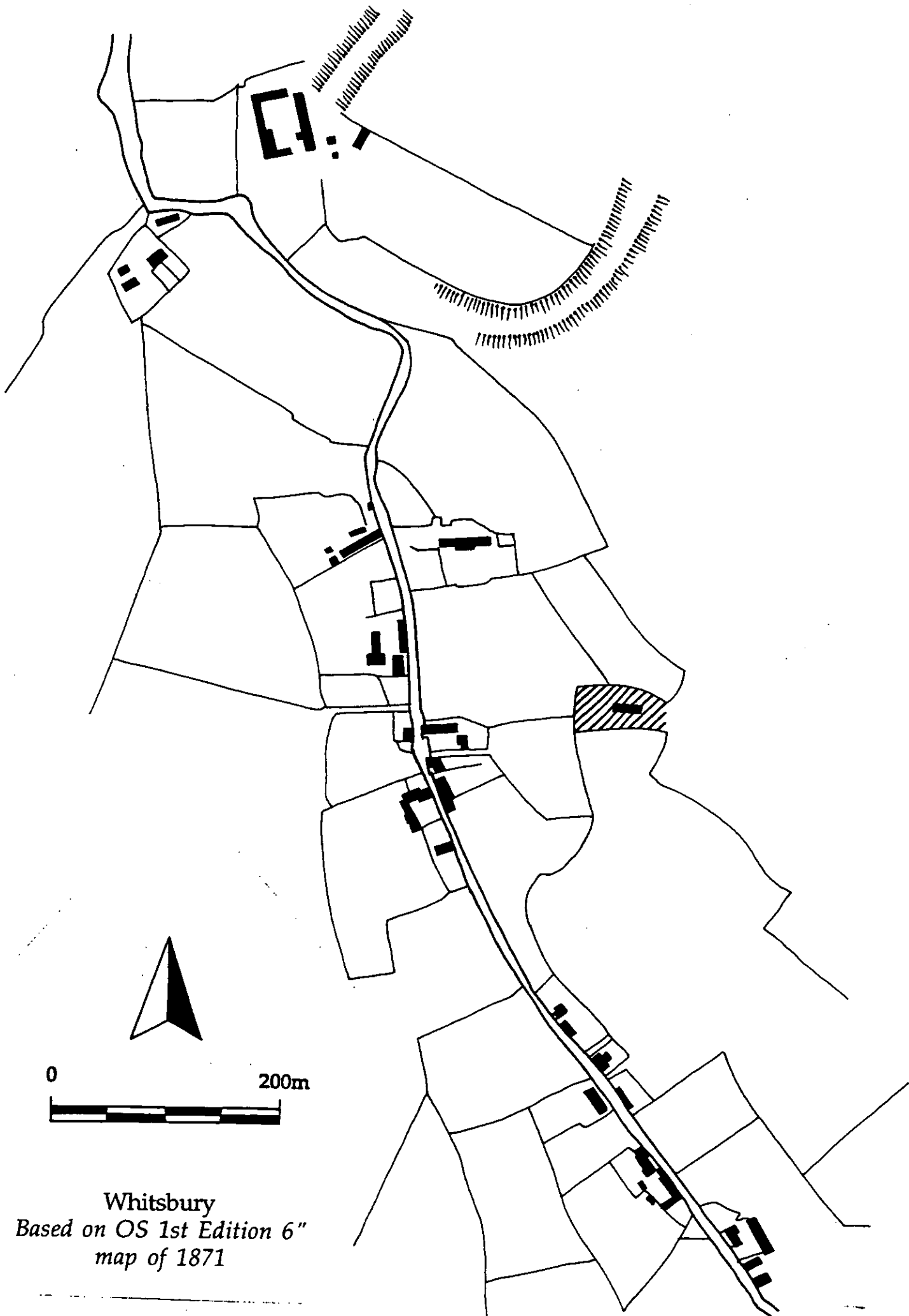
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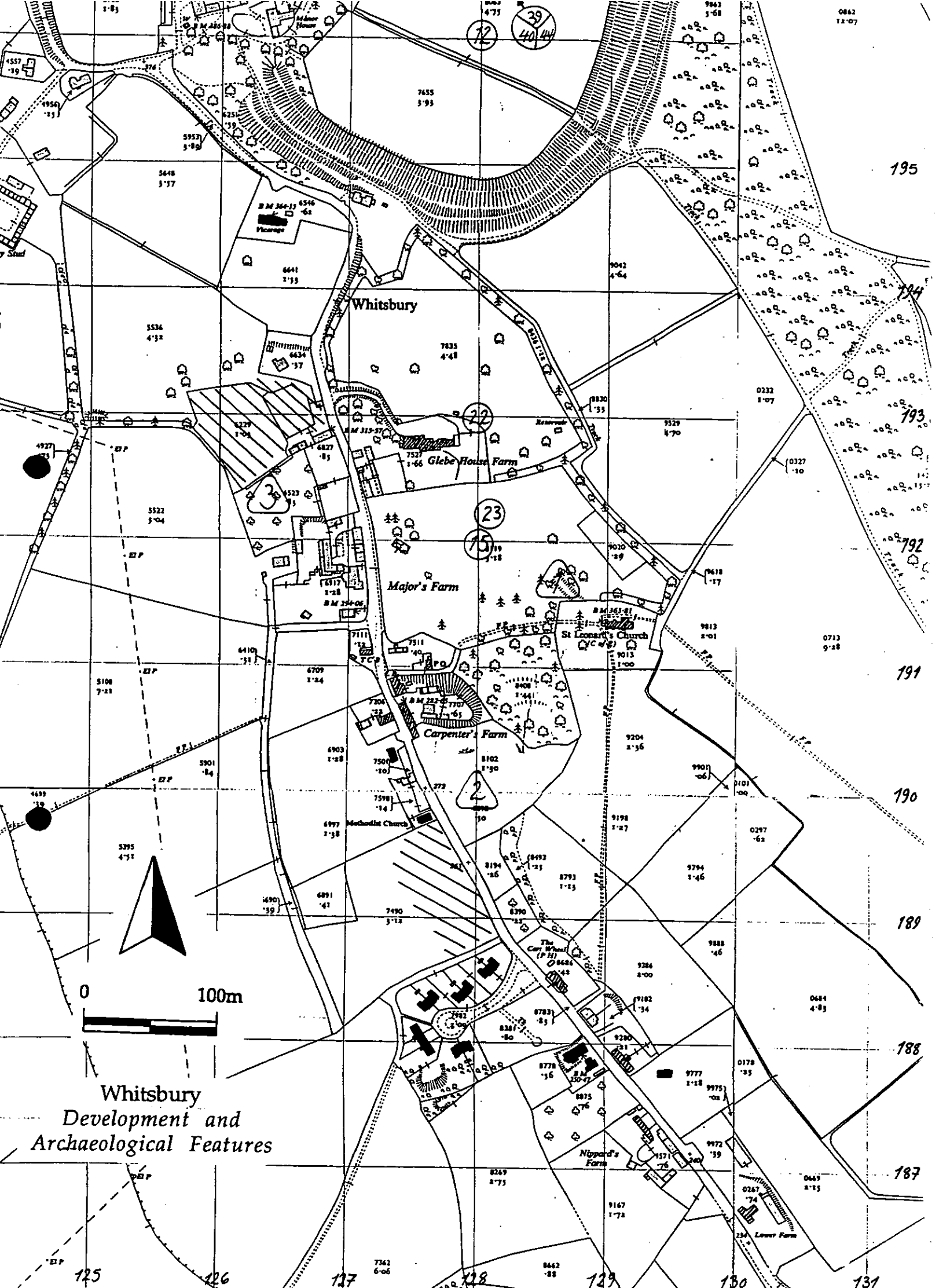
In 1222 the Abbot of Reading was granted 20 oaks from the New Forest for the repair of his house in Whitsbury.

