

SURREY FROM THE AIR

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Surrey is a county with a fascinating history, being one of the Saxon shires, and taking its name from the region known to the Anglo-Saxons as the 'Southern Kingdom'. Perhaps its most famous location is Runnymede, site of the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215, a document imposing the rule of law over a reigning monarch and from which Parliamentary democracy grew.

As the photographs in this book show, the county boasts some wonderful buildings, among them many fine country houses including Clandon Park and Hatchlands Park. Hampton Court Palace is one of the world's great buildings, and Surrey is of course home to the renowned Royal Horticultural Society Gardens at Wisley.

Away from major towns such as Guildford, Woking and Camberley there is much delightful rural scenery dotted with quintessentially English villages. The fascinating aerial photographs in this book are selected to provide the reader with an overview of a variety of landscapes and settlements, with many historic sites included – in all providing a fascinating aerial portrait of the county.

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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.

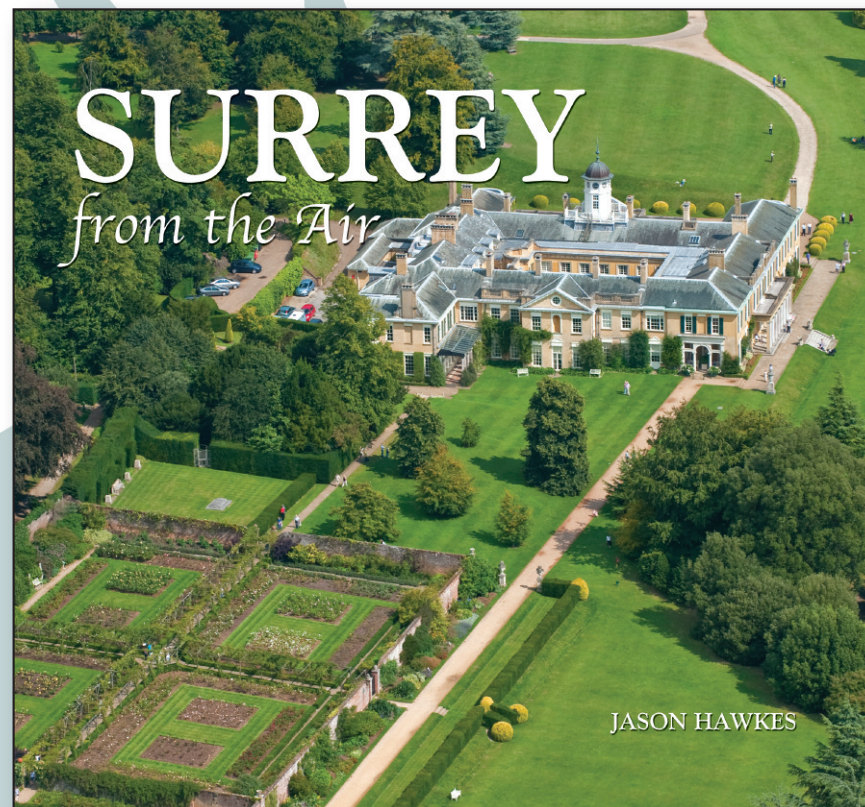
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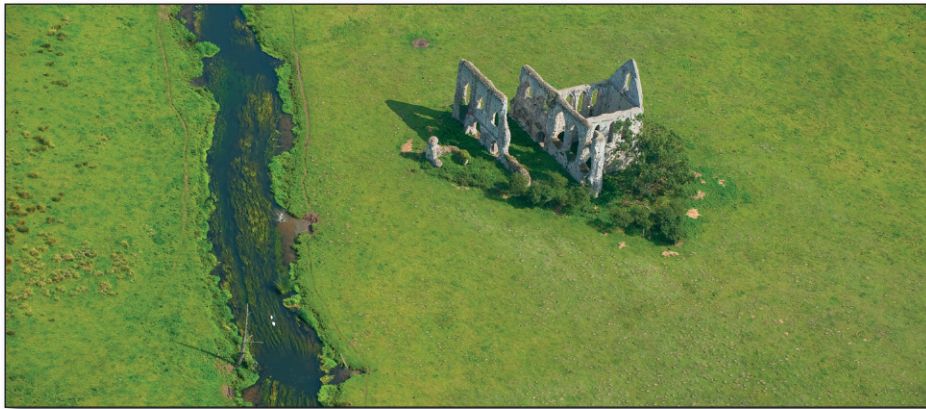


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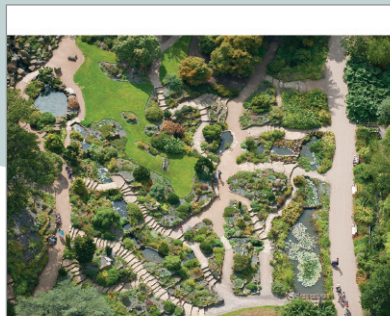
Not far from the village of Pyrford lie the ruins of Newark Priory close by the Abbey Stream.



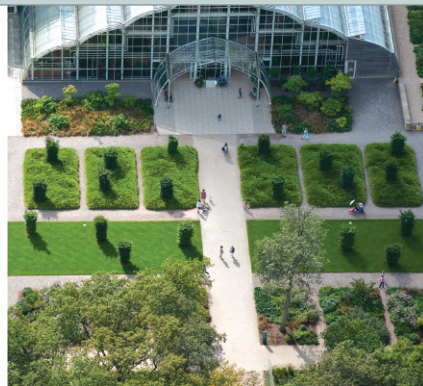
The house and gardens at Loseley Park offer visitors a superb day out.



Right: Hampton Court Palace from the north.



Above: The Rock Garden leading to the Alpine Meadow is one of Wisley's most delightful features.



Right: The Glasshouse.

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A truly classic view of the Thames and Richmond taken from above Richmond Hill looking north-west.