

- 1.0 PARISH** Heckfield (formerly included the modern parish of Mattingley)
2.0 HUNDRED Holdshott
3.0 NGR SU 47230 16040
4.0 GEOLOGY Lower Bagshot (sand) abounding Plateau Gravel (north) & London Clay (south).

5.0 SITE CONTEXT

Heckfield church is situated on a south-facing spur at c. 80m AOD. From this point there are extensive views east, south and west across lower-lying land which is characterised by its springs and wells. The principal route into the settlement runs north / south, once forming a tortuous loop between the Church and Heckfield House. A Modern by-pass (B3340 Reading Road) is located c. 200m to the east.

6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION

Church and manor house

The principal components of Heckfield are the Church of St Michael, Highfield House, Heckfield House and a medieval deer park.

6.1 The present church is largely C13 but Domesday Book mentions a church at Heckfield and it is likely to have stood on the same site. The dedication to St Michael is appropriate for a church on high ground.

6.2 *Manor house site* (?) South-west of the church is Highfield House (C18), the dower house for Stratfield Saye (VCH 4: 44), and which is thought to occupy the site of the manor house. However, VCH (4: 72) also states that Highfield House stands on the site of a palace which existed here in C13. The House lies within the medieval park and so it is possible that its predecessor was the lodge.

6.3 *Manor house* (?) Heckfield House (C16) stands within a loop in the through-road which divides it from the church. The former status of this house is open to debate. It stands outside the medieval park and is not, therefore, a good candidate for the lodge. It is conceivable that it could have been the manor house if assumptions about Highfield House are incorrect (6.2).

6.4 The remaining medieval park pale begins at the roadside opposite Heckfield House, heading west-south-west, and visible for some of the way, but then turning south for almost 1km before taking an eastward course to rejoin the road. Highfield Farm, 300m north-north-west of the church, is within its own enclosure in the parkland. The farmhouse is early C19 and this may be the approximate date for the whole of the farm complex, though perhaps it is contemporary with Highfield House.

6.5 *Site visit conditions:* strong, low sun; dry.

7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

7.1 *AsAP* (Map 4, page 166)

7.1.1 The Church of St Michael is an ancient site and tradition implies that this might also apply to the site of Highfield House, which probably occupies either the site of the manor house or lodge. Heckfield House (C16) and grounds is a potential manor house or lodge site. The AAP encompasses all of these plus the wedge-shaped area of land north of Heckfield House which is occupied by buildings of C18 and C19. A long, low, linear earthwork on the west side of Church Lane might represent remnant park pale (Map 3, page 165).

7.1.2 *Highfield Farm* is broadly contemporary with Highfield House. However, it has an irregular perimeter boundary and therefore the site could be older. For this reason only it has been designated an AAP.

7.1.3 There is little evidence of peasant accommodation at Heckfield. The plots east of the c. 200m east of the church, now occupied by The Old School and School House, Chestnut Cottage, Burgess House and Burgess Cottage, might represent the sites of small-holdings but they are probably post-medieval. Opportunities to evaluate these could prove useful.

7.2 *AsHAP* (Map 4, page 166)

Within 7.1.1, an area including:

- Highfield House and immediate grounds
- the church and churchyard
- Heckfield House and immediate grounds including those of Heckfield House Cottage (south), Nuthatch (east) and Nos 26 and 27 Church Lane (north).

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

• **St. Michael**

Location protrudes into the medieval deer park

8.1 *Church*

- C12 piscina discovered in the north chapel in 1876 (VCH 4: 48).
- C13 chancel and nave which have been rendered.
- C16: stone tower; brick window in east gable of north chapel.
- Monuments: brass to John Creswell † 1518; brass to Mrs Hall † 1514; small alabaster monuments with kneeling figures 1607, 1608, 1609.
- Restored 1876 (VCH 4: 48)
- Access to the interior was not possible

8.2 *Churchyard*

- The church has been severed from its churchyard context by drainage trenching, though the damage is possibly less critical on the north side.

