

- 1.0 PARISH** Yateley
2.0 HUNDRED Crondall
3.0 NGR SU 48170 16090
4.0 GEOLOGY River Gravels, Lower Terraces.

5.0 SITE CONTEXT

Yateley is at the north-east extreme of Hart District where the Blackwater River and the Yateley Lakes form a natural boundary between Hampshire and Berkshire. The Parish Church of St Peter stands at 65m AOD and from here, the ground falls away northwards to 55m AOD in the Blackwater valley. Blackbushe Airport, on the southern margin of the settlement, achieves 98m AOD. The principal route through Yateley is the A327 Reading Road (generally at 60m AOD) which approaches from Eversley (west) and passes c. 100m north of the church before curving south-east towards Hawley. Within Yateley, two roads leave the A327 northwards to bridges over the Blackwater River.

6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION

Church and manor + common edge

Today, Yateley has a small-town look, comprising a number of modern housing developments. The Tithe Map (c. 1846) provides a very different picture, suggesting that it is an amalgam of three distinct settlement units.

6.1 Church and manor The Church of St Peter contains pre-Conquest fabric and the churchyard was probably defined by a ditch of medieval date (10.0). Yateley is not mentioned in the Domesday Book (14.1) and the church was a chapel served from Crondall (VCH 4: 26; 17.4). East-north-east of the church (c. 100m) is Yateley Manor House (formerly Hall Place). The present building is C18 but the presence of a manor house at Yateley with *one hide of land before the church* was recorded in 1287 (VCH 4: 20). This could be a reference to the building which is now known as The Old Vicarage which is 50m north of (before) the church and listed as C18 (9.0). The SMR (10.0 no. 15A) confirms this date but suggests that the structure has medieval origins (perhaps the original manor house site). On the opposite side of the A327 (north) the Tithe Map shows a group of buildings set out around a sub-rectangular yard. These are described as a homestead in the Apportionment (Hampshire Records 21M65/F7/271/1) but formerly, they might have been the buildings of the home farm. They stand no longer.

6.2 Common edge agglomeration Within 200m west of the church is Yateley Green, still a significantly large open space which now serves as a recreational facility for the community. Formerly it was common pasture (Taverner 1957: 21, 22). The Tithe Map (c. 1846) shows a row of plots with buildings, on the north edge of the Green, concentrated at the eastern end and abutting the cluster of property plots around the church. This row is a common edge appendage to the church and manor cluster. Approximately 200m south of the row, a small irregular enclosure (c. 100m x 40m), with cottages, formed an island of settlement typical of encroachment onto commons.

6.3 *Unclassified* North-east of the Manor House (c. 120m), the Tithe Map shows the A327 as expanding northwards, forming a triangular space, the north apex leading into Fry's Lane via Plough Road. This feature was a focus for a cluster of plots with buildings, the oldest being Kneller's Cottage (C17). In 1846 most of the buildings in this group were described as *house and garden* or *shop*. Their layout (and that of the road) suggests that they had once had a pastoral association. The majority of the 1846 buildings in this area have been demolished or substantially altered since that time.

7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The antiquity of St Peter's Church together with the scatter of medieval features and finds close by (10.0) identify Yateley as an important archaeological site. It is located close to crossing points on the River Blackwater. The church and manor were constructed alongside an east-west road route. Future archaeological opportunities could significantly enhance understanding of the development of this settlement.

7.1 *AsAP* (Map 4, page 286)

7.1.1 The pre-Conquest church, manor house, The Old Vicarage (C15), and The Dog and Partridge (the church house) demarcate the core of medieval Yateley.

Archaeological evidence from this area has underlined its importance (10.0; Map 3, page 285).

7.1.2 The former homestead on the corner of Mill Lane and the A327 was possibly associated with the church and manor complex.

7.1.3 Common edge settlement fronting the northern margin of the A327 (facing on to the green). The earliest extant buildings are C18 but the location suggests that these are late replacements for earlier buildings.

