

PRISTON CHARACTER ASSESSMENT ASSETS LIST

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NATURAL ASSETS:

Woodland: [See Historic Landscape Survey of Priston Parish map](#) [compiled during the [Priston Farm Survey 1991](#)]

Priston Wood ancient woodland Grade 1, 21 indicator species, source: [Priston Farm Survey 1991](#)

Long Wood Grade 1, 13 indicator species, source: [Priston Farm Survey 1991](#)

Hedges: [See Historic Landscape Survey of Priston Parish map](#) as above which shows hedge numbers

All Grade 1, source: [Priston Farm Survey 1991](#)

Church Farm Nos.10;11;12;13;14;15;97;

Priston Wood Area Nos. 16;17;18;19;20;21;98;99;

Priston Mill Farm Nos. 41; 43;45;46;47;48;49;77;107;

Pressbarrow Farm Nos. 8;9;

Hill Farm [owned by Inglesbatch Farm] Nos. 78;106;107;112;113;118;

Hill Farm [owned by North Hill Farm] Nos. 22;23;114;115;

Village Farm [owned by Whiddlecombe Farm] Nos. 108;109;110;111;

Priston New Farm Nos. 57;60;61;62;63;90;91;92;93;94;

Wilmington Farm Nos.
30;31;32;33;39;40;42;44;45;46;47;48;49;54;55;56;60;61;62;63;123;124;125;126;

Natural Features:

Pensdown Hill
Pressbarrow Hill
Wilmington Down or Ridge
Wilmington Combe
Priston Brook and its valley
Conygre Brook and its valley
The tump at the village edge overlooking Priston Brook Valley

Landmark Quality: [See Priston Parish Landmark Quality map](#)

Wilmington Down or Ridge	Priston Hill [part of Southdown]
Wilmington Combe	Priston Brook Valley
Pensdown Hill with its early fieldworks	Conygre Brook Valley
Pressbarrow Hill	Priston Wood
Wilmington Copse or Wood	

Avenue of Poplars lining the road to Wood Lodge and Long Wood

Scenic Quality see Landmark Quality:

Geological Interest:

The main geological component is Liassic Limestone and clay with the exception of Wilmington Down and South Down, which are capped with Inferior Oolitic Limestone and Midford Sand.

Pensdown and Pressbarrow hills are Oolite with underlying clay.

Keuper Marl outcrops to the west.

The limestone supplied a number of limekilns on the outskirts of Priston village.

Priston Borehole is sited near the sewerage treatment plant.

Conservation: [see Priston Flora and Fauna map](#)

Whilst Priston has a rich environment, perhaps enhanced by set-aside policies, this demonstrates the complex interaction of biodiversity that all people need both to be aware of and care for. The orchids and the hedges are important and should be noted.

Plants in Priston include:

Nettle	Vetch	Ground ivy
Dock	Birdsfoot trefoil	White deadnettle
Stitchwort	Red clover	Yellow archangel
Red campion	White clover	Meadow clary
Ragged robin P9	Meadow cranesbill	White clary
Winter aconite	Herb Robert	Water mint
Meadow buttercup	Cut-leaved cranesbill	Wild marjoram
Lesser celandine	Long-stalked cranesbill	Great mullein
Travellers joy	Common mallow	Deadly nightshade
Summer pheasant's eye	Sweet violet	Common toadflax
Wood anemone	White violet	Ivyleaved toadflax
Yellow Corydalis	White bryony	Foxglove
Common fumitory	Rosebay willowherb	Field speedwell
Common poppy	Great willowherb	Eyebright

Rough poppy
Cuckoo flower/Ladies smock
Garlic mustard
Hairy bittercress
Shepherd's purse
Meadowsweet
Agrimony
Hemp agrimony
Great burnet
Lady's mantle
Dog rose
Bramble
Wild strawberry
Cornflower
Sow thistle
Dandelion
Mouse-ear hawkweed
Orange hawkweed
Golden hop P1

Orchids:

Early purple P4

Pyramidal P5

Dactylorhiza x grandis [hybrid between Common Spotted and Southern Marsh orchids] P8

Fungi include:

