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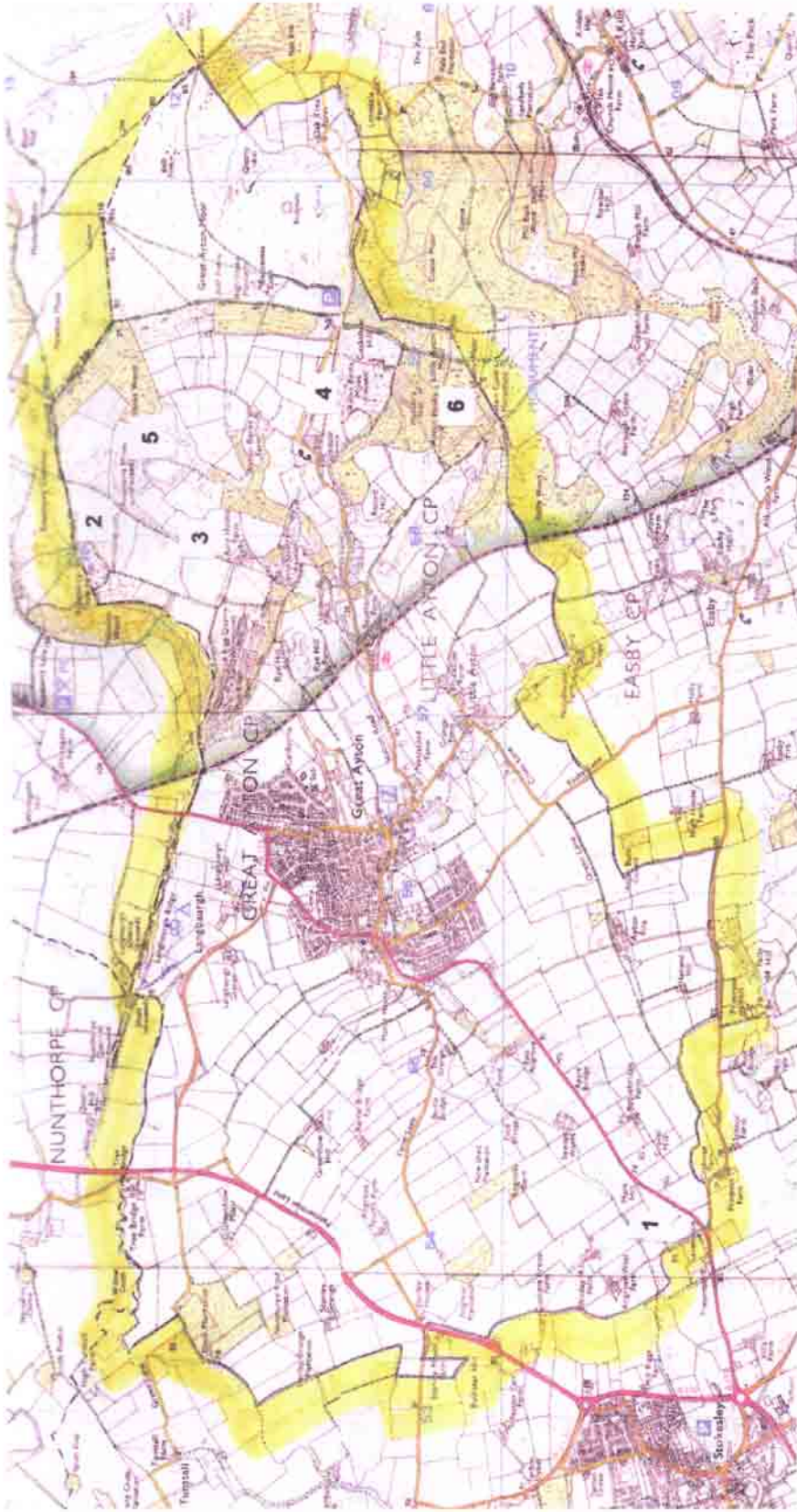
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**The photograph on the previous page shows Aireyholme Farm and Roseberry Topping**

