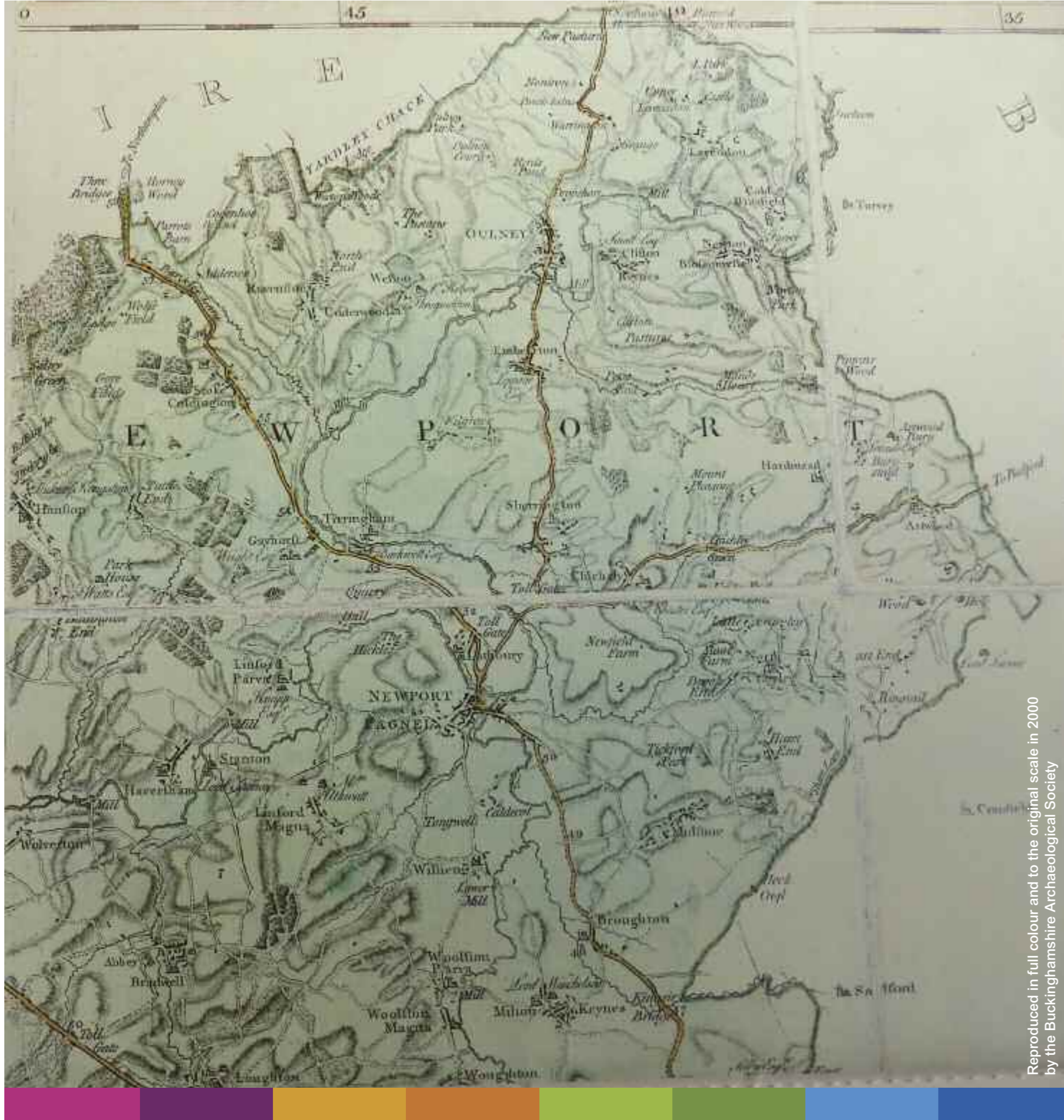


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Relive Georgian Life – Olney



Section from the Map of the County of Buckinghamshire surveyed 1766-68 by John Ainslie and engraved by Thomas Jefferys. Published in 1770

'The Town of Olney has a long Street of above half a Mile: at the Bottom stand the Church. The Market, which is on a Monday, is kept about the Middle of the Street, on a sort of a Square, there are good Shambles¹, but no Market House. The Fairs are on Easter Monday & St Peter's Day June 29.'

Olney described by the Rev William Cole² of Bletchley (1714 - 1782) in his notes taken from the works of Browne Willis³ of Whaddon Hall (1682–1760).



'The Rural Walks of Cowper: Displayed in a Series of Views Near Olney, Bucks. Representing the Scenery Exemplified in His Poems: with Descriptive Sketches, and a Memoir of the Poet's Life' James Sargent Storer, 1822

¹ Where animals were slaughtered.

² Rev William Cole lived in Bletchley from 1753–1767. He put together an extensive collection of manuscripts about the history of Buckinghamshire. Few were published at the time but his diary has been published as *'The Blecheley Diary of the Rev William Cole, 1765-67'*

³ Browne Willis was an antiquarian with a deep interest in the local area. He searched out old documents for his published volumes on parliamentary and church history, architecture, coins and tokens, and his native Buckinghamshire.