9.0 BUILDINGS

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
4017	Clay's Farmhouse, Chaundler's Green	C18	II
4018	Clay's Farm: granary	early C19	II
4019/20	Nos 26, 27, Church Lane	early C18	II
4021	27 Church Lane: granary	early C19	II
1832	Church of St Michael, Church Lane	C13, 1500, 1897	II*
4022	Highfield Farmhouse, Church Lane	early C19	II
4023	Highfield Farm: granary	early C19	II
4024	Highfield House Lodge, Church Lane	mid C19	II
4025	Forecourt wall to almshouses	mid C19	II
4026	Well House, Church Lane	mid C19	II
4027/8	Nos 20, 22, N Block	mid C19	II
1244	Heckfield Memorial Hall, E Block	C19	II
1380/1	Highfield House, Church Lane	C18	II*
4029	Highfield House: stables, Block A	early C19	II
4030/1	Stable Cottage & Gardner's Cottage, Church Lane	early C19	II
4032	Heckfield House, Church Lane	C16, 19	II
4033	Parkside, Basingstoke Road (W)	C18	II
4034	The Cottage, Basingstoke Road (W)	late C18	II
4035/6/7	Nos 1, 2, 3, Springwell Cottages, Basingstoke Road	C17	II
4038/9/40	Lower Pitham House, Lower Pitham Cottage, Lower Pitham Place	C17, 18, 20	II
4041	Goburn's Hill, Basingstoke Road (W)	early C19	II
4043	Monument (London) Lodges	early C19	II
4044	The Kennels, Basingstoke Road, (W)	C18, 19	II
4045	Kennel Cottage, Basingstoke Road (W)	C19	II
4046	Park Corner, Basingstoke Road (W)	C18, 19	II
4047	Park Corner Lodge, Basingstoke Road (W)	early C19	II
4049	Ragmoor Farmhouse, Basingstoke Road (E)	C17, 19	II
4050	The Forge, Basingstoke Road (E)	C18	II
4053	Wun Malthouse, Basingstoke Road (E)	Mid C19	II
4054	Heckfield Place, Heckfield Heath	C18, 19	II
4055	Welford House (Heath Cottage), Heckfield Heath	mid C19	II
4056	Holdshott Farmhouse, Holdshott Road	late C18	II
4057	Holdshott House, Holdshott Road	C18, 1900	II
4058	The Old Post House, Holdshott Road	C17, 20	II
4059/60	Nos 12, 14, Hill Cottages, Holdshott Road	C18	II
2012	Hill House, Holdshott Road	C18, 19	II
4061	*Whitewater Cottage, near Hound Green	C17, 19	II
4062	The Old Schoolhouse, Hound Green	early C19	II
4063	Cold Piece Farmhouse, near Hound Green	C18, 19	II
4064	Cold Piece Farmhouse: cartshed	C18	II
4065	Cold Piece Farmhouse: barn S of	C18	II
4066	Kiln Farmhouse, near Hound Green	C17, 19	II

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4067	Kiln Farmhouse: barn W of	C18	II
4068	*Ivy Cottage, Hound Green	C17	II
4069	The Malthouse, Malthouse Lane	C18, 19	II
4070	Home Farm barn, Malthouse Lane	C18	II
4071	Brown's Farm Cottage, Malthouse Lane	C18, 19	II
4072	New Inn, Odiham Road	C18, 19	II
4073	Heckfield C of E Primary School, Odiham Road (The Old School)	C17, 19	II
4074	Chestnut Cottage, Odiham Road	late C18	II
4075	Burgess House, Odiham Road	C18, 19	II

10.0 SMR DATA SW 47202 16000, NE 47300 16100

SU76SW	No.	
6	47220 16044	Post-Medieval. Highfield House (C18) on site of Manor House of Heckfield.
7	47220 16020	Medieval. Deer Park, licence to enclose 1328. Park pale visible 7199 6053 to 7217 6056.
8	47225 16049	Medieval. Parish church of St. Michael C13.
37	47234 16061	Medieval. Irregular timber building C16; C19 extensions.

