

National Library of Scotland: Map Images website

Local Historians in Gloucestershire are now very fortunate to have access to two excellent sources of online historic OS mapping at the 1:2500 (25 inch) scale through the Know Your Place (KYP Gloucestershire) and the National Library of Scotland (NLS) Map Images websites.

The NLS site may be less well known, but it provides several features that KYP does not, such as 1:10560 (6in) OS mapping from the 1950s and 1960s, aerial photography, geo-referenced maps and an index of all the place names on the 1900 6in OS maps.

We are therefore benefiting from a service that goes well beyond what you might expect from a National Library other than our own. We have recently become aware through contacts at NLS that feedback from users in England would be extremely welcome as they start to plan what will be included on the site over the next five years.

The most simple and effective way is to, please, complete their online survey. While you can certainly say how you would like the site to develop, you may feel you only need to say what a valuable resource it is and hope it will continue to be developed (plus ticking the box that you are in England!). They say it will take 10 minutes to complete but you should be able to do it in 5 (or less)!

If you need evidence of the excellent job they are doing for "south of the border" that should be supported, you might also like to look at last week's [addition of nearly 9000 English and Welsh 6in maps to the site \(1950s and 1960s\)](#).

Even if you are only an infrequent user (or non-user) of the NLS site your kind assistance in taking a few minutes to do the survey will be much appreciated by NLS and should benefit Gloucestershire users in the future.

The survey is at <https://survey.progressivepartnership.co.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=154685719286> .

Thank you.

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