Clouded funnel cap/clouded agaric
Common ink cap
Dryad's saddle
Fairy ring champignons
Field mushrooms
Giant puffball
Horse mushrooms
Pleated inkcap/Little Jap umbrella

Trees in fields and lanes:

Crack willow
Lombardy poplar T1
Walnut T2
Alder
Hazel
Beech
Oak
Hawthorn
Mountain ash
Crab apple
Bird cherry
Blackthorn/sloe

Birds include:

Ivy
Cow parsley
Hedge parsley
Wild carrot
Primrose
Cowslip
Scarlet pimpernel
Hedge bindweed
Common cleavers
Field forget-me-not
Viper's bugloss
Wood sage
Self heal
Ramsons
Wild onion
Bluebell
Black bryony
Bath asparagus P2

Yellow rattle
Ribwort plantain
Red valerian
Guelder rose
Honeysuckle
Field scabious
Teasel
Daisy
Ox-eye daisy
Ragwort
Oxford ragwort
Thistle
Knapweed
Wild daffodil P3
Snowdrop
Lord & ladies
Flag iris
Lady's bedstraw
Hedge bedstraw

Broad leaved marsh orchid P6

Common spotted P7

Jews ears

Meadow blewit F1

Melaneuca Grammopodia

Morel F2

Parasol mushroom F3

Shaggy inkcap

Shaggy parasol

St George's mushroom F4

Plum

Holly

Lime

Spindle

Sycamore

Horse chestnut

Red chestnut

Ash

Elder

Yew

Scots pine

Mallard
Grey partridge
Pheasant
Cormorant **Bi1**
Little egret **Bi2**
Grey heron
Red kite
Buzzard
Sparrowhawk
Kestrel
Common gull
Wood pigeon
Collared dove
Cuckoo **Bi3**
Tawny owl **Bi4**
Barn owl **Bi5**
Little owl **Bi6**
Nightjar **Bi7**
Kingfisher

Birds cont:

Green woodpecker
Great spotted woodpecker
Skylark
Barn swallow
House martin
Wagtail
Dunnock
Robin
Song thrush
Starling

Butterflies include

Brimstone
Large white
Small white
Orange tip
Small tortoiseshell
Painted lady
Red admiral
Common blue

Peacock
Marbled white
Ringlet
Meadow brown
Gatekeeper
Speckled wood
Small copper

Caterpillars include:

Elephant hawkmoth
Spindle ermine moth **Bu1**

Insects [those identified] include:

Bee fly
Bumble bee
Honey bee
Leaf-cutter bee
Glow worm **I1**

Redwing
Mistle thrush
Fieldfare
Blackbird
Blackcap
Willow warbler
Chiffchaff
Wren
Great tit
Coal tit
Blue tit
Long-tailed tit
Nuthatch
Magpie
Jay
Jackdaw
Rook
Hooded crow
Carrion Crow

House sparrow
Chaffinch
Brambling
Redpoll
Goldfinch
Greenfinch
Siskin
Bullfinch
Yellowhammer
Goldcrest

moths include:

Hummingbird hawk-moth
Scarlet tiger
White ermine
Cinnabar
Six-spot burnet

Horse bot fly
Horse fly
Ladybird
Maybug
Wasp

Greenshield bug
Hornet

Mint leaf beetle
St Mark's fly

Water-based wildlife includes:

Azure damselfly
Common blue damselfly
Large red damselfly
Demoiselles
Broad-bodied chaser dragonfly
Common hawkler dragonfly
Emperor dragonfly

Eels **W1** Brown trout **W2**
Frogs Toad
Minnows Water boatmen
Palmate newts Pond skater
Smooth newts
Water scorpion
Freshwater shrimp

Mammals include:

Apricot [albino type] badger **M1**
Brown Long-eared bat
Common bat
Daubenton bat
Noctule bat
Pipistrelle bat Hedgehog

Badger
House mouse
Harvest mouse
Field mouse
Mink
Otter **M2**

Mammals cont:

Serotine bat
Soprano bat
Whiskered/Brandt's bat
Roe deer
Muntjak deer
Fox
Hare

Rabbit
Brown rat
Grey squirrel
Shrew
Stoat
Weasel
Water vole **M3**

Bacteria:

