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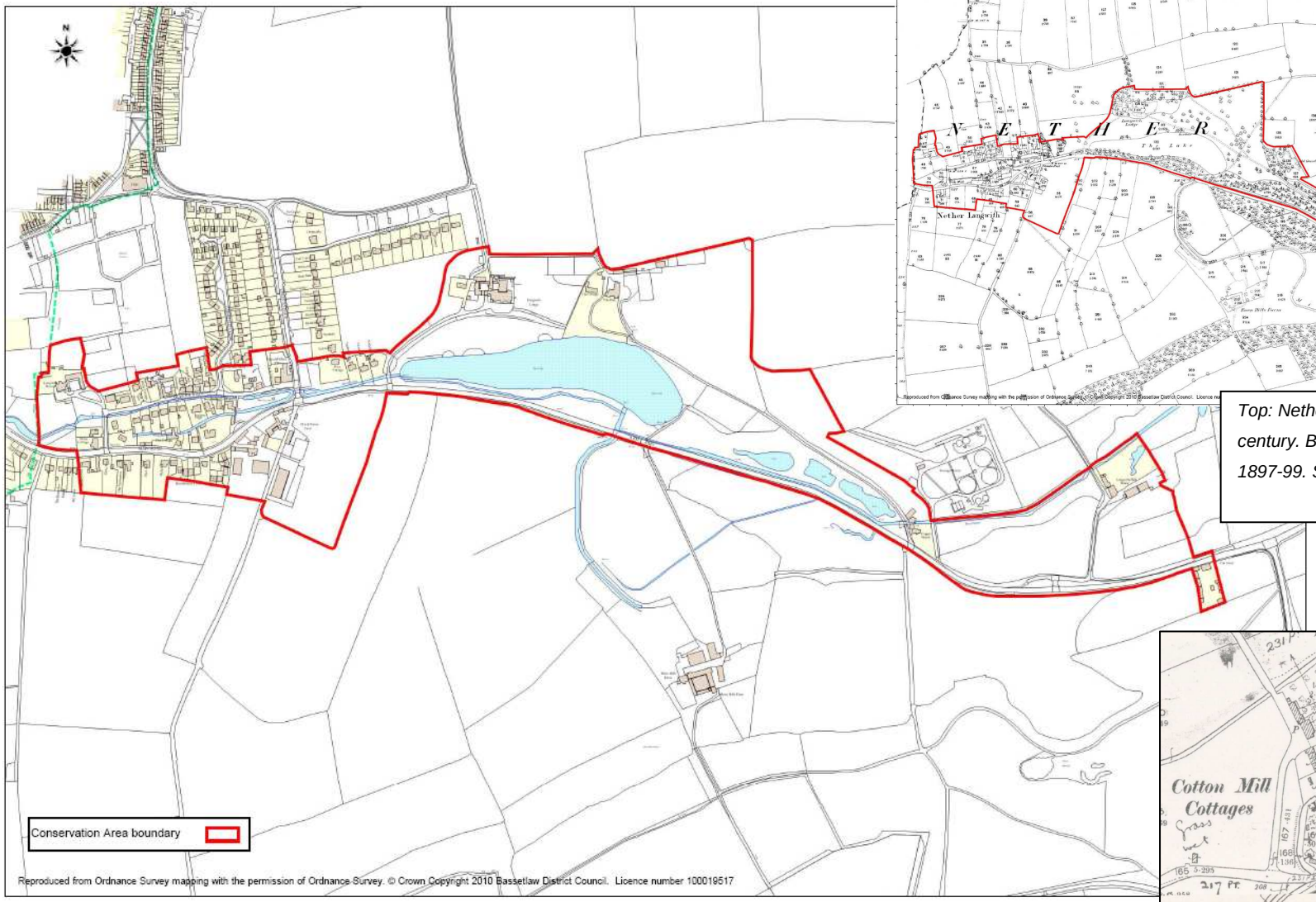

