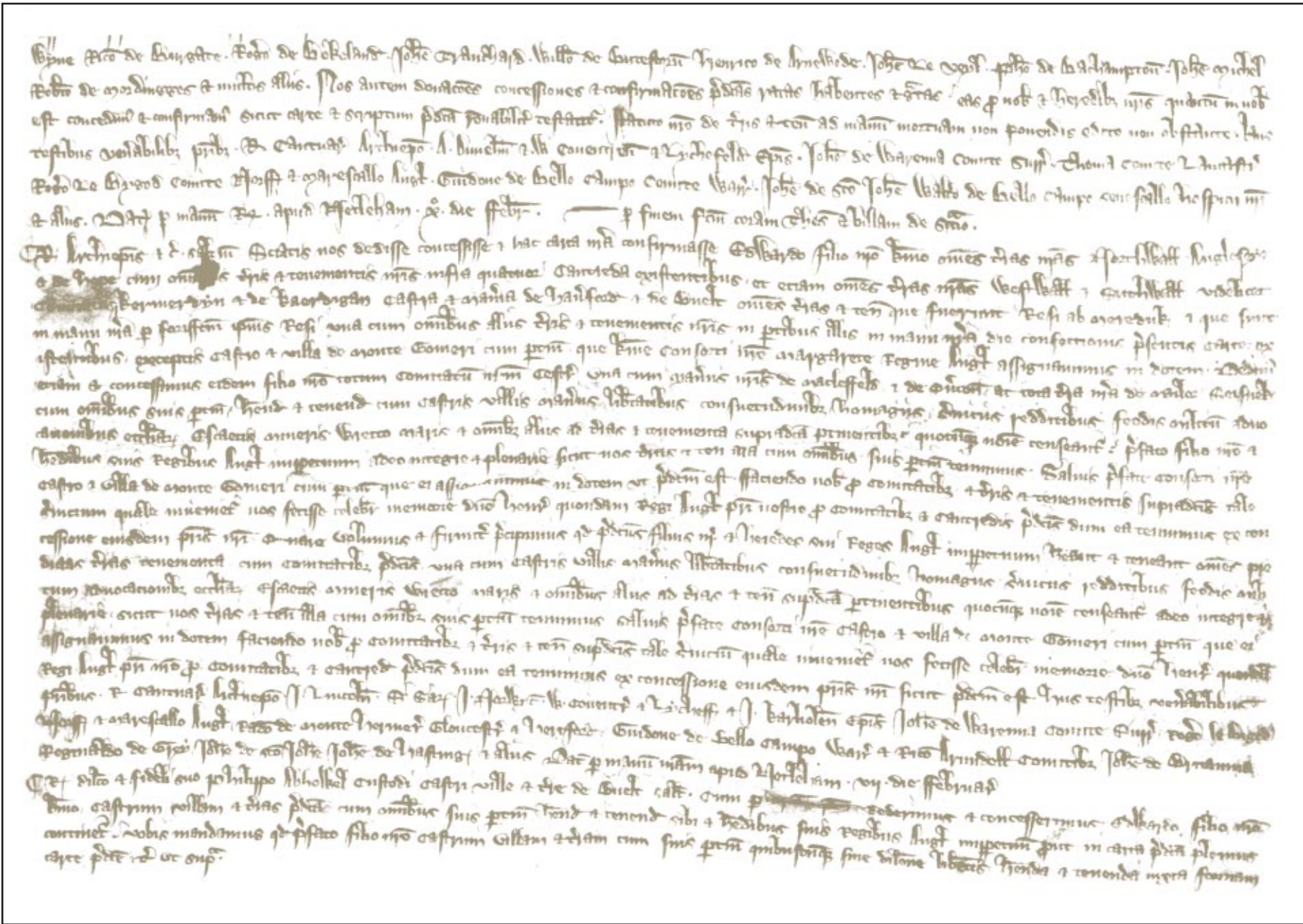
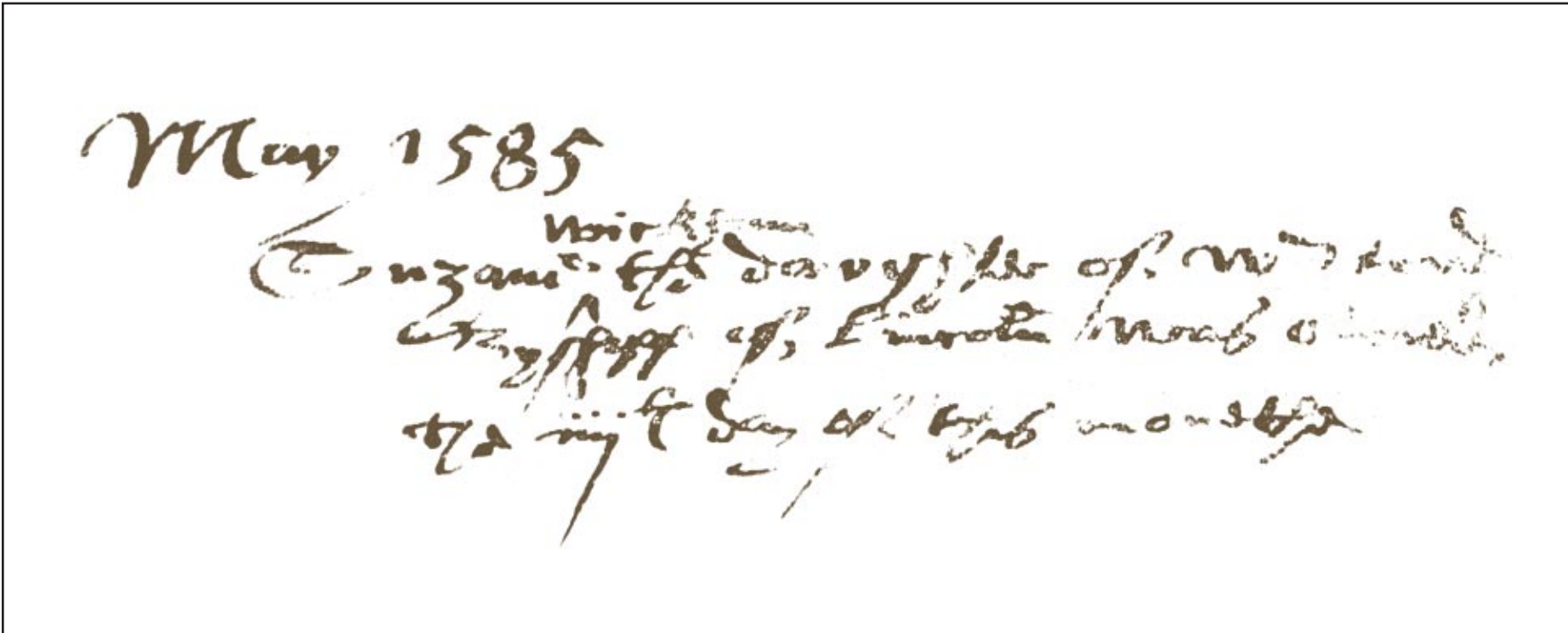