7.1.4 The south end of Fry's Lane. Kneller's Cottages contain C17 fabric. Adjacent plots are small and irregular, suggestive of small-holdings or squatter units.

7.2 *AsHAP* (Map 4, page 286)

7.2.1 As for 7.1.1 with the exception of a trapezium-shaped field to the south.

7.2.2 The east end of the former homestead grouping (7.1.2). This area seems to be the least disturbed.

7.2.3 As for 7.1.3 with the exception of a part plot to the north-west which is located back from the roadside.

7.2.4

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

St. Peter

8.1 *Church*

- Church substantially rebuilt after fire, 1979.
- C11 substantial length of north wall, blocked window & NE nave quoin long and short work. These revealed during repair in 1952.
- C12 north doorway; west end of nave with window visible from inside.
- C13 chancel.
- C14 south arcade; ogee-headed window and squint to former anchorite's cell.
- C15 west tower, timber framed.

- Monuments: brasses to William Lawerd († 1517) and wife; William Rygg († 1532)

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and wife; Elizabeth Morflett (†1558); Sir Richard Ryvves († 1671).

8.2 Churchyard

- Drainage trenching around outer perimeter wall has separated church from churchyard context.

9.0 BUILDINGS

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
4578	Pond Farm, Darby Green	C16, 20	II
4579	Church Of St Peter	see above	II
4580	Ye Olde Vicarage (HTS suggests C15)	C18	II
2592	Thatched Cottage, Cricket Hill Road	C18, 19	II
4581	Pond Cottage, Darby Green Road (HTS suggests C16)	C17 & later	II
4582	Yateley House, Hall Lane	early C18	II*
4583	Yateley House: stable block	C18	II
2592	The Nest, Cricket Hill Road	C18, 19	II
4584/5	Nos 1, 2, Yew Tree Cottages, Fry's Lane (W)	C17, 18, 19, 20	II
4586	Staplen's Court, Pottery Hill Road (S)	C16, 17, 20	II
4587-91	Nos 7, 9, 11, 15, 15a, Kneller's Cottage, Plough Road	C17, 18 19, 20	II
4592	Monteagle House (Vigola Farmhouse) Monteagle Lane	C16, 17	II
735	Cross Oak Cottage, Potley Hill	C18	II
4593	Clark's Farmhouse, Reading Road	C17, 18	II
4594	Yateley Lodge, Reading Road	c. 1800	II
736	Corner Cottage, Reading Road	late C18	II
4595	Glebe House (Vicarage), Vicarage Road	c. 1800	II
734	Barclay House, Vicarage Road	C18, 19	II
4596	White Lion public house, Reading Road	C18, 19	II
unlisted	The Dog and Partridge, Reading Road, former Church House	C18	

9.1 Hampshire Treasures Survey (HTS) itemises 3 buildings on the east side of Yateley which are not recognisable amongst those listed

- Yew Tree Farm (483300 160400) C1500
[4584 / 5 is Yew Tree Cottages but the map reference would not be correct for these]
- Old Cottage (483400 160400) C16
- Yateley Grange (482900 160300) C16, 17

