

Sky High ISLE OF WIGHT

An Aerial Journey

Photography by Jason Hawkes

The Isle of Wight was once an independent kingdom and, while it no longer enjoys this status, it does still retain an atmosphere of separateness – an island unto itself. The superb aerial photographs in this book give a fascinating overview of this historic island community, which these days provides a distinctive place to live for thousands, and for many more a place to enjoy leisure pursuits including watersports of all kinds, bird-watching, or simply walking the many island foot-paths.

The principal attraction of aerial photographs is that they are literally a bird's-eye view, allowing us to look down on the landscape from a perspective that we never normally see. Such pictures reveal to us things that are normally hidden from view, and often surprise us when we find that what we had imagined the layout of the land to be is in reality quite different. The best practitioners of this genre of photography also strive to capture an aesthetic in the images they take, and these pictures, sometimes quite abstract in appearance, are often strikingly beautiful in their own right.

For visitors to the Isle of Wight, or as reminder to locals of what is best about their home, this little book is an ideal memento.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jason Hawkes is one of the country's best-known photographers specialising in aerial photography. From his base near London he travels worldwide to produce images for books, advertising and design. Since 1991 he has provided photographs for major international companies including Nike, HSBC, Ford, Rolex, Toyota and BP. The images in this book and the sister publications in the series were specially commissioned by Halsgrove.

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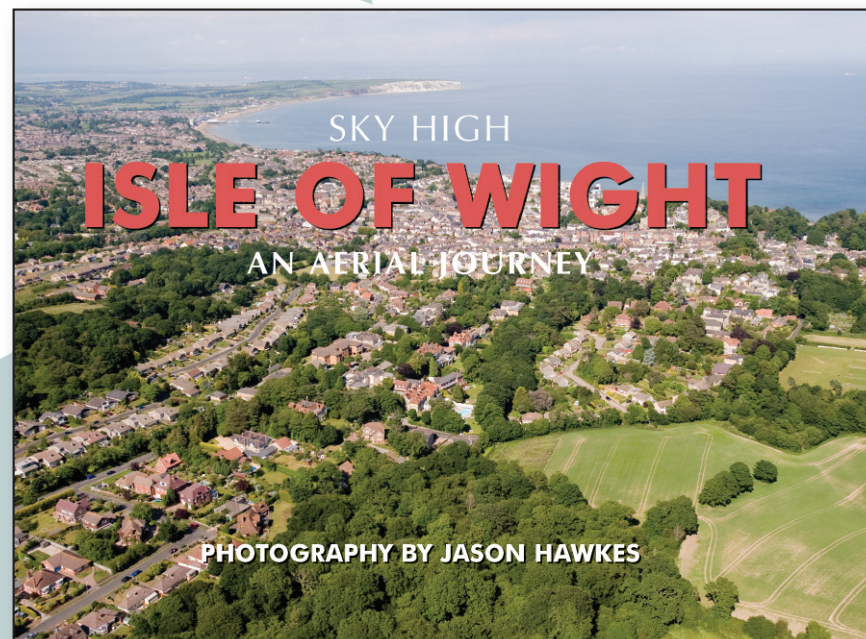
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