



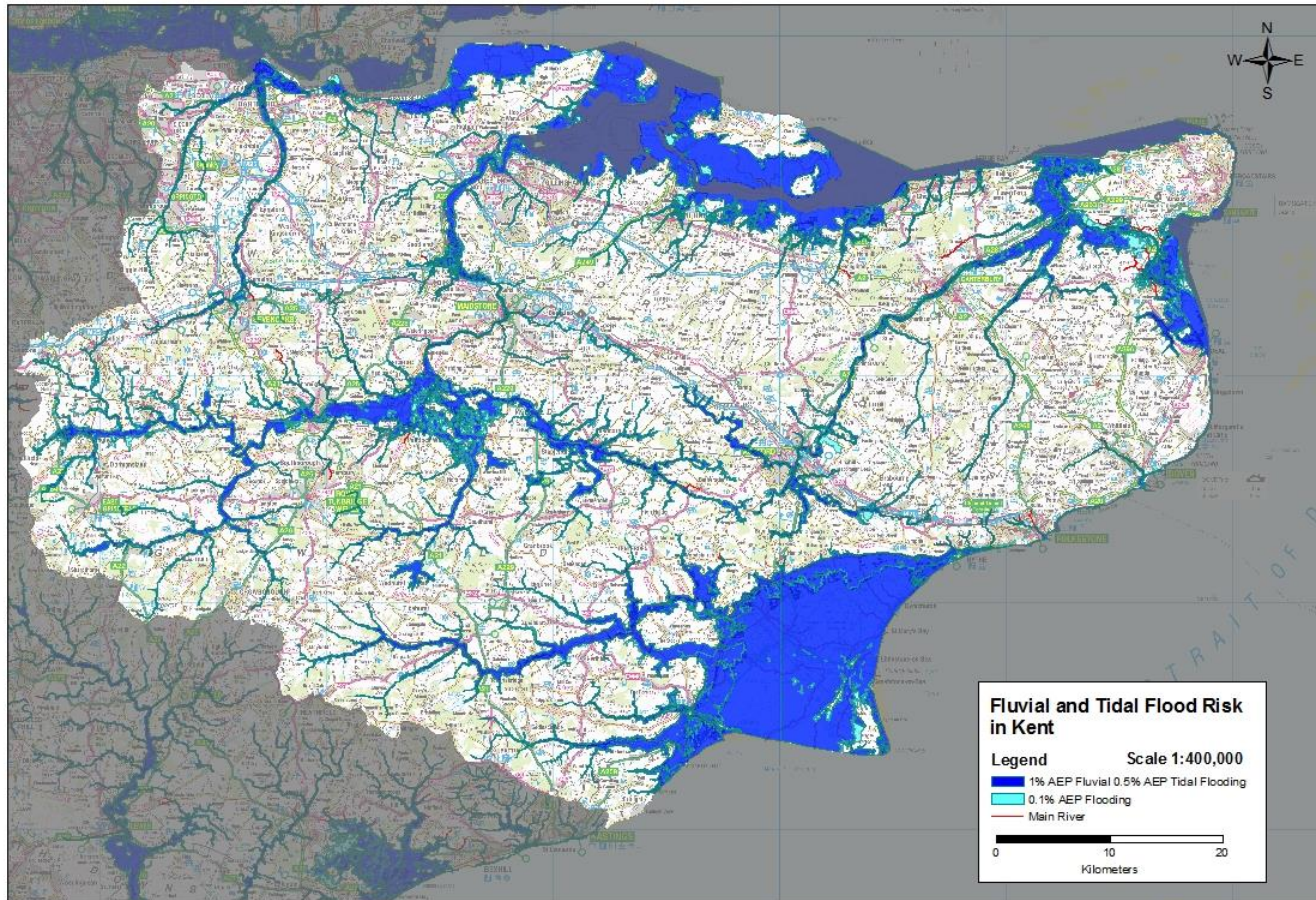
Romney Marsh

Managing Flood Risk for Agriculture

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The EA Flood risk map of Kent with thanks to Andrew Pearce





The Romney Marshes:

100 sq miles of Prime agricultural land
in an iconic landscape:

drainage, churches , power generation

An iconic landscape



More energy generation ?





