Where did my garden come from?

References and maps

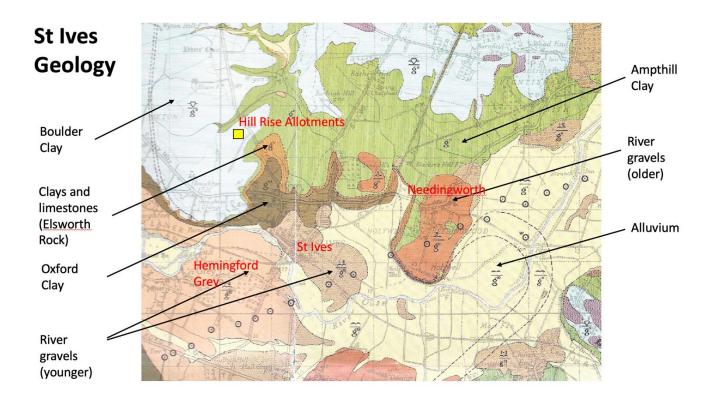
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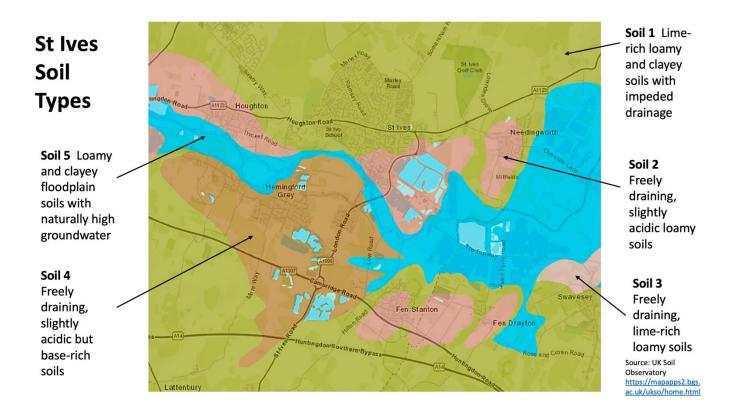
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If you want to explore old maps of St Ives, this is the best website https://maps.nls.uk

And here are three of the maps from my talk.

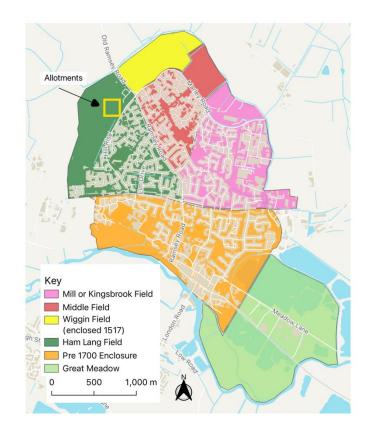




How was the land organised?

The open field system.

A three-year rotation: wheat or barley; peas or beans; fallow.



The open fields were created in the medieval period and continued in existence until the land was fully enclosed in 1807-8.