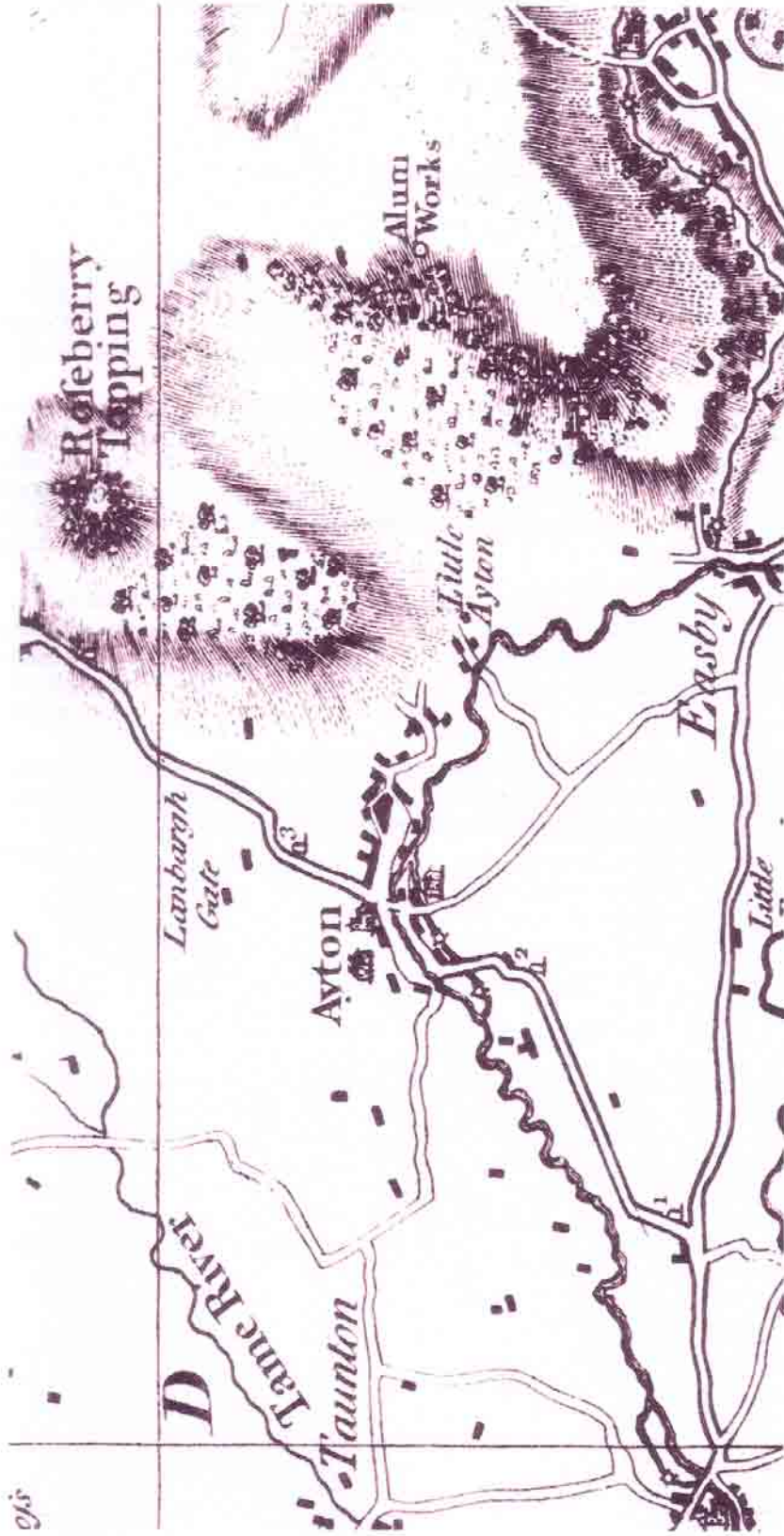
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**Great Ayton and Little Ayton – Parish Boundary**

- 1 Levensdale
- 2 Roseberry Topping
- 3 Aireyholme Farm
- 4 Cockshaw Alum Works
- 5 Roseberry Ironstone Mine
- 6 Hudson crash site



Great Ayton and Little Ayton – extract from Thomas Jeffreys Map of the County of York 1772

This is the same geographical area as the modern map on the previous page

## SUMMARY

The Great Ayton Community Archaeology Project started at the beginning of 2002 with funding from the Local Heritage Initiative (£24,657) and the Nationwide Building Society (£5,000) to cover two years of operation. The aim of the project was to research and record landscape features in the parishes of Great Ayton and Little Ayton.

After two years' operation this has been achieved in specific areas of significant archaeological interest (notably Levensdale, Aireyholme Farm, Roseberry Ironstone Mine, Ayton Banks). Other investigations have extended across the two parishes (geology and soils, field boundaries, agricultural practices and their effect on the landscape, Second World War sites). The information collected has been disseminated to a wide audience through public meetings, displays, press and media coverage and the publication of a book.

We have worked with many other organisations and individuals, including five similar community archaeology projects, and our local school. We have exceeded our required in-kind contribution (members' time and travel costs in connection with the project) to the project by over 40%. Members of the project have increased their skills in many areas, and have found their involvement extremely rewarding.

Now we hope to build on our archaeological foundation by studying other aspects of local heritage arising out of our first two years' investigations. We are applying to the Local Heritage Initiative (LHI) for funding for a second part of the project to cover industrial, building and social/cultural heritage.