11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES

1	472350 160650 to 472400 160800	Low earthworks. Possible park boundary.
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12.1 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/114/2 (1840/41)
- GSGB 284 Basingstoke
- OS 1:2500 SW 47209 16012, NE 47604 16097
SW 47247 15879, NE 47337 15939
- OS 1:25000 Pathfinder 1188, Mortimer and Arborfield

13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

14.1 Domesday Book

23, 36 Hugh of Port. Stenesnoc held it from King Edward in freehold. Then and now it paid tax for 2 hides. Land for 5 ploughs. In lordship 1; 14 villagers and 8 smallholders with 9 ploughs. A church; 2 slaves; a mill at 5s; a fishery at 100 eels; meadow, 3 acres; woodland at 100 pigs. Value before 1066 and later 100s; now £6; however, it pays £8.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£ 3.10. 6	
1524	Taxed with Mattingley		
	<i>1st survey:</i>	Not listed.	
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£19. 2. 0	(85 taxpayers)

14.3 Manorial Documents

Heckfield included the following manors: Heckfield, Holdshott, Greenes (first mentioned 1559), Mattingley, Putham, Hazeley, Hazeley Heath.

VCH states that Heckfield formed part of the possessions of the lords of Bramshill (4: 36).

14.4 Hearth Tax

1665 163 hearths chargeable (55 houses),
 9 hearths not chargeable (6 houses). Total: 61 houses.

15.0 PLACE NAME 1207 *Hechfeld*; 1208 *Hecfeld*; 1272 *Heghfeud*; 1280 *Heggefeld*.
 OE *Heahfeld* 'high open land'

16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS

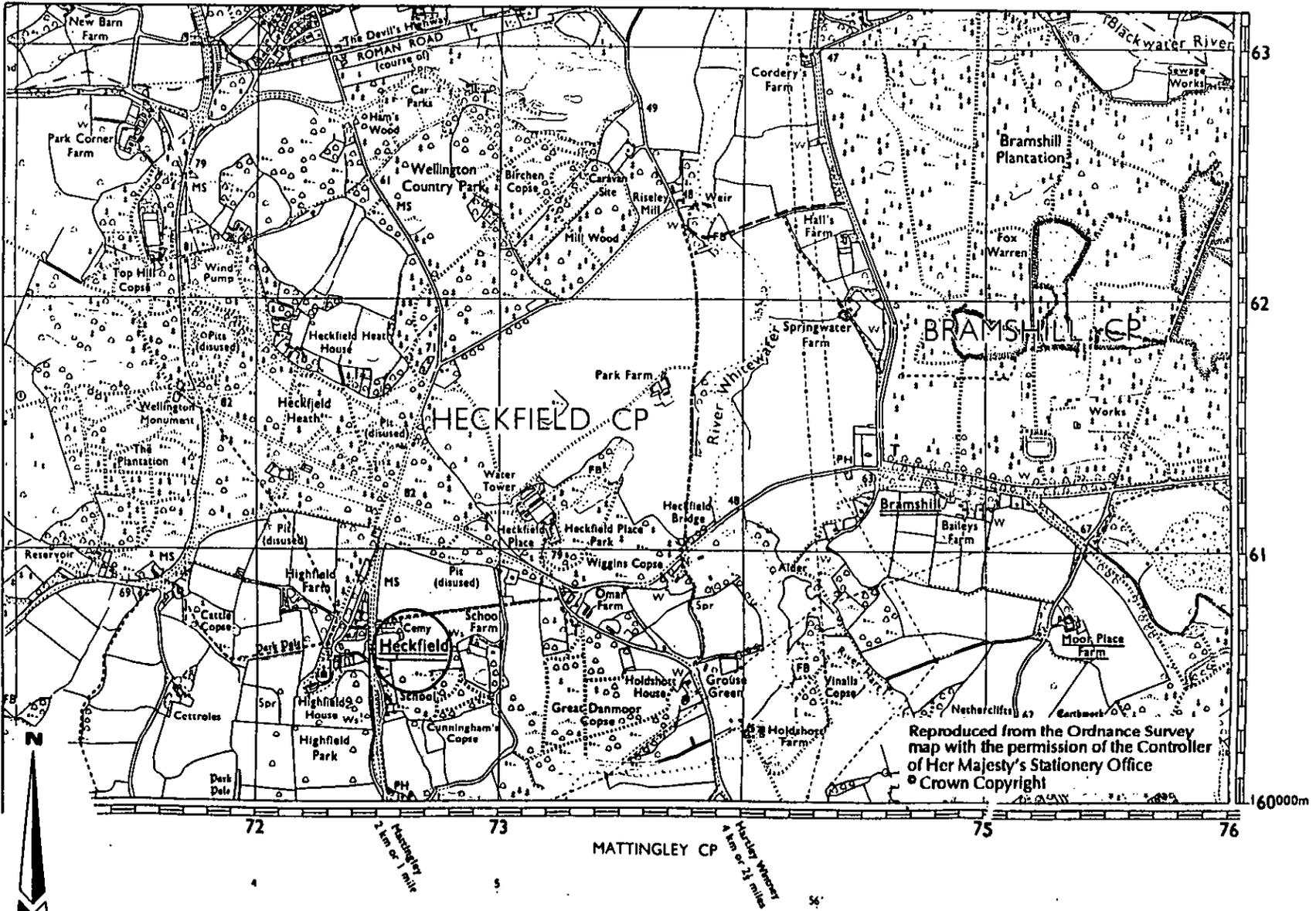
17.1 Common: Heckfield Common 47200 16100