The 1428 returns record less than 10 households but this may be because all the inhabitants actually lived in Wiltshire but the place is recorded in Hampshire (VCH IV, 594).

Dense pottery scatter (63/Ha) from SU 131175 which is to the E of Rockstead Farm Grass-tempered ware from a pit within Castle Ditches hill-fort.



Whitsbury
Based on OS 1st Edition 6"
map of 1871



Whitsbury

Glebe House Farm

Major's Farm

Carpenter's Farm

St Leonard's Church

Methodist Church

The Carr Wheel

Nippard's Farm

Lower Farm



Whitsbury
Development and
Archaeological Features

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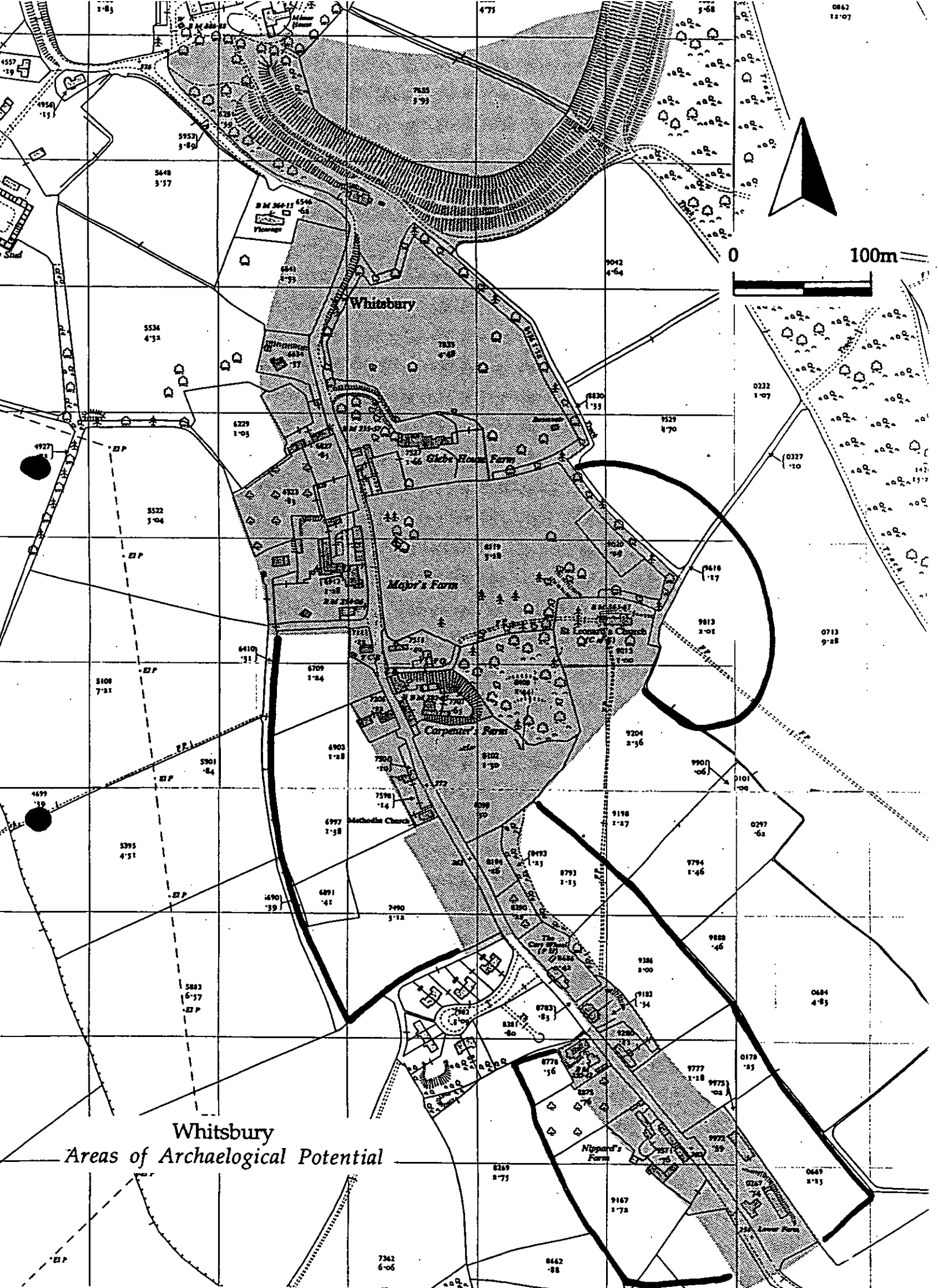
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Whitsbury
Areas of Archaeological Potential