10.0 SMR DATA SW 48100 16000 NE 48200 16200

SU86SW	No.	
2	48134 16122	Neolithic polished axe find. No further information.
3A	48195 16123	Undated cremation burial. Included fragments of a large urn (presumably prehistoric - IH 1997).
3B	48195 16123	Undated ceramic fragments associated with 3A.
5	48170 16091	Parish church of Saxon (C11) origin.
10A	48175 16091	Parish church (<i>qv</i> 5) C12 enlargements.
10B	48175 16091	Medieval, C14. Floor tiles in parish church, some probably derived from the Penn factory in Buckinghamshire.
10C	48175 16091	Medieval. 2 x coins found in nave area and outside the north wall of the parish church: *Short Cross penny AD 1194-1205 *Long Cross cut halfpenny AD 1248-1250 A token copper farthing AD 1635, and a token farthing Ad 1669, were also found.
11	48180 16091	Post-medieval mill, site of. Mill Farm was probably the mill cottage. Mill pond on other side of road is very overgrown. Tailrace almost obliterated (comments undated - IH 1997).
12A	48178 16094	Medieval ditch. Excavated to the north of St. Peter's Church in grounds of Chaddisbrook House. Possibly an early church boundary.
12B	48178 16094	Medieval pottery retrieved from ditch (12A).
12C	48178 16094	Medieval worked stone retrieved from ditch (12A).
13	48178 16094	Unknown date. Traces of a putative lime kiln from excavations associated with 12A.
14A	48141 16048	Post-medieval country house (early C18). Underpinning of the house walls revealed a series of slots, 1.1m long, cut down to the stable subsoil.
14B	48141 16048	Medieval (?) moat on east side of 14A. Excavation revealed that it contained discarded building material.
15A	48179 16096	Post-medieval vicarage, C18 and modern. Structural evidence of earlier (medieval?) origin.
15B	48179 16096	Fragmentary remains of wall painting (<i>c.</i> AD 1600) in St. Peter's Cottage.
	48141 16051	C18 & earlier: Yateley Hall.
	48140 16140	Post-medieval pottery.

11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES

1	481450 160880	Site of buildings (2), <i>c.</i> 1846
2	482430 160815	Site of building, <i>c.</i> 1846
3	481805 161025	Site of building, <i>c.</i> 1846
4	481840 161040	Site of buildings (2), <i>c.</i> 1846

12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe map 21M65/F7/271/2 (*1846)
- GSGB 285, Aldershot
- OS 1: 2500 SW 48142 16074 NE 48227 16129
- OS 1: 25000 Pathfinder 1189 (SU 86/96), Bracknell and Ascot and 1205 (SU 85/95), Farnborough and Aldershot

13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

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14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

14.1 Domesday Book Not mentioned, but formerly the parish included Hawley, Minley and Cove and the last two are mentioned, (69,10) and (3,8) respectively. Hinton and Oake (1983: 114) suggest that Yateley was included under Crondall, albeit anonymously.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£ 3.12. 2	
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	Not listed.	
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£10.19. 6	(57 taxpayers)

14.3 Manorial Documents

A large part of Yateley was once in Crondall. Yateley was a manor (also known as Hall Court, which included the Frogmore estate). The manors of Cove and Minley were also within Yateley. Documents available at HCRO.

14.4 Hearth Tax

1665 197 hearths chargeable (56 houses),
65 hearths not chargeable (52 houses). Total: 108 houses.

- Separate listings for Cove, Hawley and Minley.

15.0 PLACE NAME 1236 *Yattelegh, Yatelegh*. Probably OE / ME ‘wood at the gates’ or *Geatanleah* ‘Geata’s wood / clearing’.

16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS**17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS****17.1 Commons:**

Yateley Common	48100 15900
Yateley Green	48100 16100
Frogmore	48400 16000
Darby Green	48300 16000

17.2 Other parish settlements include:

Darby Green 48370 16050	1277, Derby (associated with the family of William de Derby)
Hale Farm	1287, la Hale (Health)
Moor Place 48100 15600	1287, la More (Marshy Land; home of Robert de la More)
Minley 48248 15810	

17.3 1567: Yateley was a tithing of Crondall.

17.4 Yateley did not become an independent *vicarage* until C16 having been a chaplaincy of Crondall until that time (Hinton and Insole, 1988: 41).