17.2 Other parish settlements include:

Danmoor 47300 16000	1209, Dunmore (Dunna's Marsh)
Holdshott Farm 47400 16020	1086, Holdshott Hundred; 1209, Farm. SMR: SU76SW 1
The Moor	1333, atte Moor (Home of John atte Moor)
Riseley Common 47220 16310	1269, Boscus de Ryseleke (Wood of Shrubs/Brushwood)

18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

- 1 Location map at 1: 25000
- 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



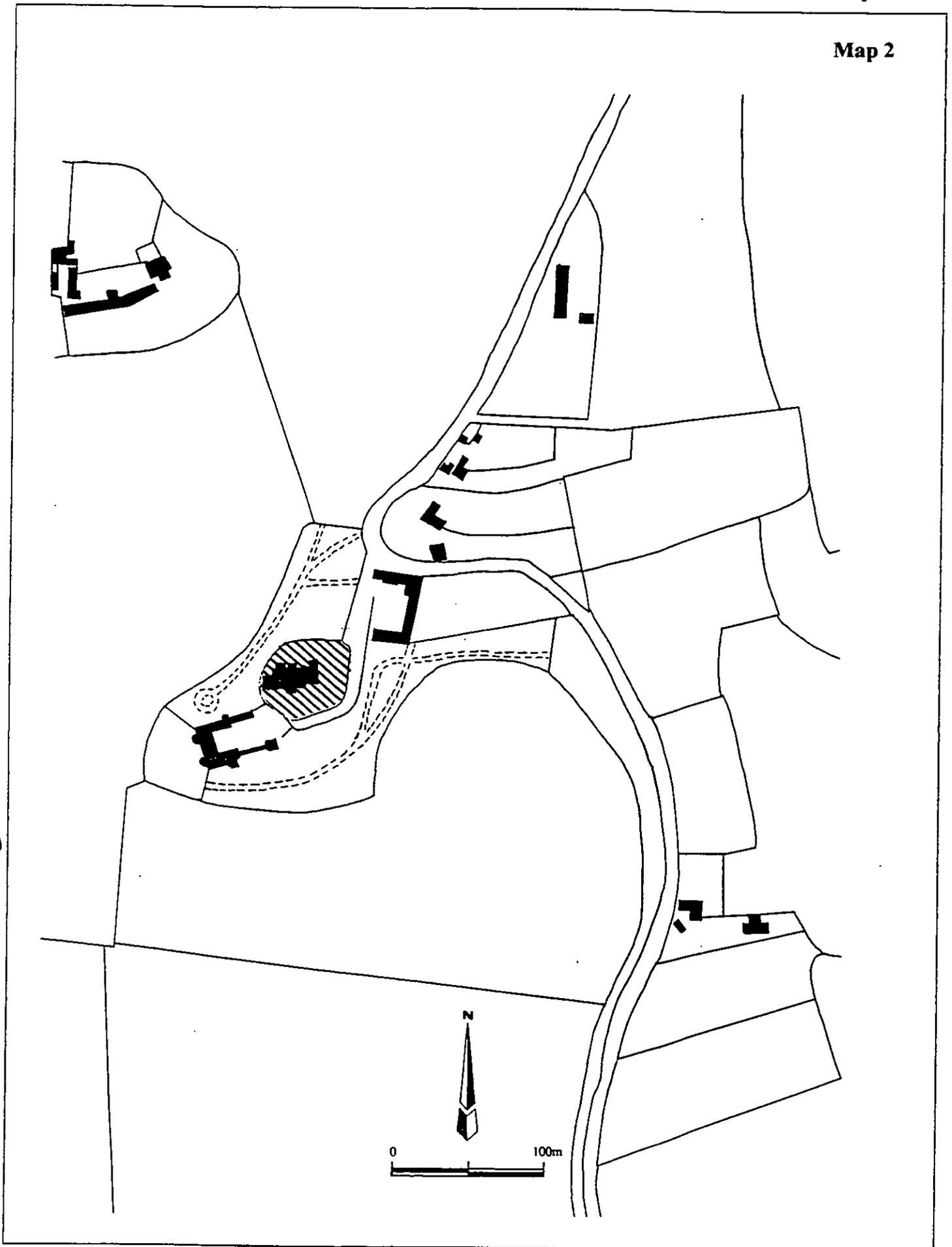
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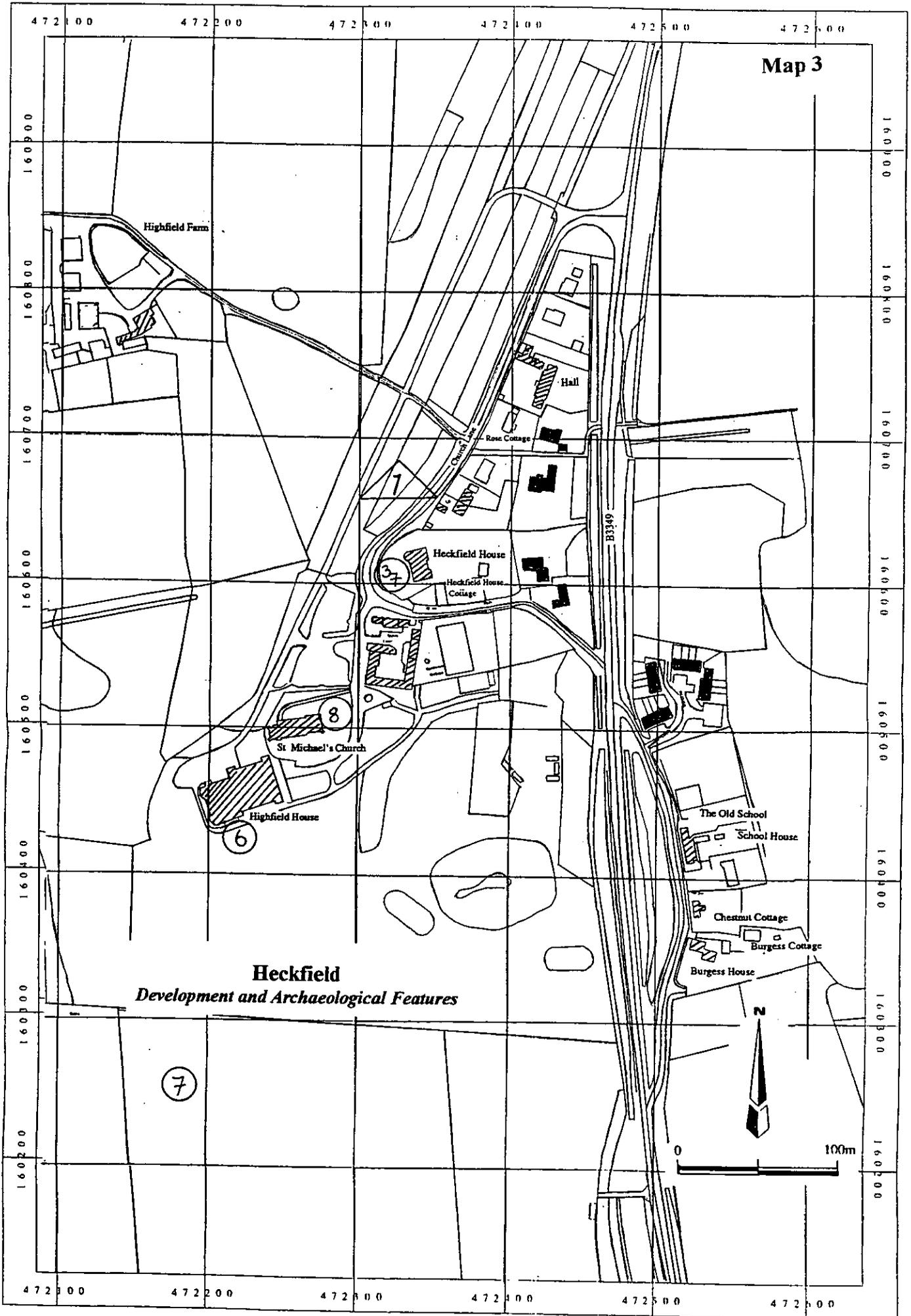


