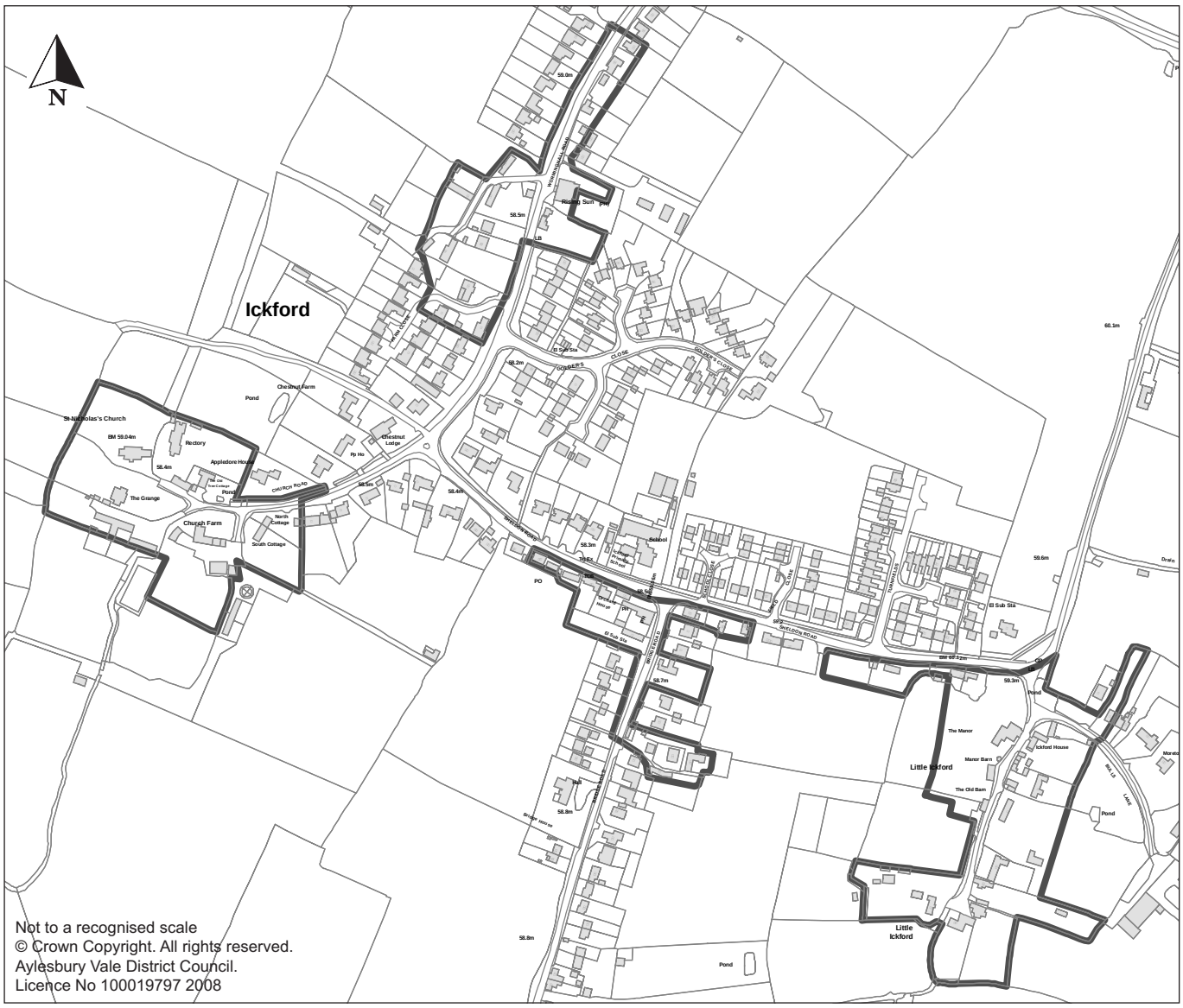
ICKFORD CONSERVATION AREA

Designated 16th October 1991

The village of Ickford is set in picturesque countryside just north of the River Thame, four miles west of Thame.

The older parts of the village are concentrated in four main areas; at Little Ickford; Church Road; Worminghall Road and around the Bridge Road/Sheldon Road junction. The latter half of the twentieth century has seen these four pockets of development connected by modern infilling, particularly on the north side of Sheldon Road and also along the Worminghall and Bridge Roads.

Views out from the village are limited by its shape and form and the preponderance of roadside hedgerow, but within the village there are a number of fine views along the roads both within and between the older areas.

