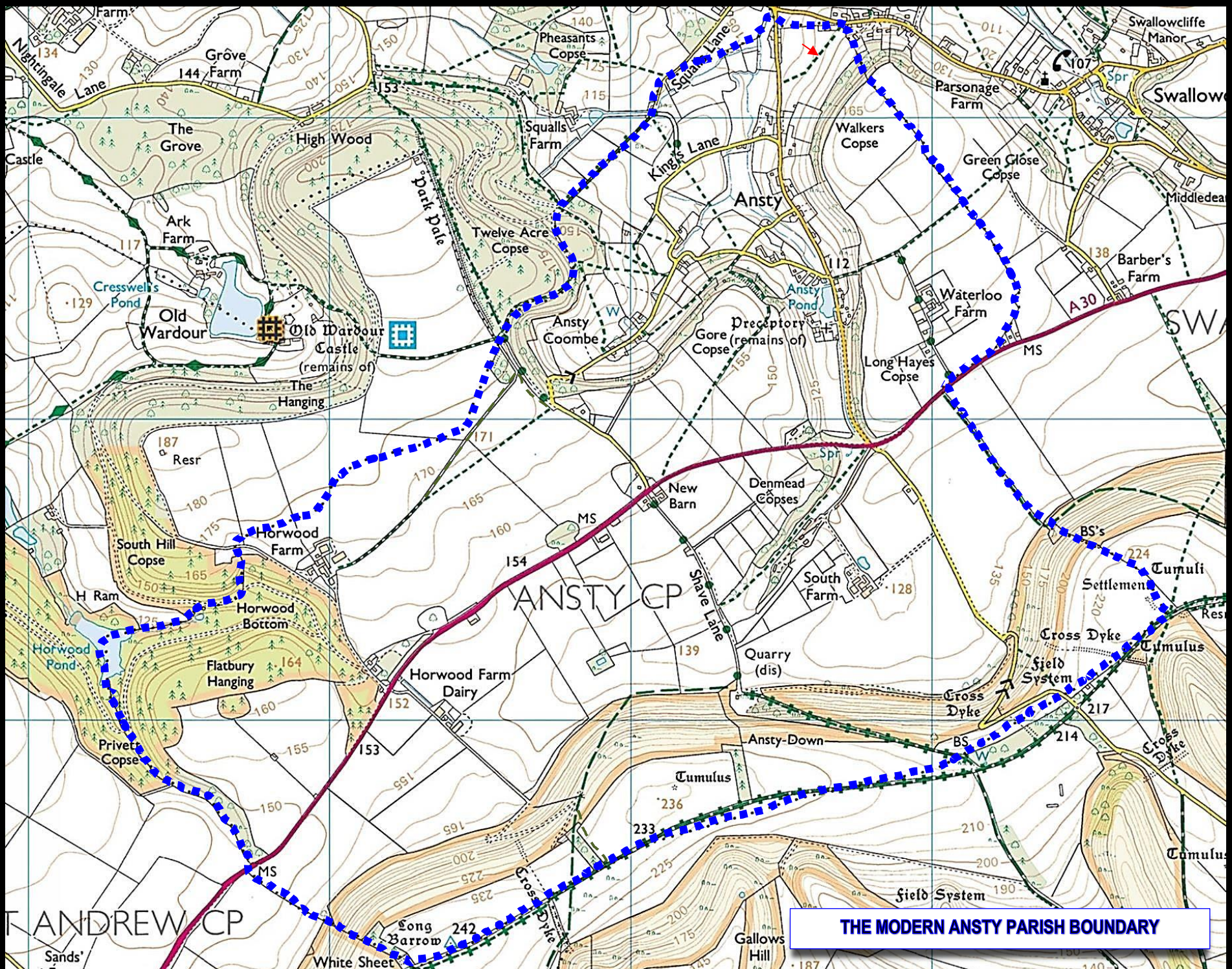


An aerial photograph of a rural landscape. The terrain is a patchwork of green and yellow agricultural fields, some of which are divided into smaller plots. There are several areas of dense, dark green forest. A small village or hamlet is visible in the center, with a few buildings and a small pond. The overall scene is a typical rural landscape with a mix of agriculture and nature.

Our Ansty Landscape Past and Present



THE MODERN ANSTY PARISH BOUNDARY



View looking east across the parish of Ansty Village

As a newcomer to Ansty parish back in 2008 I quickly realised what an impressive area this was.

I was fortunate enough to meet several senior stalwarts of the village (some who have since left or sadly died) who were able to convey something of the wonderful history and provenance of the parish. I was further inspired by Mr Tony Keating and his wife Rosemary (who lived in Ansty Manor from the mid-1980s until 2011) who both spent years researching and archiving (with friends) historical events concerning Ansty village, the Manor, The Commandery, St James' Church and the close links we once had with the Arundell Estate of nearby Wardour. Under Mr Keating's tutelage a splendid 'limited edition' book was produced: 'Ansty: A Wiltshire Village Story' in 2007.

