

## HISTORIC FARMLAND LANDSCAPES OF THE SURREY HILLS SURREY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

**Introduction to Historic Farmland Landscapes**  
**Wotton Village Hall**  
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### **Other useful Information**

#### Period Table

This gives the broad dates for the main periods in Landscape Archaeology

<b>Description</b>	<b>Archaeological Period</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Hunting societies	Upper Palaeolithic	30,000	10,000 BC
Hunter-gather societies	Mesolithic	10,000-8,000	4,000-3,500BC
The first agriculturalists	Neolithic	3,500	2,100 BC
The beginning of metal working in bronze	Bronze Age	2,100	600 BC
The beginning of metal working in iron	Iron Age	600 BC	AD 43
	Romano-British	AD 43	AD 410
	Anglo-Saxons [or Early Medieval]	AD 410	1066
	Medieval	1066	1540
	Post-medieval	1540	Present

#### Guidelines for working in an archive/record office

Archives and manuscripts are unique and irreplaceable; they are fragile and many are hundreds of years old.

Only use pencils and not ink pens.

If gloves are supplied then wear them when handling original documents

Do not lean on documents, nor follow text with fingers touching the document.

Cover maps with plastic acetate sheets to view them

Use weights to hold down unfolded material

Use spine and book supports for bound material

Speak quietly and only when necessary so as not to disturb other researchers

Leave mobile phones switched off

*A thought : All the hundreds of thousands of sheep and calves which were needed to provide the parchment on which so many maps and archives are written on which are 'preserved' in record offices around the country.*

### Historic Ordnance Survey Maps

How to read the sheet numbers for referencing

Start with the OS 6" to the mile 1<sup>st</sup> Edition – Each sheet will have an individual number unique to the county. This is given in the top right hand corner. In the case of Wotton it covers one sheet; Sheet 33.

To identify subsequent OS 6" Editions, divide the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition sheet into four. Each quarter takes the original sheet number together with the compass direction from the sheet centre. For example Sheet 33 SW; Sheet 33 NW.

To identify OS 25" to the mile sheets 1<sup>st</sup> edition to Provisional. Take the OS 6" 1<sup>st</sup> Edition sheet and divide into 16 (or each quarter sheet into quarters). The 25" sheet numbers take the OS 6" 1<sup>st</sup> Edition number together with the sequential number reading across the map from 1 to 16. For example Sheet 33:10, Sheet 33:2.

The sheets identified for Wotton are shown on the chart below. This system follows throughout England. A full reference grid is available at the Surrey History Centre

Modern OS maps follow a different number system based on the Northing and Eastings grid lines.