The Bishop's Palace at Nettleham



The Nettleham Charter giving to Edward I's son, Edward of Caernarvon, all the king's land in Wales and proclaiming him Earl of Chester, dated 7 February 1301 and declared to be by our (the king's) hand at Nettleham



The handwritten entry in the Nettleham Parish Records recording the burial of Suzane Wickham in 1585

May 1585

Suzane Wickham the daughter of Wm Lord Byshopp of Lincoln was buried the fourth day of this month

The document, which was written in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I over 400 years ago, is preserved in the Lincolnshire Archives (There is no information as to her age or cause of death)

A valuable community leisure amenity

The Nettleham Parish Plan of 2007 revealed that residents considered the Bishop's Palace site to be an important feature of the village and wanted to see it developed into a local heritage amenity for the people of Nettleham.

The focus is to create awareness and understanding of this Scheduled Ancient Monument located in the heart of our village, at the same time creating an attractive leisure amenity in which both residents and visitors may stroll along the mown grass footpaths and enjoy the peace and tranquility of the natural rural environment.



The view eastwards to the Methodist Chapel from the western boundary of the Bishop's Palace site showing the terracing and part of the old limestone quarry

1536

The Bishop's Palace comes under attack and is considerably damaged by rebels during the Lincolnshire Rising

1547

The first married bishop of Lincoln Henry Rands (or Holbeach) lives at Nettleham with his wife, son and daughter

1585

Suzane Wickham, daughter of Bishop William Wickham dies and is buried in the village on 4 May

1648

During the Commonwealth Nettleham manor is sold for £2,029 15s 11½d by order of Parliament

1660

At the Restoration of Charles II a bill of Parliament restores the manor to the Church of England

