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Careby Wood Archaeological Survey April 2001

1. INTRODUCTION

As part of a programme of archaeological survey within Forest Enterprise Woodland in South Lincolnshire, Careby Wood was investigated for archaeological remains during February 2001. The wood covers an area of 55 hectares and is situated 7km southwest of Bourne and centred on National Grid Reference TF 036 156. The woodland generally overlies Jurassic Cornbrash (GSGB 1972).

Part of the wood has previously been investigated, largely due to the presence of Careby Camp (SMR 30057, Maguire 1995) located at the eastern extent of the wood, which is also a Scheduled Ancient Monument (County No. 280; English Heritage 1996, 19). Situated 500m west of Careby Wood is the site of a presumed Romano-British villa identified from aerial photographs (SMR 34710).

This report has been prepared to provide information to ensure that any monuments discovered are managed for the future. The fieldwork and report were undertaken as part of the Forest Commission Ancient Woodland Project.

2. HISTORICAL NOTES

Careby is not listed in the Domesday Survey of c. 1086 and the village is first mentioned in 1199 in the Calendar of Charter Rolls (Cameron 1998, 28). During the medieval period, Careby belonged to the Wake family of Bourne although a wood, called *Marithic*, is recorded as being granted by a Baldwin de Brenecurt to the Canons of Bridlington priory during the 13th or 14th centuries (LAO Misc.Don. 574/1-170). The land subsequently passed into the Willoughby de'Eresby family (White 1856, 460).

The Careby Enclosure map of 1799 (LAO H103) indicates that the wood was larger and extended slightly eastwards and also north to join another woodland (Hurd's Wood). Careby Wood is not shown with any great detail on the Enclosure Plan although an east-west ride or track is shown. North of this track, fields to the west of the wood have encroached into the woodland. Careby Wood is shown as distinct from Hurd's Wood. This arrangement is still apparent on the Ordnance Survey drawings of 1815 which also depicts Careby Camp for the first time and which was used for the subsequent 1" maps (Fig. 3).

3. METHODOLOGY

The methodology follows that previously used for the Northamptonshire woodlands. This was devised by David Hall (e.g. Hall 2000) and outlined in the project brief prepared by G. Cadman

(Northamptonshire Heritage) and approved by G. Foard (County Archaeological Officer, Northamptonshire County Council) and Dr. B. Lott (Asst. County Archaeologist, Lincolnshire County Council). Current Ordnance Survey 1:10,000 scale maps were used for plotting with 1:10,560 Ordnance Survey maps of either the 1st or 2nd edition were used for reference. Each woodland compartment, i.e. the area separated by ridings, was walked at 50m intervals by two fieldworkers which ensured that all the ground was viewed within 30m of each fieldworker.

A record of the visibility of each compartment was produced (Fig. 1). Details of the visibility are indicated in Table 1.

Table 1: Detail of visibility and ground cover

Visibility	Colour on Figure	Details
Good	Red	Clear visibility
Fair	Blue	Some ground cover, low relief features may be missed
Poor	Green	Moderate ground cover, substantial linear features possibly traced
Very poor	Purple	Not walked due to extensive ground cover

A handheld GPS (Global Positioning by Satellite) receiver was used to provide National Grid References for any features found. Depending on satellite coverage, a degree of accuracy of approximately plus or minus 5m can be obtained using this system, which was regarded as sufficient for dense woodland where no line of sight, necessary for standard surveying techniques, is generally available and pacing is unsuitable.

4. CURRENT CONDITION

The most obscured ground within Careby Wood was in areas of recent planting or felling that had developed a tall grass cover, particularly in the eastern part of the wood, and poor visibility within much of the remaining woodland. Fair visibility was restricted to small areas at the north tip and eastern edge of Careby Wood.

5. ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS

5.1 Sites and features recorded (Fig. 2).

Archaeological remains

The only remains located during the survey were the banks and ditches of Careby Camp. Visibility did not allow a thorough examination of the monument although banks and ditches, where seen, generally survived in quite good condition. Banks survived to over a metre high and portions of the ditches contained standing water. Animal damage (badger and rabbit burrows) was noticed in the banks particularly on the eastern side.

Banks and ditches

External banks were evident along the southern edge of the wood, around Careby Camp and along the northern edge of the wood where a continuous bank can be observed, sometimes within the

present extent of Careby Wood. A bank, possibly upcast from an adjacent drain, was recorded along the western edge although this is probably recent as the wood extended to the west of this.

Internal ditches were identified within a triangular extension of the wood along the northern boundary and may be associated with recent drainage works which have previously been recorded within the woodland (Maguire 1995). An oval mound which is ditched around is also modern and is possible upcast from ditch maintenance.

