

2. The Physical Setting

- 2.1 The site of Mellor Church and the Old Vicarage is centred around the National Grid Reference SJ 9818 8890 (Figure 1), in the parish of Mellor, approximately six miles southeast from the centre of Stockport.
- 2.2 The underlying geology of the area according to the Geological Survey of Great Britain, Sheet 98 is Westphalian A Sandstones from the Late Carboniferous Period. This is overlaid in places by Boulder Clay. (For a more detailed account of the localised geology, please see Appendices 5 and 6).
- 2.3 The site lies on a promontory of land c.220m AOD that descends quite sharply to the south, west and north. To the east the land shallows slightly before gently rising up to an unnamed summit at 278m AOD.
- 2.4 Within the perimeter of the site lies the Parish Church and associated graveyard; the Old Vicarage, outbuildings and gardens; the new Vicarage and gardens and Glebe Cottage and gardens. Part of the access road to these dwellings and the Church also lies within the site, as does the field belonging to Knowle Farm which is presently under pasture.

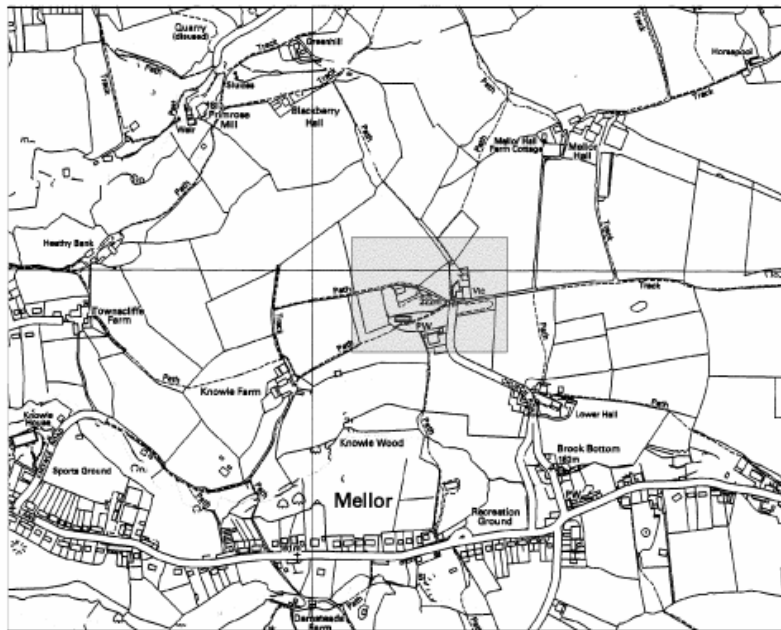


Figure 1: Location of the site. Based on Ordnance Survey 1:10,000.
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