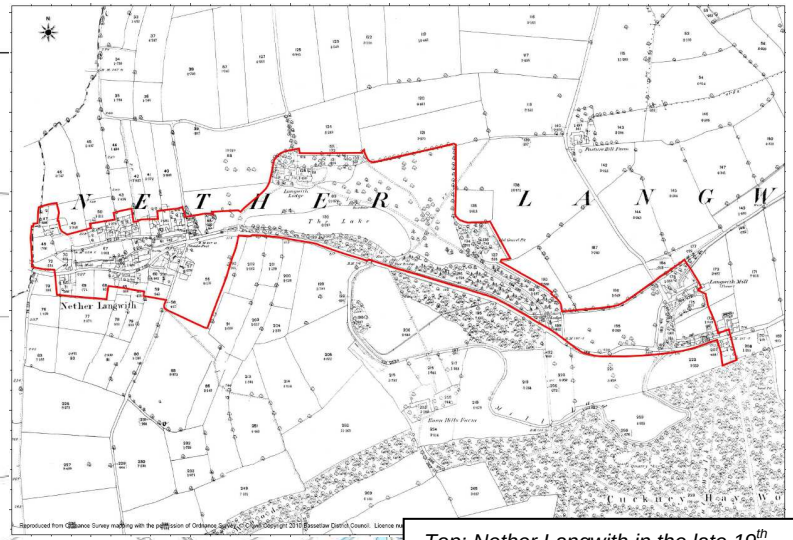

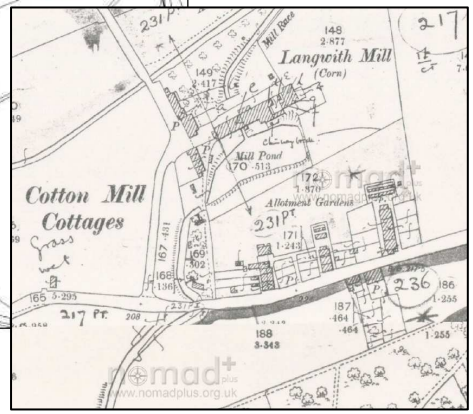

Top: Nether Langwith in the late 19th century. Bottom: Langwith Mill settlement 1897-99. Source: Notts City Council, 2010.

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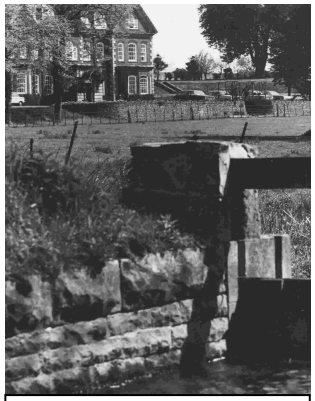
Nether Langwith is a pleasant village 2 miles west of Cuckney, and forms one of the historic townships of Cuckney Parish. The name Langwith is probably derived from Old Norse, meaning *long ford*, and Nether could be Anglo-Saxon, denoting *lower*. Nether Langwith is the oldest part of the wider Langwith area which is focussed on the Derbyshire side of the border, and includes Langwith and Whaley Thorns.

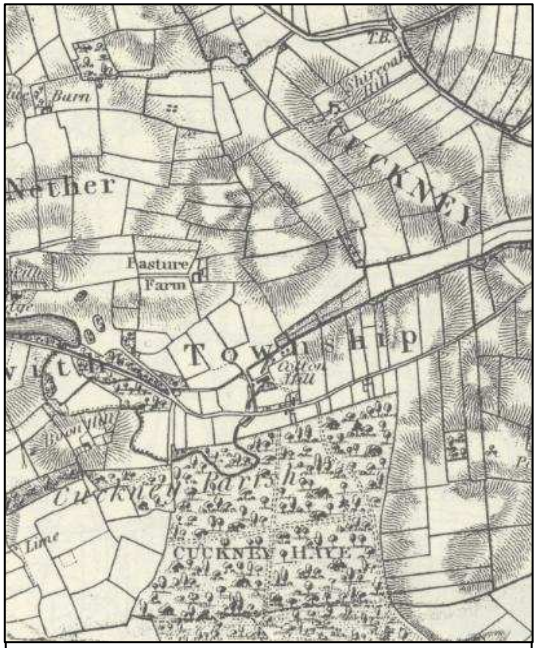
The historic focal point of Nether Langwith is the village green which sits on the River Poulter. The green is open grass, narrow at its east end and broadening out at its west end. Along north and south boundaries are two streams that form the Poulter. The war memorial, which dates back to the 1920s, is a feature of the green. In the southwest corner is a late 19th century sheep wash.

Views from around the green and River Poulter (source: BDC, 2010).

The 18th and 19th century character of existing buildings in Nether Langwith is generally strong with a number of listed buildings and local interest buildings. Local building materials such as limestone and slate dominate the historic building palette. Queen's Walk and Main Road form the historic core of the village, and posses an attractive character, especially at the green. Despite the encroaching modern areas across the border in Bolsover of Langwith and Whaley Thorns, Nether Langwith retains a strong relationship with the rural and historic Cuckney area.



Langwith Lodge (source: Bassetlaw Museum, 2009).



Langwith Cotton Mill on Sanderson's 1835 map (source: Notts County Council, 2010).

In contrast to the close-knit arrangement of buildings in the historic centre of Nether Langwith, the eastern area is dominated by the parkland associated with Langwith Lodge, and at its eastern end, an important industrial grouping including a former manager's house and a four storey mill. These are all that remain of Cotton Mill Langwith, a mill community established on the River Poulter. Along Cuckney Lane, for example, there had once stood three rows of back-to-back cottages for mill workers. There were also various ancillary buildings and allotments for the community. A canal once connected Langwith Lodge with the mill dam, and its tow path can still be traced. Although not listed, the mill building is locally significant, both historically as an Arkwright style mill and architecturally as an imposing structure in the landscape.

Langwith Mill (source, BDC, 2007).