Noctule commune [Witches butter] **B1**

BUILT ENVIRONMENT ASSETS:

Heritage Value:

Listed Buildings: Priston: [See Priston Built Environment map](#)

- Priston Church [Grade I] and 5 no. chest tombs [Grade II]
43. Priston Village Hall [Grade II]
48. Church Farm House [Grade II] and Granary – late 17th century [Grade II]
62. Priston Manor [Grade II]
46. Old Rectory [Grade II]

Unlisted Vernacular Buildings & Other: Priston: [See on Priston Built Environment map](#)

- 68.** Pressbarrow Farm
33. Hill Farm
1. Village Farm
42. Ring O'Bells Public House
16. Old Dog Inn [house]

- 65. Barnstables
- 66. Wood Lodge
- 61. Fonthill Cottage
- 64. Priestbarrow Barn [House]
- 63. Manor cottage
- 50-56. Church Farm barn complex
- 34-36. Hill Farm barn complex
- 38. The Croft
- 37. Clare Cottage
- 21-22. 16 & 17 Priston and Rockhill
- 9. Applecot
- 2-3. Village Farm barn complex
- 4. Brook Cottage
- 5-6. Little Mead and 3 Priston
- 7. Rozel
- 8. Edgehill
- 11. 9, 10 and 11 Priston
- 20. The Old Smithy
- 24. The Old Coach House
- Unlisted Vernacular Buildings cont:
- 25. The Old Byre
- 27-28. Minnies and Rose Cottage
- 32. Underhill Cottage
- 41. Arum House
- 57. The Old Post Office
- 58. Swallowdale
- 60. Greystones

Listed Buildings: Wilmington: [See Wilmington Built Environment map](#)
 Wilmington Farm Gate Piers [Grade II]

Unlisted Vernacular Buildings and Other: Wilmington: [See on Wilmington Built Environment map](#)

Nos 1-8 Colliers Lane
 Wilmington Farm 18th century outbuildings

Aesthetic Value:

All listed and unlisted historic buildings in the above list

Architectural Interest and Aesthetic Value: Priston

There is much which remains of considerable interest in the fabric of Priston's buildings. Of the listed buildings, Church Farm (with the Granary), the Old Rectory and the Manor are good examples of their type retaining many original features and in largely unspoiled condition. There are many buildings which are unlisted but of local importance. In particular, Priestbarrow Farm and Hill Farm present handsome period front elevations while Clare Cottage, the Croft and Underhill, and nos 9,10 & 11 Priston are probably the best preserved cottage-type dwellings in terms of original features.

Heritage Value: Priston

Many of the buildings reflect the agricultural past of the village, including the three principle farms (Village, Hill and Pressbarrow) and their associated complexes of farm buildings. The cottages in the main street and elsewhere in the main housed agricultural workers and their families, and later in the 19th Century miners working at the nearby collieries and later Priston Colliery. The Old Post Office was, in living memory, exactly that (combined with a general stores). Part of Arum House was used until the 1980's as a garage/petrol station. Both the old Rectory and the Village Hall (the 19th century workhouse which became the old School) fulfilled important though different functions in times past.

Social & Community Value:

Priston Buildings & Spaces:

Church
Public House
Village Hall
Village Green
Cricket Field
Priston Mill

Priston Village Events:

Christmas Carol Procession
New Year's Day Duck Race
May Day
Flower Festival
Priston Festival

Associations:

For many years in the 19th Century the Old rectory was occupied by the Rev John Hammond who, with his friend the antiquary John Skinner, unearthed significant archaeological finds in the area.

