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Preface

This book is largely made up of the papers presented to the 25th anniversary conference of the Leicestershire Museums Archaeological Fieldwork Group held on 7th and 8th September 2001 at the University of Leicester, which was well supported by the local archaeological community. The papers attempt to synthesise the most recent knowledge of Leicestershire and Rutland's archaeology. It is some twenty years since the last attempt to do this in the publication of 'Leicestershire Archaeology – The Present State of Knowledge' (Liddle 1982). It is the membership of the Fieldwork Group, along with the Museums’ Survey Team and Archaeological Unit and, in more recent years, the University of Leicester Archaeological Services and other contracting units, that have expanded our body of knowledge so dramatically in this time.

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Leicestershire belongs to the county of central England. It has an area of 2,553 square kilometers and a population of 861,000 (1991). The capital of Leicester, west, east, south is a highland 90-150 meters above sea level, on the south bank of the Trent River. The tributary of the Sol River. The valley is a population and industrial concentration area. The crops are mainly wheat. There are many pastures in the country, the eastern dairy industry is developed, there is a dairy industry. There is