

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

**Introduction to Historic Farmland Landscapes
Wotton Village Hall
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Selected Reading List

These books are either in print or are readily available through local libraries and also the Surrey Archaeological Society library. They have been chosen as providing the best all round introduction together with being interesting to read, without being too technical.

General Background Books on Historic Landscapes

Aston, M. (1985) *Interpreting the Landscape. Landscape Archaeology in Local Studies*. Batsford [A good read]

Hoskins, W.G. (1955) *The Making of the English Landscape*. Pelican [This was one of the first works looking at landscapes from a historic perspective. There are more recent editions of this book some edited by C. Taylor]

Rackham, O. (1986) *The History of the Countryside*. Dent [If the only general book you are able to read this is the one. There are now paper back versions in print]

Taylor, C. (1975) *Fields in the English Landscape*. Dent

General Books specific to the South East and in particular Surrey

Brandon, P (2003) *The Kent and Sussex Weald*. Phillimore [This together with the following are excellent introductions to the landscapes of the SE and are strongly recommended]

Brandon, P. (2005) *The North Downs*. Phillimore

Brandon, P & Short, B. (1990) *The Southeast from AD 1000*. Regional History of England. Longman [This and the following are more orientated towards archaeology itself rather than landscape]

Drewett, P. Rudling, D. & Gardiner, M. (1988) *The Southeast to AD 1000*. Regional History of England. Longman

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Bird, D.G. & Joanna Bird (1987) *The Archaeology of Surrey to 1540*. Surrey Archaeology Society

Blair, J. (1991) *Early Medieval Surrey. Landholding, Church & Settlement*. Alan Sutton and Surrey Archaeological Society

Cotton, J., Crocker, G. & Graham, A. (2004) *Aspects of Archaeology & History in Surrey: towards a research framework for the county*. Surrey Archaeological Society

Hunt, R. (2002) *Hidden Depths. An Archaeological Exploration of Surrey's Past*. Surrey Archaeological Society

More Specific Books

Adkins, L & R. (1982) *The Handbook of British Archaeology*. Constable London.

Field, J. (1989) *English Field Names A Dictionary*. Alan Sutton [There are numerous books on field and place names. This is a good introduction together with the English Place Name Society volumes for each county].

Richardson, J. (1981) *The Local Historian's Encyclopedia*. Historical Publications

Stephens, W.B. (1973) *Sources for English Local History. The Sources of History. Studies in the Uses of Historical Evidence*. Cambridge University Press. Chapter 6 'Agriculture'.

Surrey Historic Landscape Character Map

Bannister, N.R. & Wills, P. (2001) *Surrey Historic Landscape Characterisation*. 2 vols. [This is on view at the Surrey Archaeological Society Library, Surrey History Centre, and Surrey County Sites and Monuments Record. The map can be viewed on the Surrey County Web site].

Clark, J., Darlington, J. & Fairclough, G. (2004) *Using Historic Landscape Characterisation*. English Heritage.

References relating to Method of Survey and Management of Archaeology

Bowden, M. (1999) *Unravelling the Landscape. An inquisitive approach to Archaeology*. Tempus. [Sets out different levels of survey.

Brown, A. (1987) *Fieldwork for Archaeologists and Local Historians*, Batsford

Darvill, T. (1987) *Ancient Monuments in the Countryside. An archaeological management review*. English Heritage. [Out of print but should be available through main libraries. An up date is long over due]

National Trust (2000) *Archaeology and the Historic Environment. Historic Landscape Survey Guidelines*. Estates Dept Archaeology Section. [Sets out guidelines for working on NT property and also follows and meets with Institute of Landscape Archaeologists professional standards. English Heritage are due to publish their updated survey standards this year].