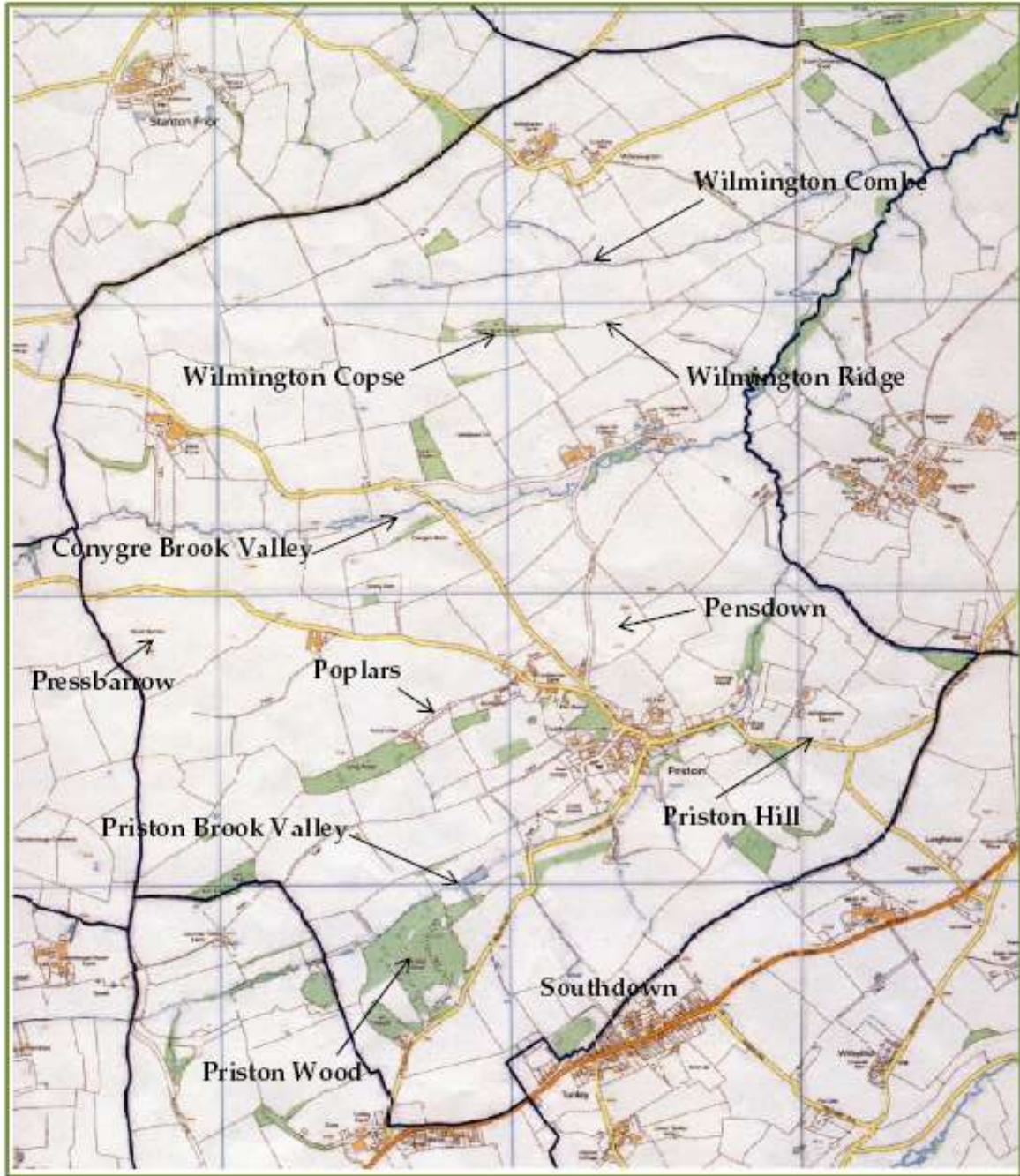
Archaeological Interest: [See Priston Parish Archaeological Assets map](#)

- A. Site of only known barrows [round] noted in 1821 in the field called Stowborow, Priston.
- B. Extensive early field systems on Pensdown Hill, and the associated fields of Middle Ground and Little Cribbs, Priston.
- C. Site of two Romano-British farmsteads with walls and an axial track – Great Croft Close, Hill Farm, Priston.
- D. Roman coffin in the porch of Priston Church found 1917 in Great Croft Close, Hill Farm, Priston.
- E. Site of possible medieval or earlier hamlet called on later maps Westend Town at the west end of Priston village.
- F. Course of the (?18th century) mill leat from Priston Brook to Mill Farm, Priston.
- G. Priston Colliery Site and 18th century small coal workings by the Conygre Brook, New Farm.
- I. Along the southern edge of Wilmington Copse there are a considerable number of possible megalith stones, previously upright, along the ancient estate boundary with Priston. The stones may be markers of prehistoric origin. Priston Farm Survey, 1991

