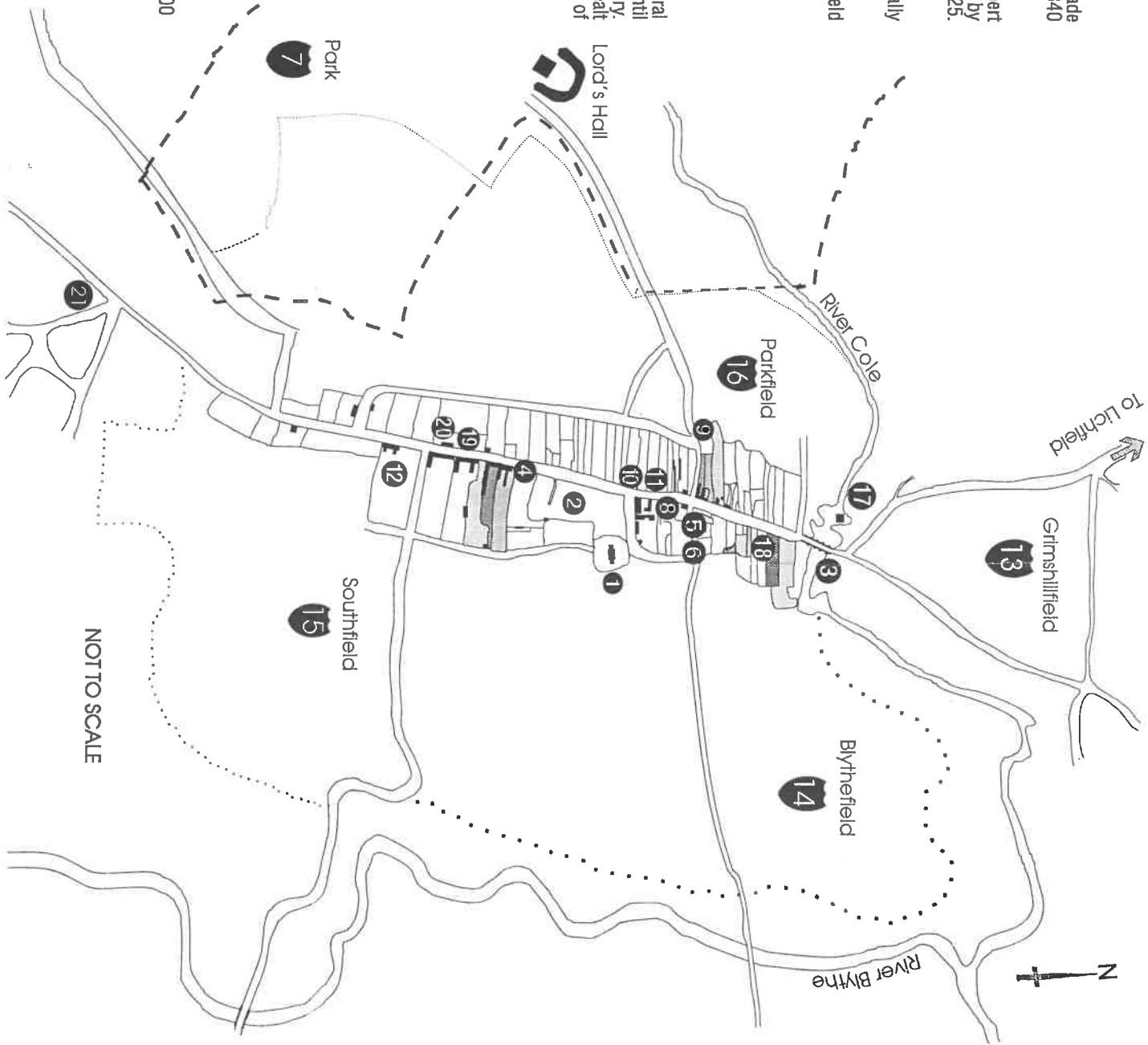


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- 1 CHURCH of ST. PETER and ST. PAUL: Early reference made in 1280; oldest part probably the nave, constructed c1340 (Comprehensive Guide available in the Church).
  - 2 MARKET PLACE The King granted a Charter in 1207 to Osbert II de Clinton, for a weekly Sunday Market and an annual Fair by the west door of the Church. The market is referred to in 1325. Gradually the market place was infilled.
  - 3 COLLEBRUGE - COLE END BRIDGE: The river was originally forded; by 1360 a bridge was built.
  - 4 HIGH STREET: The main road through the town from Lichfield to Coventry. Known by this name c1300
  - 5 WELLELANE: Lane leading to the communal well of St Peter.
  - 6 WELL of St Peter.
  - 7 PARKLAND: (---) Boundary Established by 1254.
  - 8 COURTHOUSE: In Courthouse lane - situated in the general region of the High Street. Six-monthly Hundred court held until 1161-1162, when it was transferred to Kingsbury. Three-weekly Hundred court continued until 1789, and dealt with day-to-day running of the manor. Twice-yearly Leets of Frankpledge.
  - 9 BELL INN
  - 10 SWAN INN
  - 11 ANGELL INN
  - 12 LION INN
- } All emerged by 1500
- 13 GRIMSFIELD
  - 14 BLYTHE FIELD
  - 15 SOUTHFIELD
  - 16 PARKFIELD
- } Common land belonging to the Lord of the Manor
- 17 TOWN MILL
  - 18 MEDIEVAL HOUSE: Reported to be the oldest in Coleshill c1500
  - 19 MEDIEVAL HOUSE: Jettied building c1500
  - 20 MEDIEVAL HOUSE c1600, now part of Coleshill Hotel
  - 21 POUND & POUND COTTAGE: c1600



