



1940 Farming Survey

Introduction

In 1940 the Government commissioned a National Land Survey for farms over 5 acres. The survey was very detailed, not just to list crops, livestock and acreage but also the condition of the land, houses, drainage, fences, availability of public services and the ability of the farmer to manage the farm. It became apparent that the quality of farming at that time left a lot to be desired. Of the 26 farms listed, only four were given the highest classification, Henley Park Farm (Robert Turner), East Wyke Farm (Sherwood brothers), R & J Marshall at Glaziers Lane and Vaglefield Farm (Fred Ward).

Thirteen farms were put into the lowest category and the most frequent reasons given for this lower classification were lack of knowledge and experience on the part of the farmer and the perennial lack of capital. No less than seven farms were run on a part-time basis. In one case the main occupation of the farmer was a bus driver and in another, an engineer. The survey had an early effect on certain farms in the village. Several were required to plough up some of their grass for cereals or vegetables, although not all had the equipment for heavy ploughing and others were advised on how to get the best out of their fields. The Ministry, concerned that Bales Farm could be better used, asked the Baldreys at nearby Whipleby Farm to take over the running of the farm.

Land girls were drafted into the village. Some worked regularly for one farmer only, whilst others helped on various farms either as individuals or in a group as the work dictated.

A preliminary survey was performed in 1940-41, and the full survey took place in 1941-43. Thus, the 'years occupancy' column has to be teated with care. For example, Messrs. Vokes appear to have been at Henley Park for 6 months or 2 years, according to different entries.

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Reference MAF 32	Farm	Farmer	Owner/ Tenant	Owner	Acres	Years Occupancy	Rent (£)
1044/391	Pound Farm	F.Attfield	T	Eggar & Co: Farnham	54	5	£103.00
1044/392	Alma Nursery	Bide & Sons	T	Eggar & Co: Farnham	25.823	20	£66.00
1044/395	The Elms Gardens	A.P.Bevan	O	-	24.155	7	£24.00
1044/397	Westwood	M.D.Coussmaker	O	-	6	4	£10.00
1044/398	North Wyke Farm	G.F.Chambers(Exors)	T	Poyle Estates Ltd. Agents Eggar	23	9	£19.00
1044/399	Fairview	E.J. & B.D.Deedman	O	-	31	14 (Fam:since 1884)	£100.00
1044/3910	Claygate	W.G.Emery	T	S.C.C.Kingston	71	10	£135/13/-
1044/3917	The Cottage,Normandy	G.Roberts O. 3 1/2	T	Jenkinson c/o Johnson, Normandy.O.34 1/2	38.713	O.17 & T 10	£35.00
1044/3918	Park Farm,Cobbetts Hill	W.G.Minty	T	S.C.C.Kingston	28	10	£68.00
1044/3925	Westwood Farm	F.J.Cooper	T/O	S.C.C.Kingston	47	4	£70.00
1044/3929	Henley Park	R.A.Turner	T	Vokes Ltd, Henley Park	215	2	£250.00
1044/3931	Bailes Farm	Shearley Bros:	T	J.Seymour(London)& 4 others	94	9	£200.00
1044/3932	Strawberry Gardens	A.Seward	T	T.W.Ireland agent Buckle, Peterboro	9 1/4	14	£35/10/-
1044/3935	Vaglefield	F.Ward	O	-	42	20	£80.00
1044/3941	Westwood Farm	H.Baldrey	-	-	92 1/2	-	
1044/3942	Whipley Farm	F.R.Hawkins	-	-	84+40grazng	6 1/2	£118.00
1044/3950	Land at Henley Pk	Vokes Ltd	O	-	67	6 months	£68.00
1044/3968	Westwood Garage	F.W.Nunn	T/O	-	7 1/2	15	£3/10/- £1/10/-
1044/3969	Hazeldene & land Ash	J.Gilbert	T/O	Mr Addington, Flexford Rd, Normandy	24		£11.00
1044/3971	Bushey Lea Farm	W.South	T	Mrs Annils Ash/ Mr Hazwood Tongham	30	5	£75.00
1044/3972	1 Westwood Lane	E.J.Wright	-	-	6 1/2	1 1/2	£40.00
1044/3973	Wyke Heath Farm	C.W.Johnson	T	Poyle Estates Ltd. Agents Eggar	18	3	£54/5/-
1044/3974	Land at Westwood Lane	F.R.Goddard	T/O	A.R.Matthews, Roseville, Westwood Lane	2.2	8	£12.00
1044/3977	Wyke Rough Hldg &	Wallace	T	Henriques/Jenkinson/Miles	34	1 3/4	£64.00
1044/3991	Park Farm, Badshot Lea	J.Vick	-	-	12	-	
1044/3991	Land Station Rd Normandy	R. & T.W.Marshall	T/O	Mrs Harris, Normandy, agent Drewett	-	-	
1044/3992	Ashfield Lodge Farm	Slaughter	-	-	20	5	£47.10
1044/3998	Little Down, Christmas Pie	C.Cull	O	-	12	13	£12.00
	Dollies Hill					(Bought for building)	