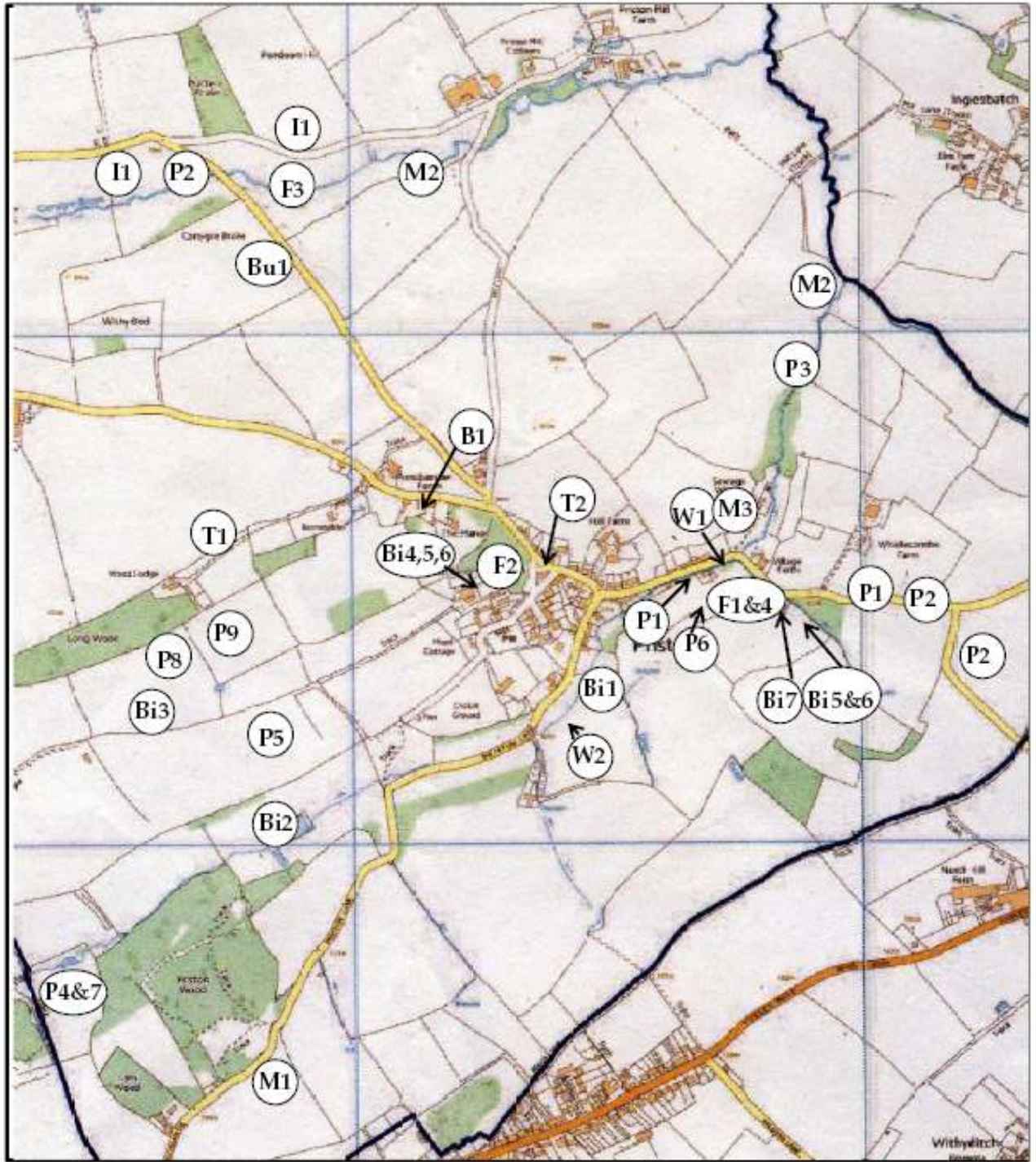
J. Extensive early field systems in South Cleaves, Further Moor and Bakers Butts fields, Wilmington.

