



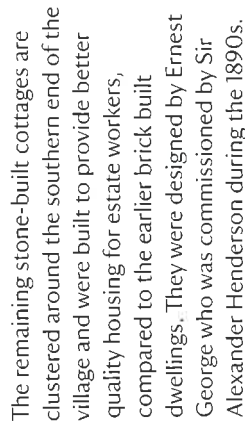
The Buscott & Coleshill Estates are working agricultural estates comprising of 7,500 acres (3,035 ha) that include the villages of Buscott, Coleshill and Eaton Hastings and 11 tenanted farms. The Buscott Estate belonged to Lord Faringdon whose family name is Henderson. It was bequeathed, along with the Coleshill Estate, to the National Trust in 1956.

As a conservation organisation, our aim is to manage the estates by supporting environmentally sympathetic farming systems, maintaining and improving the nature conservation value and providing access over a comprehensive network of existing definitive and permissive paths.



was originally developed around the church. The degeneration of this earlier site probably began in the 14th century with the Black Death and the enclosure of land for sheep. The location of the village was as it is today, expanded in the mid 19th Century as housing was required for a growing estate workforce. The cottages were constructed of bricks which were made on the estate using locally sourced raw materials.

The oldest buildings in the village lie at the northern end. The Manor which dates from the 17th century, was designed to stand slightly apart from what was then, the main village centre around the church.



The cottages were built of limestone rubble with stone slate roofs and large limestone chimney stacks. Ernest George also designed the village hall and pump.

was built between 1779 and 1783 for Edward Loveden. The family had acquired land in Buscot some two centuries previously, having purchased the Manor of Michael's Court from Sir Francis Stonor in 1557.



runs from Wormleighton near Banbury to Waylands Smithy near Swindon. It is 106km/66 miles and was created to mark the Oxford Fieldpath Society's Diamond Jubilee in 1986 to connect Oxfordshire's major long distance paths with the Wessex Downs, and named after a notable defender of the county's path network.

When the Australian, Robert Tertius Campbell bought the Buscot Estate in 1859 he proceeded to turn it into the most highly industrialised farm in 19th century Britain. He built a 20 acre reservoir for irrigation purposes, a large distillery to make sugar and distil spirit alcohol from sugar beet, a narrow gauge railway around the estate and a large corn mill driven by a water turbine.



is the smallest lock on the River Thames. It was built in 1790 and is the second highest lock on the river. Look out for the flood plaques.

is owned by the National Trust and can be visited by written appointment only on Wednesdays from March – October. This 18th century house has a small walled garden and is situated on the banks of the River Thames.



is managed by Lord Faringdon.

has parts which date from the 11th century. The church has an excellent guide book.

is now at the site of the Anchor Inn which burnt to the ground in 1980. There was once a weir here with two waterwheels. There is also a bridge for crossing the Thames.



is a popular spot on the river. In the early 19th century each year 3,000 tonnes of cheese were loaded here in barges due for London.

pumped water to a reservoir to feed the water gardens in Buscot House until the 1990s.

**Map Key**

1. Buscot Weir
2. Buscot Park
3. Great Coxwell Barn
4. Bath
5. Buscot and Colehill Estate Office
6. Ashdown House

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01367 252313

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