18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

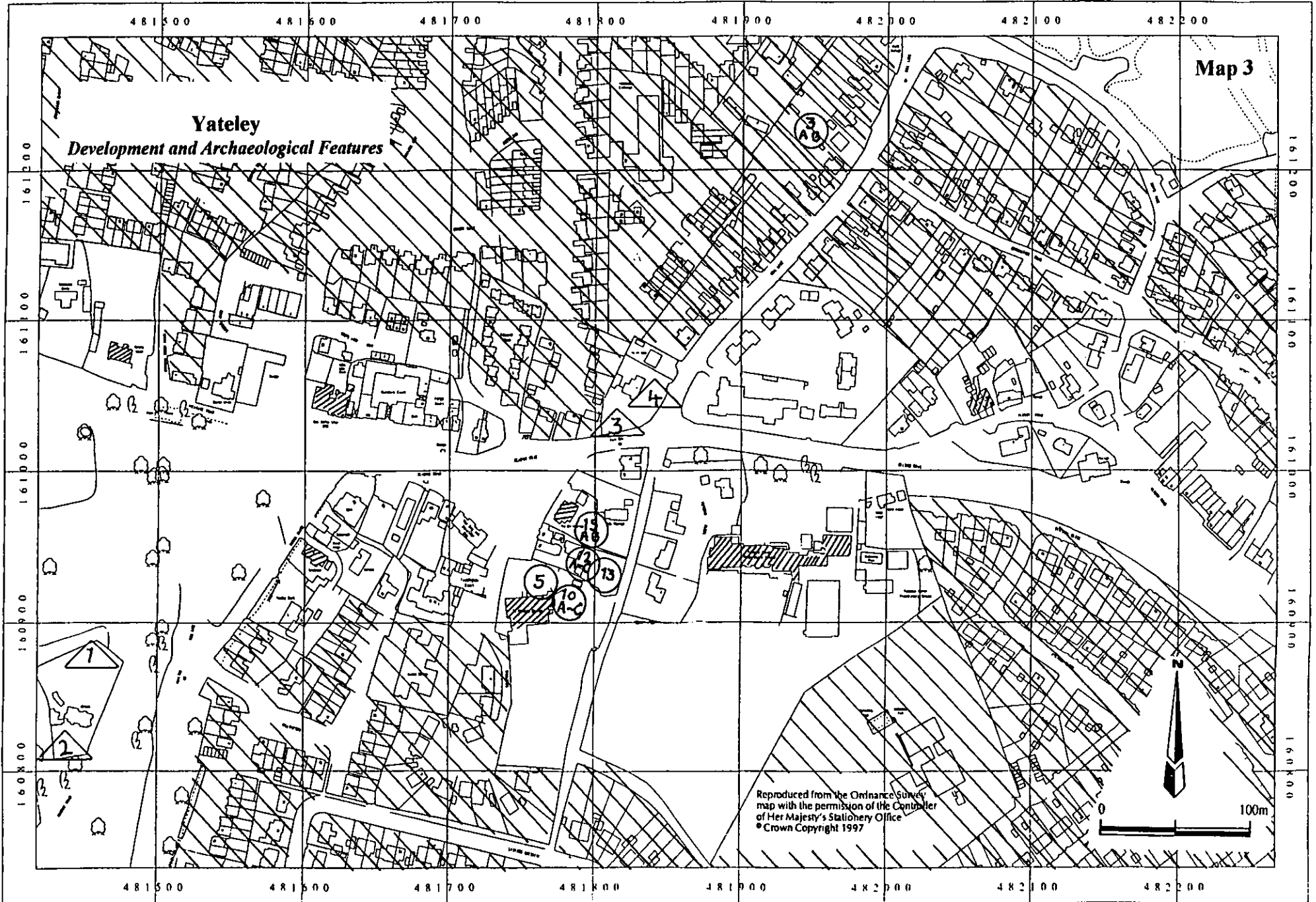
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- 2 Tithe Map transcription at 1: 2500
- 3 Map: Development and Archaeological Features at 1: 2500
- 4 Map: Areas of Archaeological Potential at 1: 2500

Yateley

Location

Map 1





Map 2

