



This image of Castletown was taken using aerial photography as part of the ongoing Isle of Man mapping survey programme, and shows detail down to a ground resolution of 20 cm (10cm in the main built up areas).

Castle Rushen stands out proudly, dominating the Town and Harbour.

The whole Island was flown over the 14th and 15th July 2006, and the resultant overlapping photographic images are Orthorectified using known reference points on the ground. Once this is complete the mapping is overlaid, which enables the survey team to revise the mapping where features need adding, deleting or amending. There is also a new polygonised digital mapping dataset being created, called "Manxmap", which will enable every parcel of land to be categorised by its use. This new photography will be used to correctly identify and label features on the ground over virtually all of the Island.

There are many other uses for this aerial photography, and enthusiastic users include Utility Organisations, Environmental Agencies plus a number of bodies who use the images to graphically enhance and publicise their activities in a visually attractive way.

The 2006 Aerial Photography for the whole of the Island is now available to the public at various scales and formats through www.getmapping.com Please visit their website for further information, or contact: the Cartographer, Directorate of Planning and Building Control, Department of Local Government and the Environment, Murray House, Mount Havelock, Douglas, IM1 2SF Email: mapping@dlge.gov.im