1837

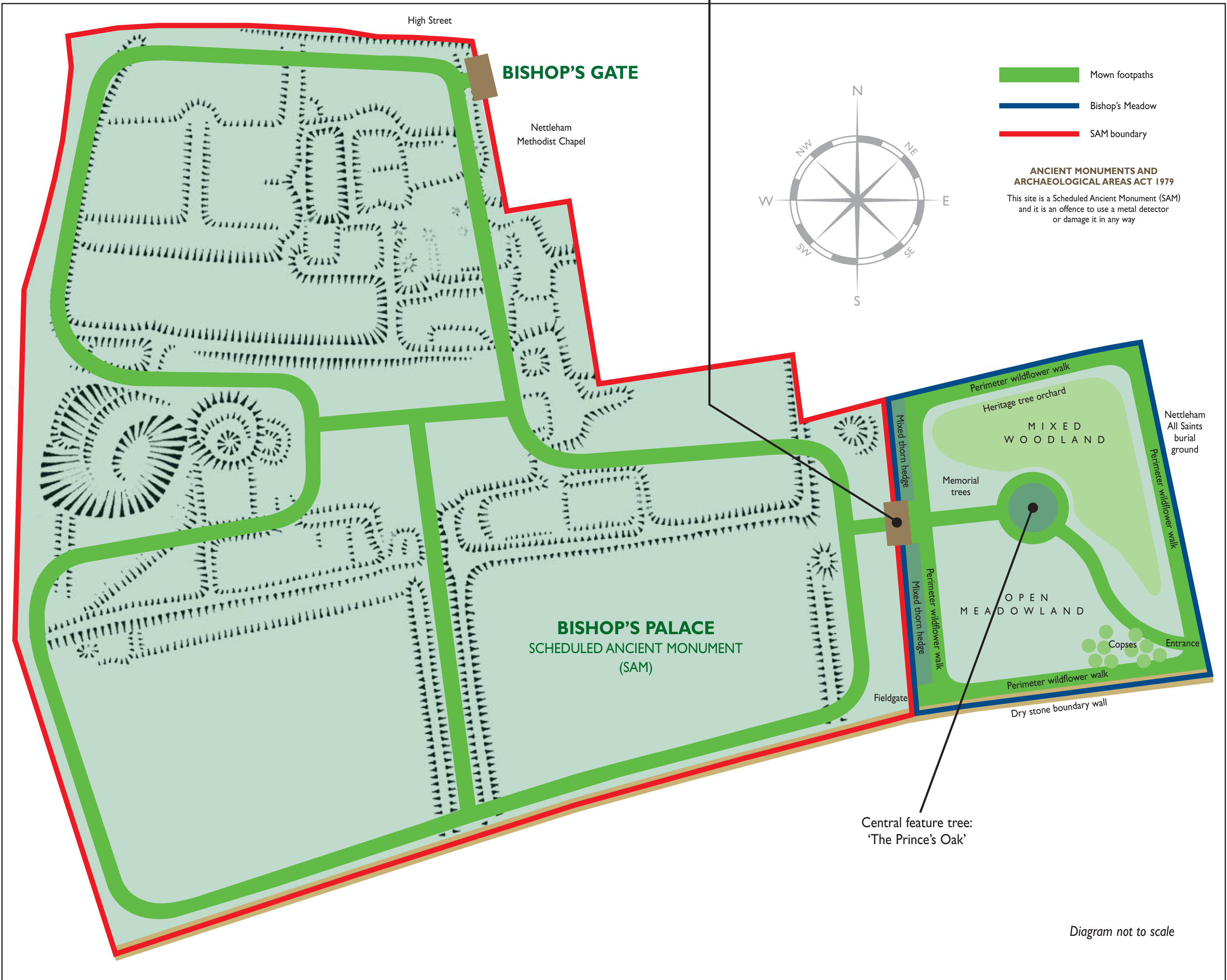
In a major ecclesiastical reorganisation the diocese of Lincoln is greatly reduced

2012

The lease of the Bishop's Palace site is acquired by Nettleham Parish Council and development commences



YOU ARE HERE AT PRINCE'S GATE



Reminders of a glorious past

Three carved stone heads, believed to have come from the original Bishop's Palace, were incorporated into residential properties and are clearly visible to the present day



Two of these carved stone heads, now considerably weather eroded over the years, are located on the end gable of the stone cottage at 30 High Street and can be seen by walking a few metres down Watermill Lane and looking up to your left



The third carved stone head is located high on the end gable of the cottage at 62 High Street



A small carved arch stone in the boundary wall near the Bishop's Gate entrance is also believed to have come from the original buildings

Other pieces of carved stonework, including a section of stone window tracery, have been unearthed in the village and these will most probably also have originated at the Bishop's Palace. It is thought that most of the dressed stone from the Bishop's Palace in Nettleham, a valuable building material, was eventually taken and reused over the years in the restoration of the Bishop's Palace in Lincoln and the construction of smaller properties in the village.

An important educational facility

The site also provides an important wildlife sanctuary and community educational facility for archaeology, history, heritage and natural history students of all ages. In addition to the large interpretation boards situated at the two entrances to the site, a number of smaller boards are located at strategic points along the discovery route to enhance the experience of visitors to the site.

A booklet providing historical details of the site is available and information and news about the site is also posted on the village website.



Regular mowing of the footpaths around the site enables both residents and visitors to the village to enjoy a pleasant stroll around this ancient heritage site of national importance