## COLESHILL

COLESHILL, Warwickshire, is an ancient Market town situated on a hill above the river Cole.

A Roman site existed within the parish on Chattle Hill north of the town. The medieval centre was on the opposite side of the River Cole.

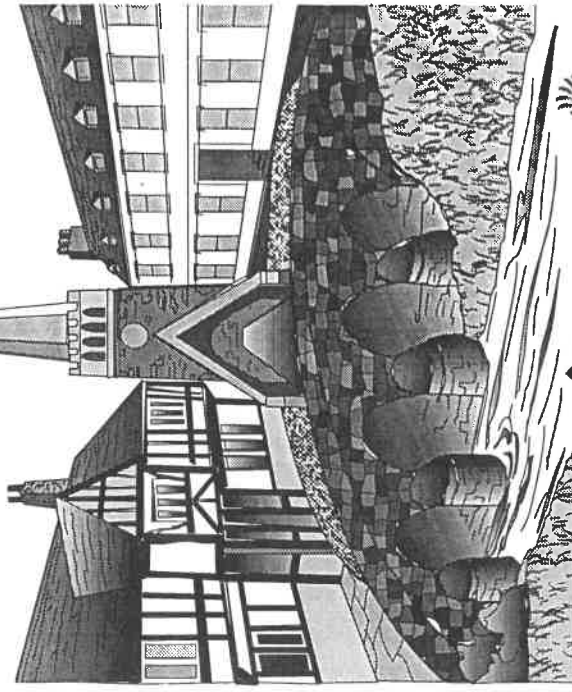
Anglo-Saxon Coleshill was documented in the Domesday Book as a royal vill at the centre of the Coleshill Hundred, the largest of the ten Hundreds in 1086.

The medieval parish contained four other settlements; Gilson, Kingshurst, Alcott and Hawkeswell, and a number of scattered homesteads. As a royal manor Henry I granted it to Geoffrey de Clinton and it remained in this family until 1353-54 then passing to the Mountford family by marriage. This family held Coleshill until 1495 when Simon Mountford was executed. Henry VII granted Coleshill to Simon Digby and has remained with this family ever since.

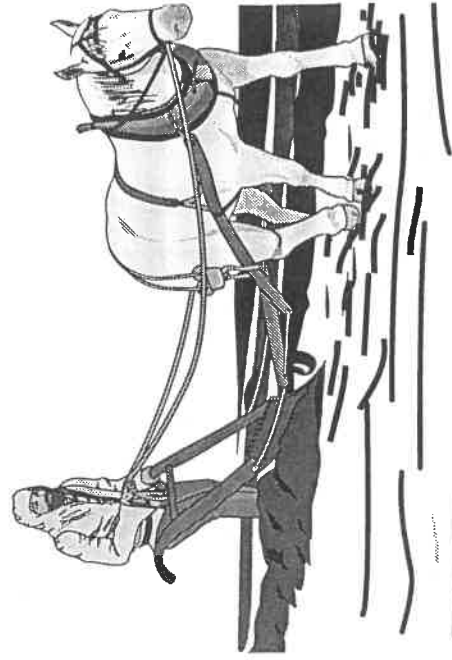
The medieval period saw Coleshill growing economically and expanding. It was the nodal point of a number of roads serving surrounding villages and larger towns in the area. Its importance within the county however, later declined from a royal centre in the Forest of Arden to a small market town.

Today there are many reminders of Coleshill's medieval past; the town follows the medieval pattern, there are still meadows and land showing the patterns of farming and some buildings, the crowning glory being the Parish Church.

# MEDIEVAL COLESHILL



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