



## From Agas [1578] to OS today – Oxford's Changing Townscape in Old Maps and New

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The British Historic Towns Atlas project was established in 1963 as part of a pan-European programme to produce atlases of consistent scale and content for the easy comparison of the growth and development of European cities. They added the detail of older maps onto a digital format to give perhaps the clearest and most accurate atlas of Oxford and other cities to date.

The principles behind the atlases are to offer maps and text in a way which fills a gap both in knowledge and in tools for urban studies. The purpose is to provide maps which allow for a visual understanding of each town at critical stages in its development, and to create a summary map, shown here, which describes the town just before industrialisation began to alter the urban form forever. A project for Oxford has recently been completed. The spectacular results will be presented at this talk.

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# Hanney History Group

8.00 p.m.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

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Hanney War

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Visitors

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per person -

Please arrive by

7.50 p.m.

