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# Great Budworth: Area of Archaeological Potential

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 An Area of Archaeological Potential (AAP) has been identified in Great Budworth comprising two Character Zones. Each Zone is identified by its defining archaeological or historical characteristics, or *Primary Characteristics*. For example, in the Medieval Core (Character Zone 1), the defining characteristics include the medieval church of St Mary and All Saints, medieval settlement and a potential market place.
- 1.2 Each Character Zone may also include sites and features, which are not characteristic of the Zone but are nonetheless of archaeological and historical importance, and these are identified as *Secondary Characteristics*. For example, Character Zone 1 also includes post medieval development, which has been identified as a Secondary Characteristic.
- 1.3 The list of characteristics is not exhaustive, and it is possible that other types of important archaeological remains and features exist within each Character Zone. The boundaries of the AAP and the Character Zones, and the list of Primary and Secondary Characteristics are intended as a guide for planners and developers. They are based on current knowledge, and are therefore subject to change as new information is revealed.

## 2. Existing Designations (Figure 1)

<b>Scheduled Ancient Monuments</b>	None
<b>Listed Buildings</b>	Grade I – St Mary and All Saints Church Grade II* - The Old School House Grade II – 47
<b>Conservation Areas</b>	One – The village is included in a designated Conservation Area.
<b>Registered Parks and Gardens</b>	None

### 3 The Archaeological Character Zones (Figure 2)

#### Zone 1: Medieval Core

Primary Characteristics	
<b>Church of St Mary and All Saints</b>	The church can be traced back to at least the 12th century, although the fabric of the present structure dates to the 14th century and remodelling during the 15th and 16th centuries.
<b>Medieval Tenements</b>	Medieval settlement comprising long, narrow tenements have been identified to the north and south of the High Street. It is likely that settlement was also located in the vicinity of the church, to the north of School Lane.
<b>Market Place?</b>	A medieval fair was held at Great Budworth but there is no documented evidence of there having been a market. However, informal markets were not uncommon and an open area and widening in the east of the High Street is characteristic of a medieval market place.

Secondary Characteristics	
<b>Early Medieval Church?</b>	A priest was documented at Domesday (1086), which suggests that there was an early medieval church at Great Budworth. This is likely to have occupied the same site as the medieval church.
<b>Old Schoolhouse</b>	A school was founded at Great Budworth c 1600. It stands in the churchyard of St Mary and All Saints church and is listed Grade II*.
<b>Post Medieval Development</b>	There are a large number of listed post medieval buildings in Great Budworth, including 17th and 18th century houses - for example, the Old Hall on the High Street, which is listed Grade II.

### 3.2 Zone 2: Post Medieval Expansion

<b>Primary Characteristics</b>	
<b>Post Medieval Expansion</b>	Most post medieval development occurred within the existing settlement, with small scale expansion on the periphery of the settlement, to the rear of the Old Hall and to the south of the churchyard.



