



West Dorset's agricultural landscape has historically been made up of small fields bounded by hedgerows, the curving shapes revealing their antiquity. Land ownership also tended to be fragmentary and most farms were tenanted. This is true of the area around Chantry Farm. In this case Eveleigh was the only owner occupier in 1943. In 1919, when offered for sale, Chantry Farm was a Dairy farm of 63 acres, tenanted by G. Swaffield. By 1935, Chantry farm and the neighbouring Bowgrove Farm were owned by Dr H.A. Lake but tenanted separately. On his death in 1969 the farms passed to his son, John Lake, who became owner occupier. On his death in 2006, they passed to his niece but were occupied by an associate of Mr Lake. Around 2012/3 the niece sold the land that makes up the current Chantry Farm to him and in 2019/20 the present owners purchased it. The land to the north is part of Buckham Down Farm, dating from the 1920s and recently sold (2024).