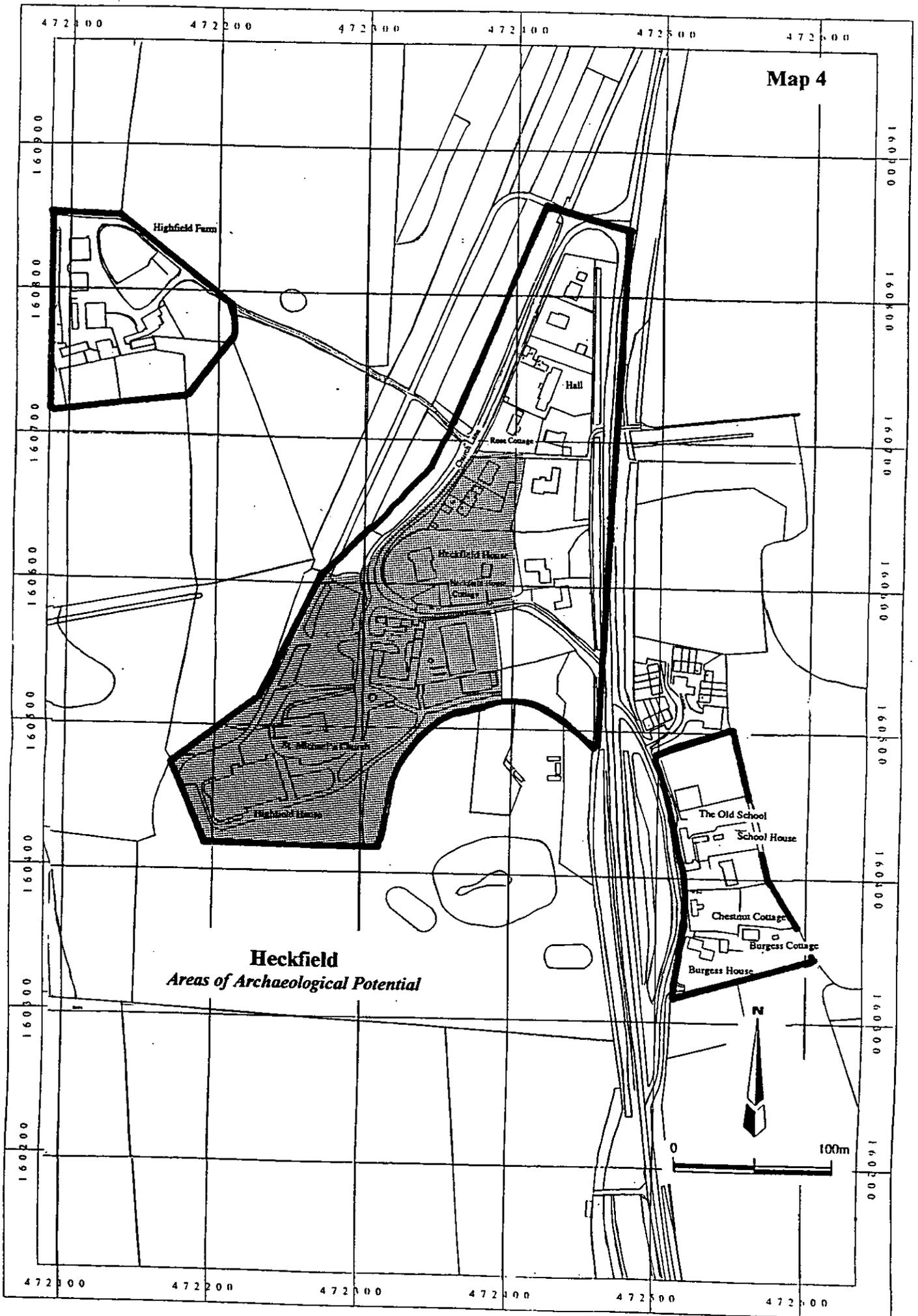
Map 1

Heckfield
 Location

Map 2







PLAN 2

