

HERTFORDSHIRE FROM THE AIR

Jason Hawkes

The name of Hertford derives from the Anglo-Saxon meaning the river crossing of the deer, and the name first appears in written records over a thousand years ago. Today it has a population of a little over a million and its area of 634 square miles (c.1600km) makes it one of England's smallest counties, yet it contains many jewels architecturally and many interesting towns and villages.

The county's proximity to London has led to a certain increase in its commuter population, but less so than the capital's other near neighbours. While some larger towns, such as Watford, Stevenage and St Albans continue to expand, much of the county remains essentially rural with small villages retaining much of their charm and character.

The fascinating aerial photographs in this book by internationally renowned aerial photographer, Jason Hawkes, are selected to provide the reader with an overview of a variety of landscapes and settlements, with historic sites included. There can be no better way of appreciating the many glories of Hertfordshire than to view the county from above.

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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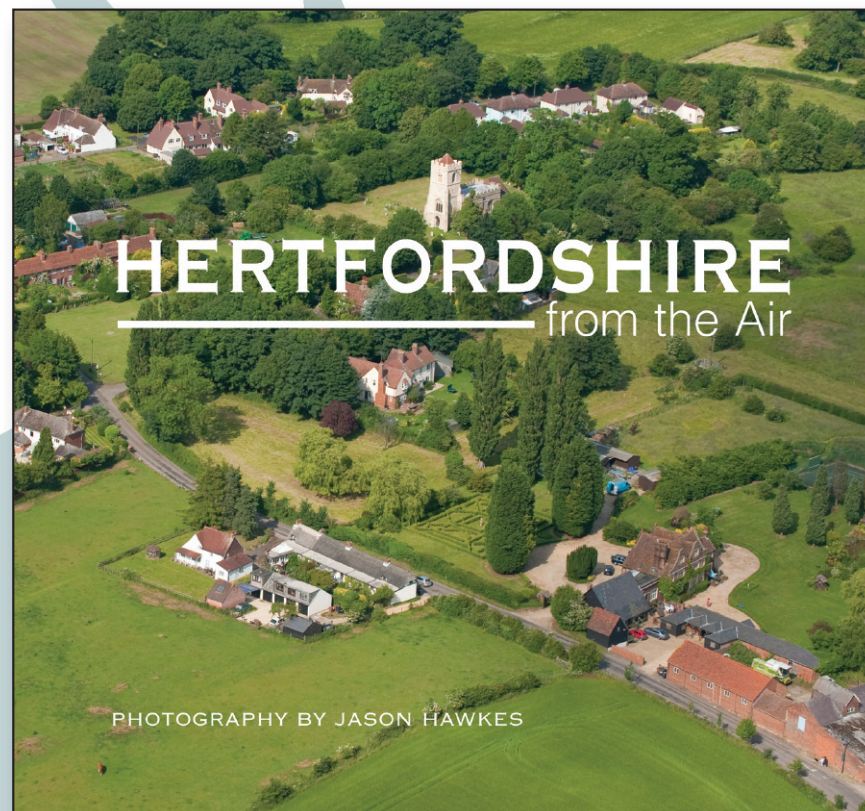
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Top left: Apsley Marina, Hemel Hempstead.

Top right: Hatfield House has been home to the Cecil family, Marquesses of Salisbury, for over 400 years.



Left: Butterfly World, Chiswell Green, near St Albans.



Arch Road, Great Wymondley.



Welwyn Garden City railway station and gardens at Howards Gate.



Above: Maze, Greenley. Not attached to a large house or open to the public it seems. Overleaf: Grand Union Canal, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.



The Welwyn Viaduct, also called Digsweil Viaduct, carries the East Coast Main Line over the River Mimram.

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