Ridge and furrow

A small area of ridge and furrow earthworks on a northwest-southeast alignment are evident within a triangular area north of Careby Camp.

5.2 Comments on the remains

Significant archaeological remains are restricted to the earthworks of Careby Camp of which very little is known. Map evidence indicates that the extent of Careby Wood has shrunk over the past 200 years.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Archaeological remains

Careby Camp is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and therefore measures are already in place to protect the remains. Banks and ditches of the camp should be cleared of undergrowth in consultation with English Heritage and the whole area kept free of machinery.

6.2 Further work

Much of Careby Wood was unsuitable for extensive survey due to poor visibility. Therefore, the wood will need to be surveyed in the future when conditions are suitable for archaeological survey.

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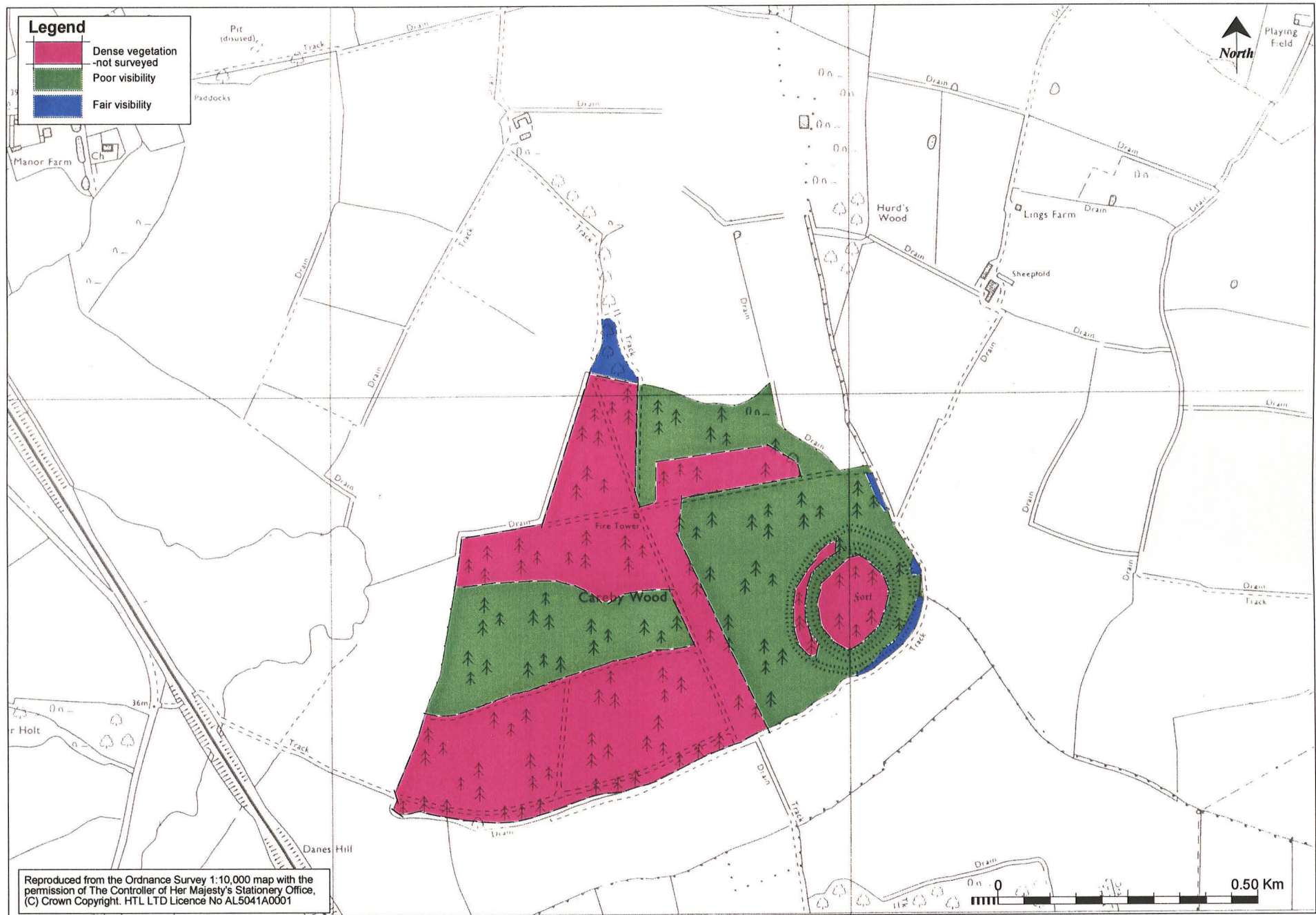


