

- Large rectilinear fields defined by drystone walling
- Dominant use of stone for building
- Woodland of planned character—trrrf nnedr. ' .

The key factors that define this landscape are its topography, its large scale and open character and the estate like influence of large regular fields, plantations and belts of trees. The undulating form of the plateau is emphasised by the openness and long distance views. This is a landscape formerly associated with extensive sheep walks, although much of the permanent pasture has now been lost to arable uses.

It is a landscape that was probably cleared of its tree cover by Roman times, and with its favoured light and easily cultivated soils, has been farmed ever since, with little opportunity for the natural re-establishment of woodland, except along the steeper valleys. The tree cover today comprises plantation woodlands and tree belts, the shape of which emphasise the regular pattern of fields. It is an area of intensive agriculture with settlement tending to be confined to

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- Upstanding rolling plateau, capped with oolitic limestone
- Thin, stony soils with characteristic orange colouring

Landscape Type Information Sheet
Limestone Estatelands

The essential scale and spaciousness of these landscapes could become frag-

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