

3. *The Physical Setting*

The site is centred around National Grid Reference SJ 9818 8890. It lies in the parish of Mellor, approximately six miles south east of the centre of Stockport (see figure 4).

Sheet 98 of the Geological Survey of Great Britain shows the solid geology to be Westphalian A Sandstones from the Late Carboniferous Period. In places this is overlaid by boulder clay.

The site lies at the west end of a promontory of land *c.*220m AOD. The promontory slopes quite sharply to the south, west and north. To the east the promontory gently rises over a distance of 900m to an unnamed summit at 278m AOD.

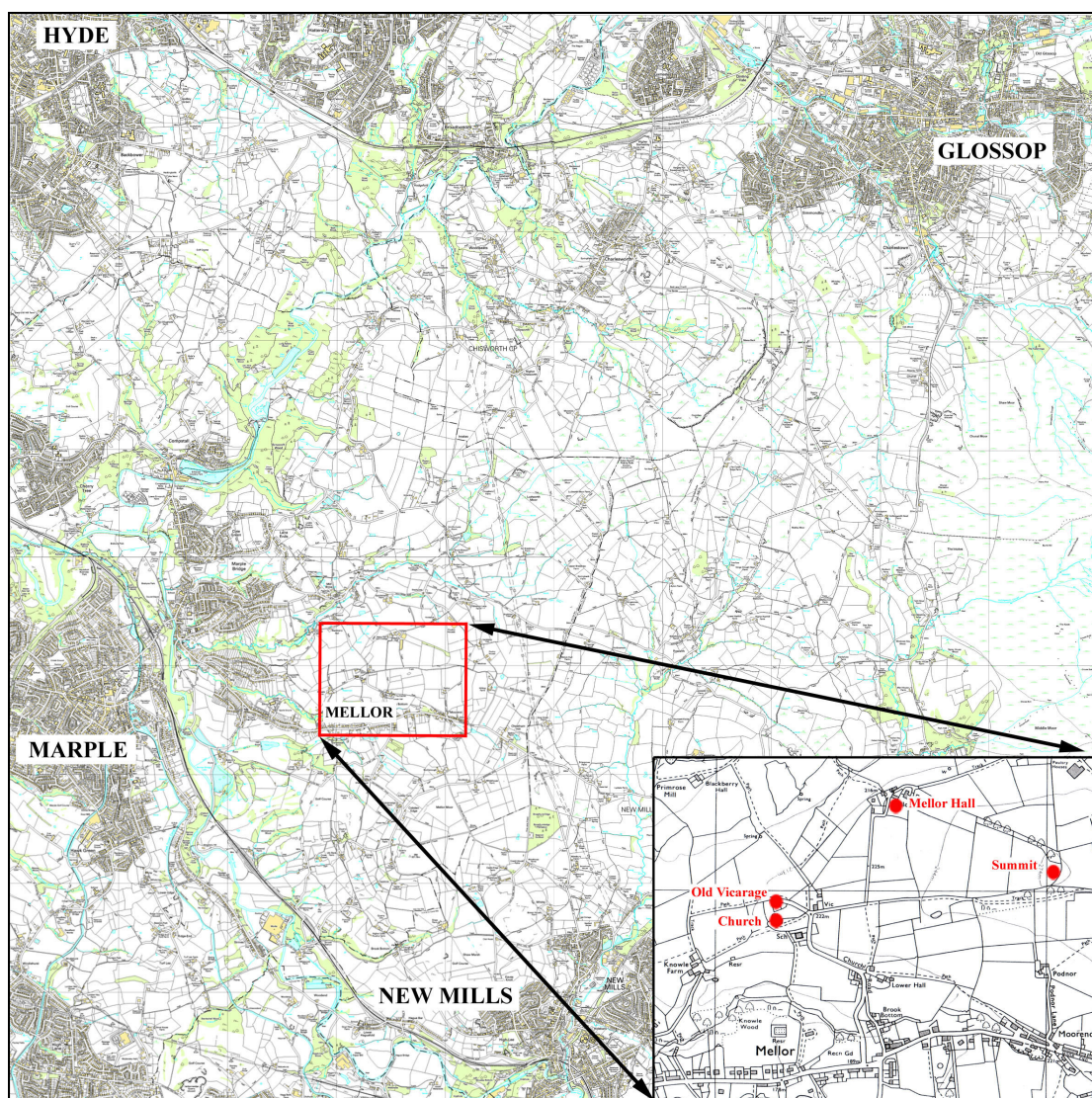


Figure 4: The location of Mellor. Reproduced by permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of HMSO. *Crown copyright 2005. All rights reserved. Ordnance Survey Licence number 10022765.*