



Post-Medieval

Surrey

AD 1485 +

The medieval period officially came to an end with the Battle of Bosworth in 1485. This began the powerful Tudor State, when Henry VIII had a significant impact on the countryside through his break with Rome, which led to the dissolution of the monasteries. The Stuart period which followed covered events such as the gunpowder plot, religious feuding and the Civil Wars. The transition to new manufacturing processes – known as the Industrial Revolution – took place in the Georgian period, with the era well-known for its canal building, steam power and machine manufacturing. The growing number of factories and arrival of the steam railway in the Victorian period resulted in rapid population expansion in towns, while the 20th century was most impacted by two global wars and the constant threat to the home front.