There are plenty of documentary sources available that mention Ansty and its rich heritage but few of them put our lovely parish in context by employing the use of maps! What follows is an attempt to pull some of these excellent resources together to describe the historical and geographical landscape of Ansty – using maps, annotated pictures and notes. It is not meant to be an academic exercise but rather a collection of information to interest both residents of and visitors to Ansty parish.

As a keen geographer, the very varied landscape within our parish, from the grassy chalk down land, the greensand benches with their wooded edges and the clay based 'coombes' with small, damp meadows and lots of copses, have all been a continual source of delight.

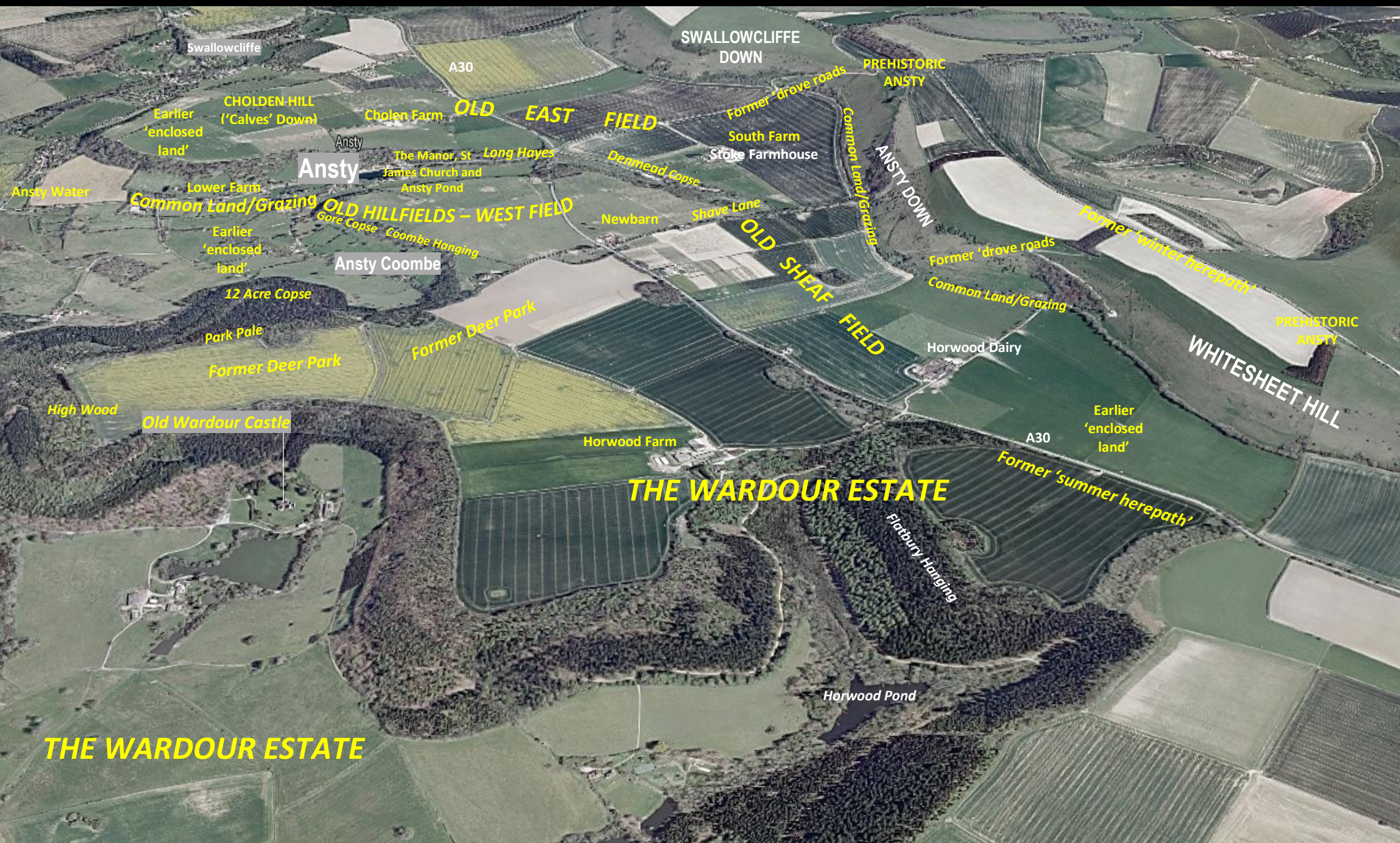
This is an ongoing project and never likely to be finished! Any corrections or suggestions for additions (including sources - digital or otherwise), appropriate old photographs or images (with sources, digital or otherwise) connected directly with Ansty, including verifiable notes and anecdotes would be most welcome. And so on to the first instalment. There will be more to come! Hopefully!

The Compiler

Focus on our parish



Our History



View looking east across the parish of Ansty Village showing some **historical aspects**