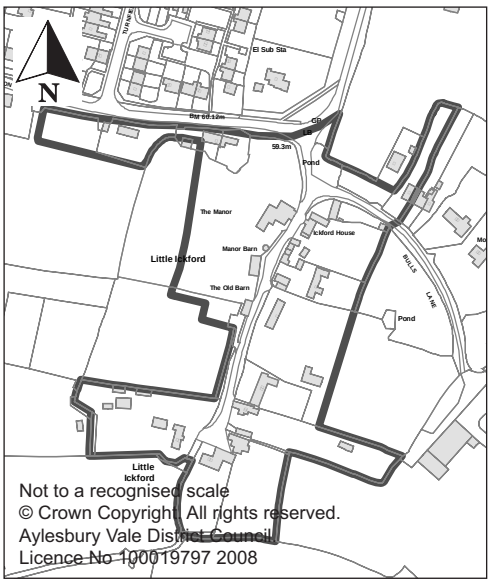


Little Ickford at the eastern end of the village has an attractive tree lined pond at its northern end but soon the 'open' character around the pond is superseded by a heightened sense of enclosure as the buildings, walls and hedgerows all abut the roadside and culminate at the head of the cul-de-sac at The Close. Many of the houses are sited in relatively large plots, thatched and date from the 16th, 17th or 18th centuries. The majority are also Grade 11 listed.

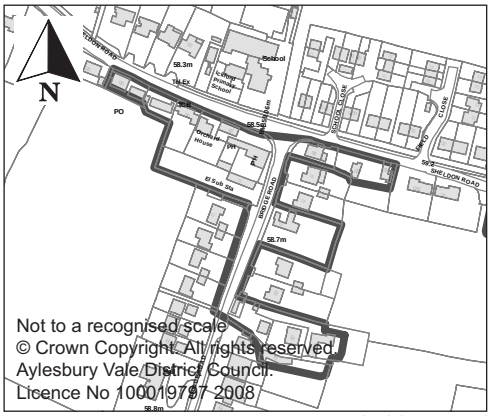
The tight abutment of houses onto the roadside is maintained along the southern side of Sheldon Road and the narrow cul-de-sac behind "Rose Cottage", where the three thatched properties, 17, 19, and 21 Bridge Road are located. All three houses are Grade 11 listed.

Elsewhere in the village, in Church Road and Worminghall Road, there are a great number of fine mature trees and hedgerows. This is particularly the case around the Rising Sun P.H. Grade 1 Listed 12th/13th century Church of St. Nicholas.

Properties in Church Road are set back some way from the roadside in comparison to other areas of the village but the village's characteristic enclosure is maintained by the tree groupings lining the northern side of the road, around the Church, the Rectory, The Grange and North and South Cottages and also, by the walls fronting Church Farm and North and South Cottages.



Little Ickford



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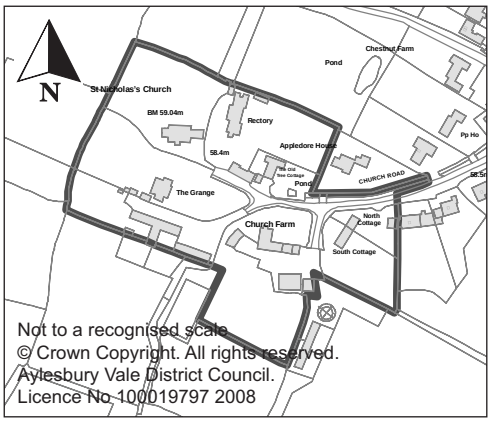

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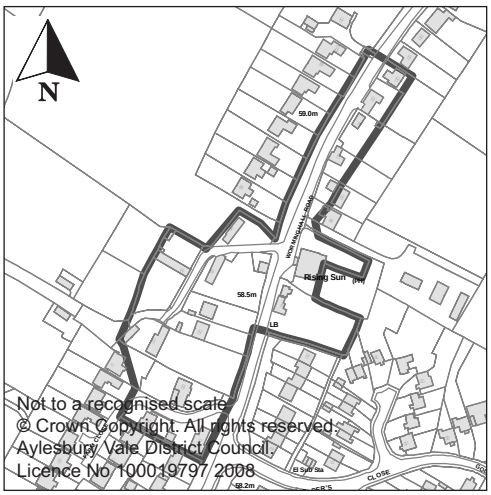

Worminghall Road

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