K. Prominent bank and ditch with small enclosure (?possible house platform), East Wood field, Wilmington.

L. 18th century Boundary Stone on Wilmington/Newton St Loe boundary.

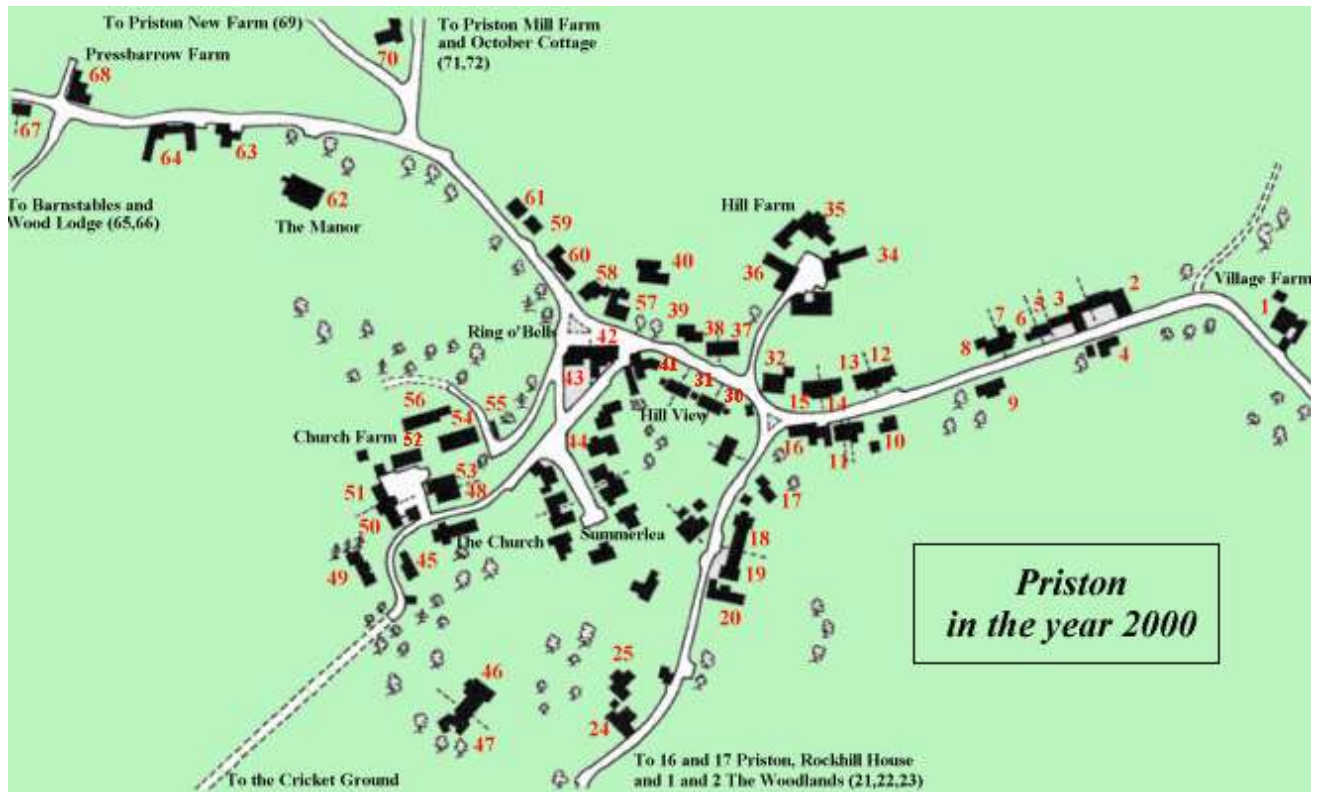


Priston Parish Landmark Quality



Priston Flora & Fauna Map

PRISTON BUILT ENVIRONMENT





Wilmington Built Environment



Priston Parish Archaeological Assets