

Land Use and Land Classification maps

Land use maps

1:63,360 scale map sheets were produced in the Land Utilisation Survey of the 1930s.

7 map sheets (published 1937-42) cover Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse [ref: A:MC20]

- 82 Stratford on Avon
- 83 Northampton
- 93 Stow on the Wold
- 94 Bicester
- 104 Swindon and Cirencester
- 105 Oxford and Henley on Thames
- 113 Reading and Newbury



The published Land Utilisation Survey map sheets can be viewed on the Vision of Britain website at www.visionofbritain.org.uk/maps.

The reprojected land use map data is also viewable through [MAGIC](#) - Defra's interactive, geographical information website.

The maps are accompanied by these reports:

- *The land of Britain : the report of the Land Utilisation Survey of Britain. Pt. 56 Oxfordshire* (1943) [ref: OV 333/(MAR)]
- *The land of Britain : the report of the Land Utilisation Survey of Britain. Pt. 78 Berkshire* (1936) [ref: OV 333/(STE)]

The survey originally recorded land use at the more detailed scale of 1:10,560 and the [London School of Economics Archives](#) holds a large collection of these.

The Second Land Utilisation Survey in the 1960s produced only one Oxfordshire sheet at 1:25,000 covering the Thame area [ref: A:MC20]

Agricultural Land Classification maps

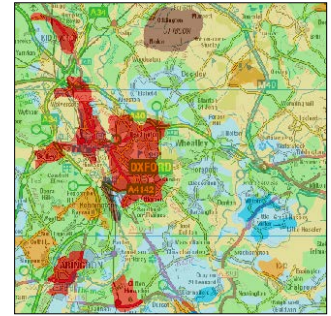
Agricultural land classification was introduced in 1966 to provide general strategic guidance on land quality for planners. The whole of England and Wales was mapped in a *Provisional Series* of maps, published on an Ordnance Survey 1:63,360 (one-inch Seventh Series) scale base between 1967 and 1974. This paper series of maps has not been updated since 1976.

These local sheets were published with accompanying reports 1968-74:

- sheet 144, Cheltenham and Evesham
- sheet 145, Banbury
- sheet 146, Buckinghamshire
- sheet 157, Swindon

- sheet 158, Oxford and Newbury
- sheet 159, The Chilterns

Seamless digitised versions of the 1967-74 agricultural land classification map data can be seen at the smaller scale 1:250,000 on the MAGIC website at www.magic.gov.uk/magicmap.aspx, together with many other interactively-mapped environmental data. MAGIC also includes post-1988 agricultural land classification data at a larger scale.



And how do I go about viewing them?

Use the online sources listed on this page, or if you wish to see the original maps and reports, you can order these up for viewing in our Searchroom, citing the map sheet numbers and the following catalogue references:

- Agricultural land classification map sheets [ref: A:MC20]
- Agricultural land classification reports [ref: PA 333.7 (MIN)]

Where else can I go?

Websites

- [Vision of Britain](#)
- [London School of Economics Archives](#)
- [Defra](#) (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs)
- [Natural England](#)
- [Wikipedia](#)

[Contacting and visiting the Oxfordshire History Centre.](#)