Figure 1 Careby Wood visibility

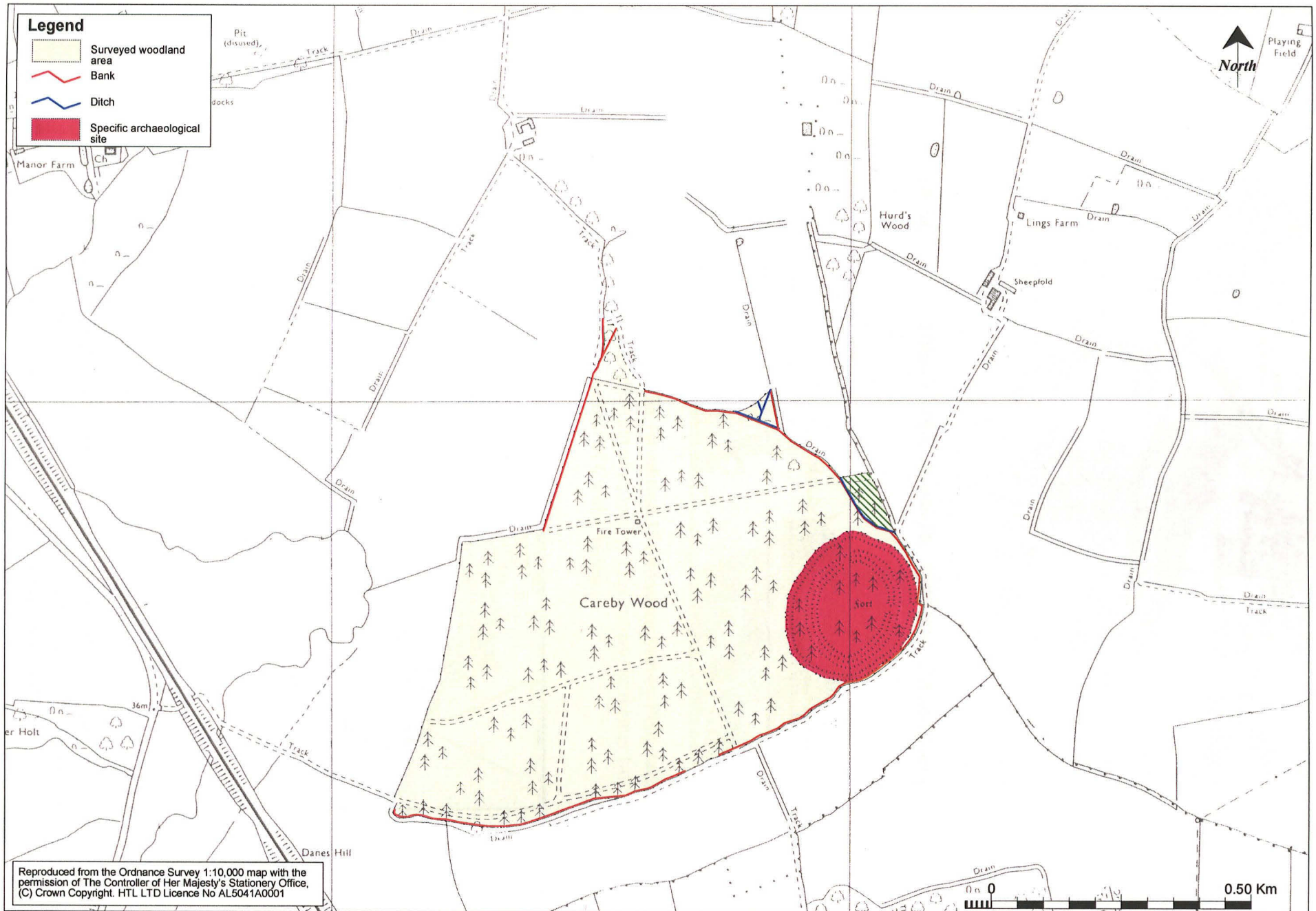


Figure 2 Archaeological remains in Careby Wood

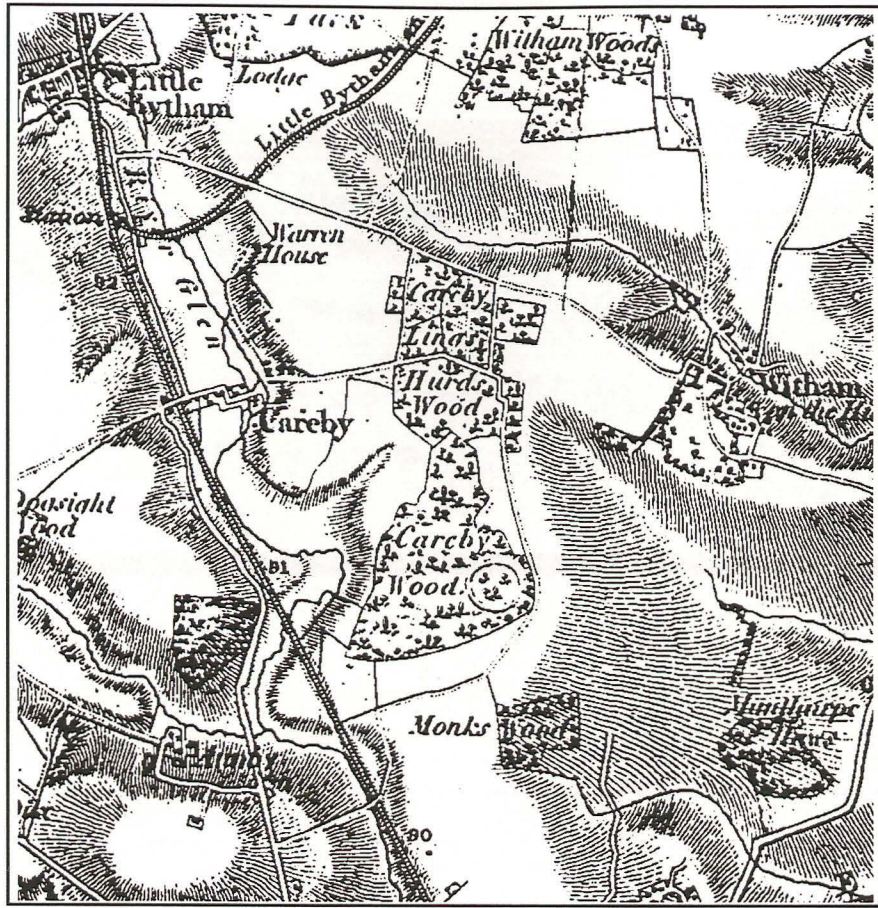


Figure 3 - Extract from the 1st edition 1" Ordnance Survey Plan, later addition showing the addition of railways. This shows the former full extent of Careby Wood.

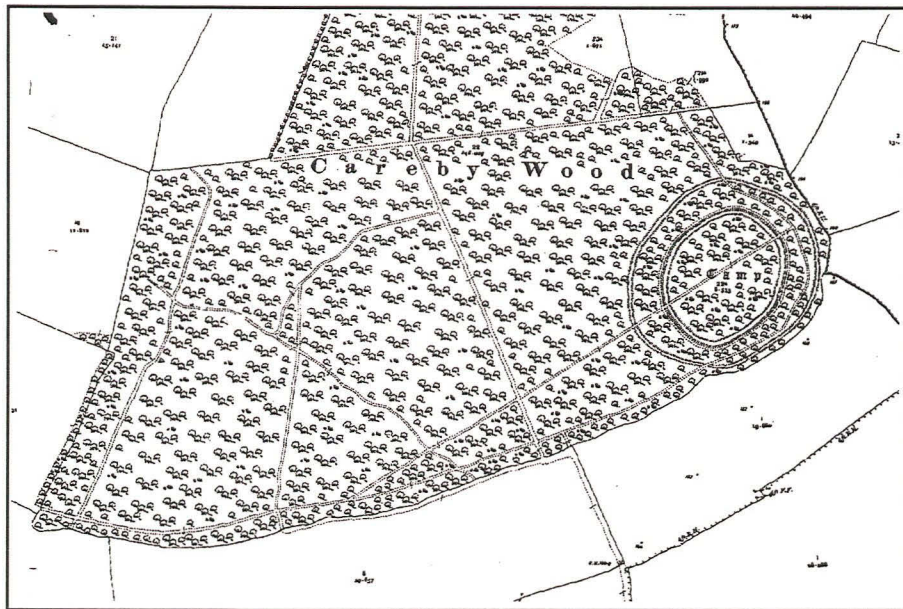


Figure 4 - Careby Wood in 1904. This the southern portion of the wood has remained unchanged to the present day apart from a reduction in the number of ridings through the wood.



Plate 1 - Aerial view of Careby Camp taken during the 1960s. Recent clearance has partially exposed the layout of the banks and ditches (Cambridge University Committee for Aerial Photography)