Grade I agricultural land needs
to be used for food production –
and protected

Flood protection:
Treasury rules on cost benefit do not
take account of agricultural land



Crops don't count



This makes maintenance more difficult
to fund



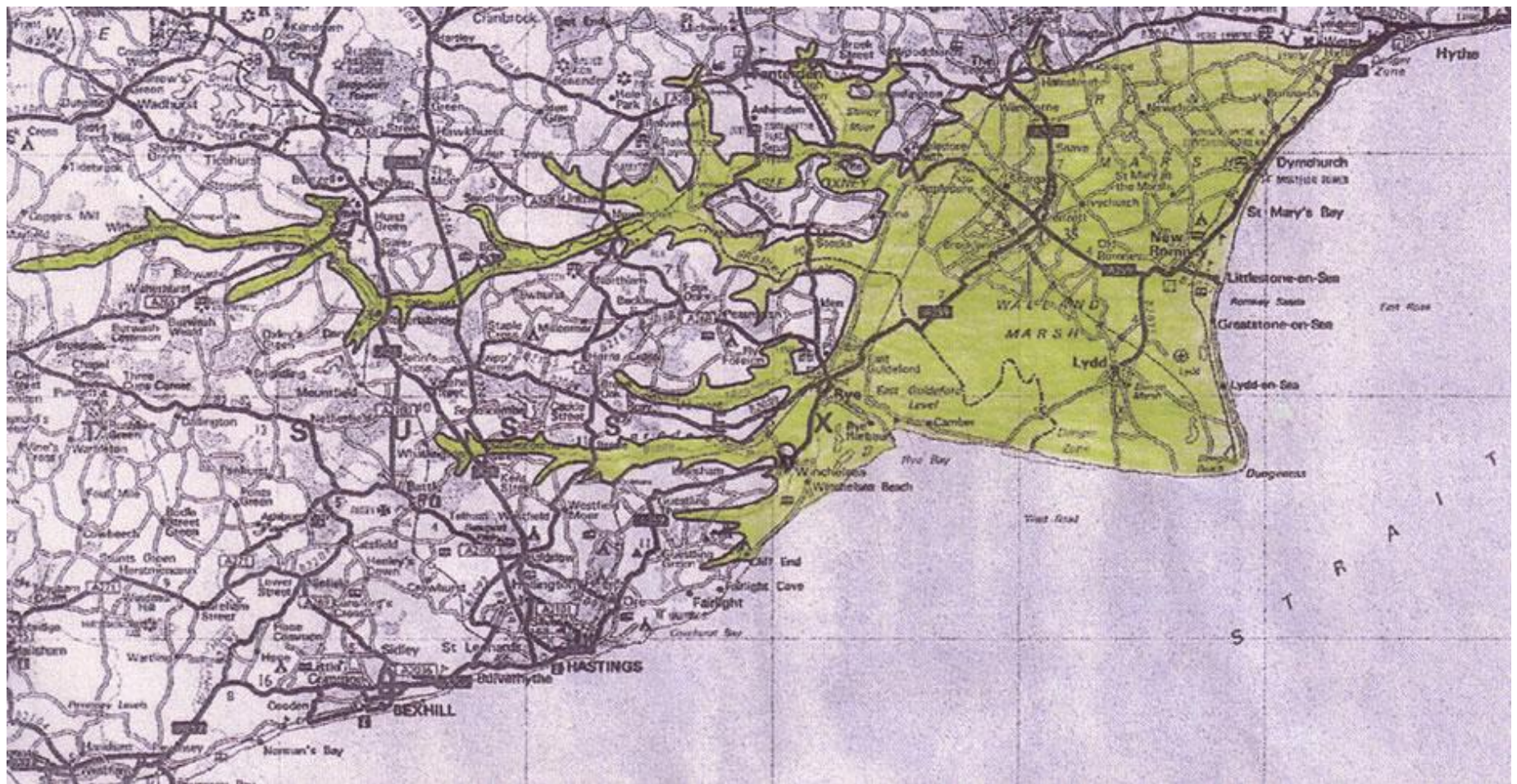
Iconic and productive



- The iconic landscape
- An agricultural heritage of Sheep – Romneys
- Modern arable farming
- Agri- environmental methods
- Drainage partnerships