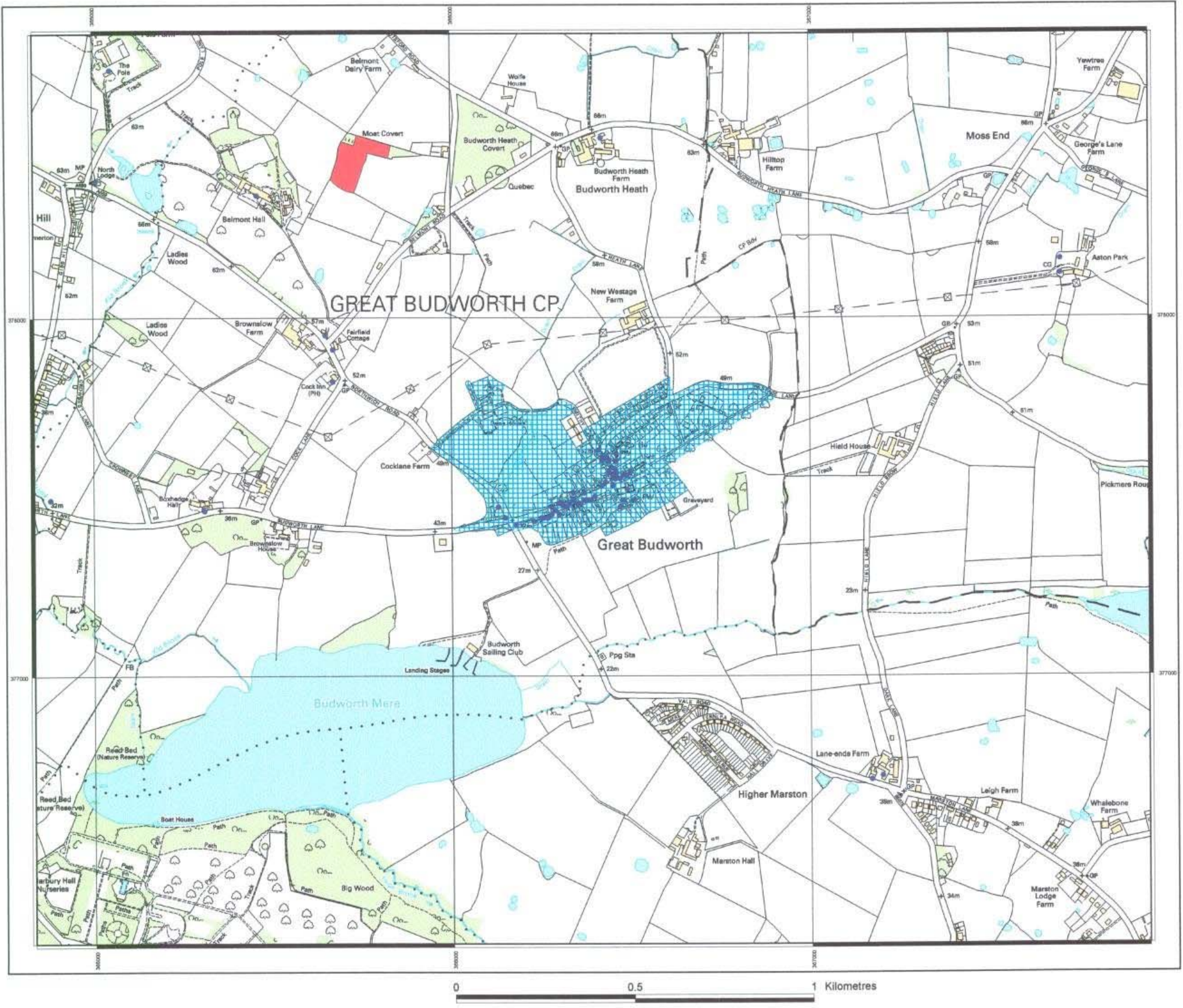




Figure 1: Great Budworth Existing Designations

-  Scheduled Ancient Monument
-  Listed Building
-  Conservation Area

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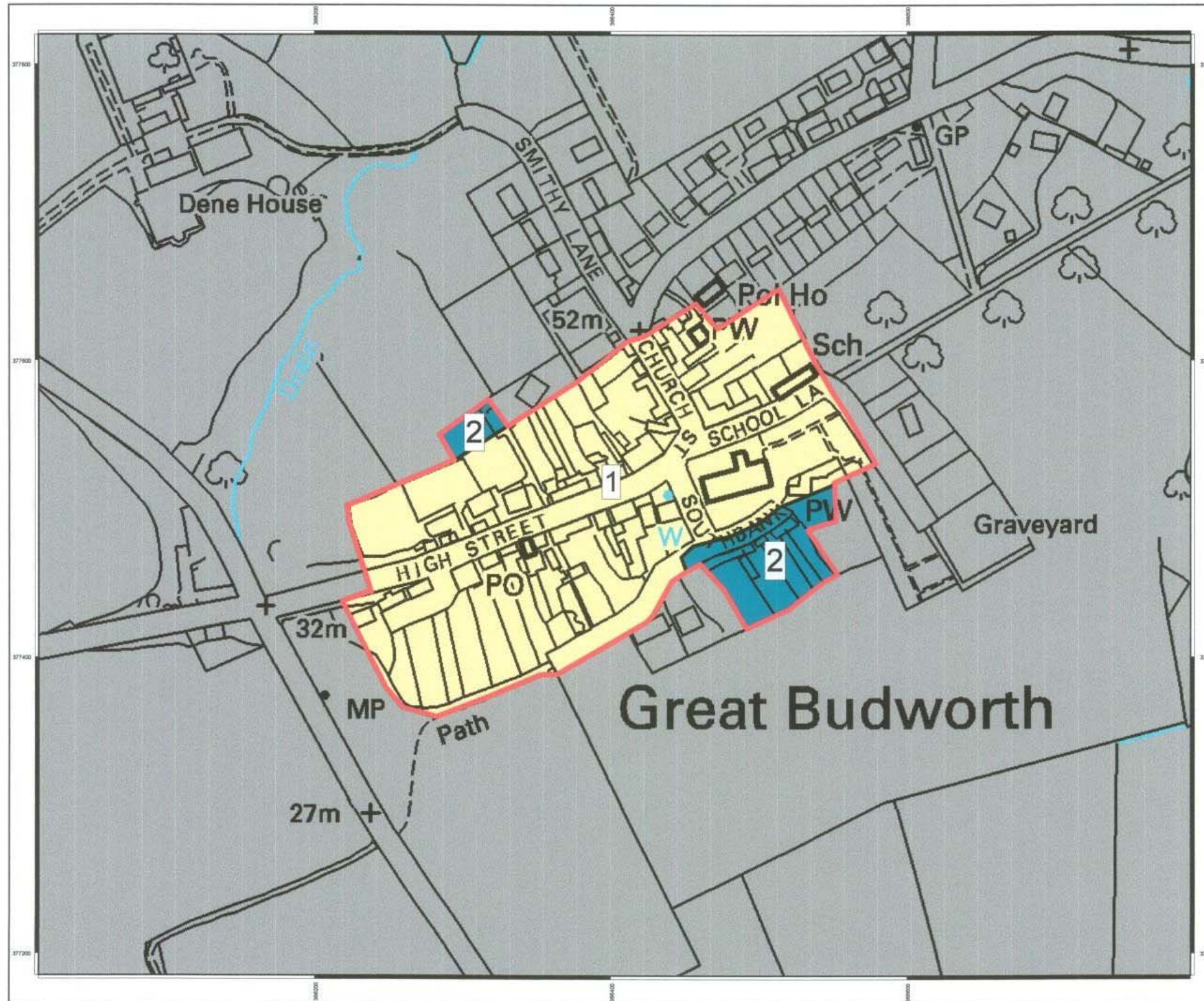


Figure 2: Great Budworth Area of Archaeological Potential and Archaeological Character Zones

- Area of Archaeological Potential
- ACZ 1: Medieval Core
- ACZ 2: Post Medieval Expansion
- Area Outside the Historic Core

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