

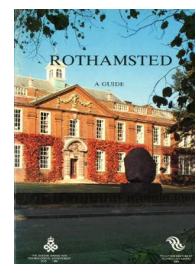
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Maps and reports are prepared by contract for individual farms and estates, the National Coal Board, Water Boards and other industrial, agricultural or public bodies.

Publications

The Survey publishes a series of maps and books, details of which are contained in a free publication list obtainable from the Publications Officer.

THE LIBRARY

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A fine collection of prints and paintings of British farm livestock, 1780–1910, which were mainly the bequest of Lord Northbrook, has recently been restored.

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