Drainage partnerships

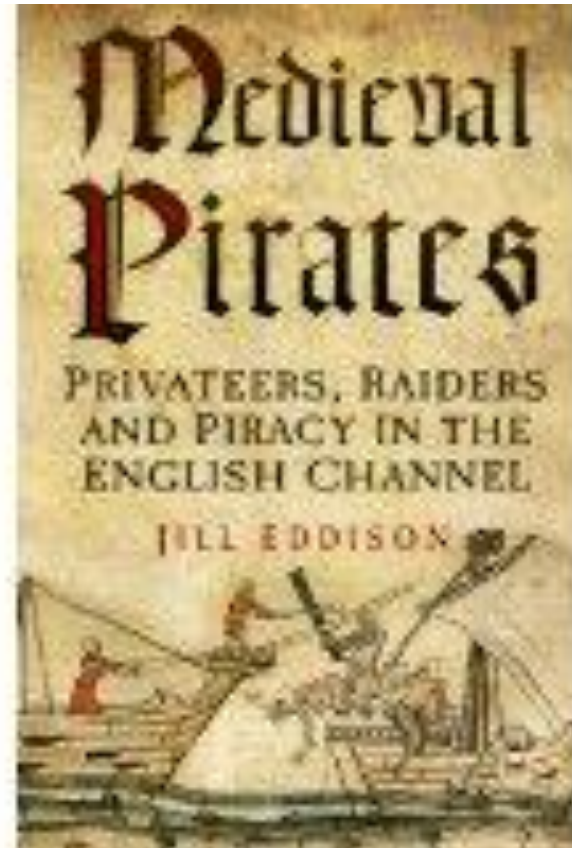
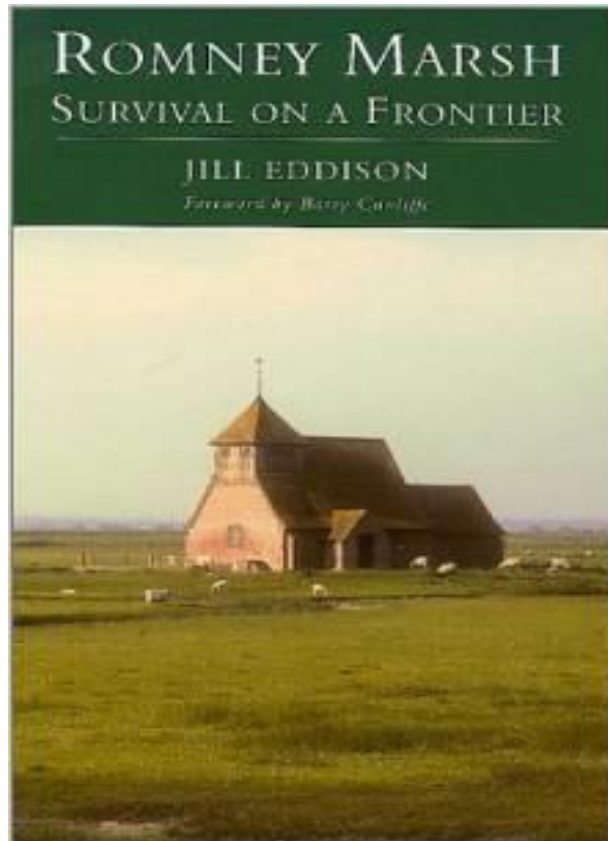
- Farmers - Special Levy (SL)
- Local communities – SL via Local Council
- Environment Agency
- Natural England
- Romney Marshes Area Internal Drainage Board
- Shepway District Council
- Ashford District Council
- Rother District Council
- Marshes: Romney , Rother , Denge , Walland , Pett



Partnership agendas

- Maintenance programmes
- Dredging permissions
- Asset renewal & replacement - critical pumps
- Managing sediment, not waste
- Maintaining capacity for flow
- Greater consensus on wildlife management
- Catchment management

Important and fascinating Kent countryside





Romney Marsh for Agriculture

Kent Countryside CPRE wants to
help protect

Thank you