

TURNPIKE ROADS OF THE BRISTOL AREA SURVEY- PART 2

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The first part of the survey appeared in Journal 1 and listed the remains of the toll road system, milestones, tollhouses etc., in South Gloucestershire. Part 2 deals in the main with North Somerset, but does include the Bristol Road to Chippenham via Marshfield which was not included in Part 1.

The references are grouped under the Trusts to which they belong and in doing this we have been greatly helped by the maps in the Somerset Record Office prepared by Sir Robert de Z Hall. Considerable assistance also came from "Old Mendip" by Robin Atthill. Little appears to remain on the ground of the West Harptree Trust (1792-1876) apart from the well known toll house at Stanton Drew (ST 597636). On the B5130 road between Clevedon and Flax Bourton there are about five mile posts looking very much like toll road, relics, cast iron V shaped bearing various distances to Bristol and Clevedon but with Somerset C C 1911 on the upper face. The Bristol Roads did not apparently run to Clevedon so why were these posts put up and in this particular form? An intriguing question.

information can be obtained from the survey forms and maps held by the Department of Technology, Bristol City Museum. Any additional information or corrections would be welcomed.

Abbreviations

BS Boundary stone
 BP Boundary Post
 MS Milestone
 MP Mile Post
 TP Terminus post
 TS Terminus Stone
 TH Tollhouse
 V 'V' fronted (post)
 r rectangular (plate)
 rc rectangular with curved top (plate)
 ci cast iron
 inc incuse letters (otherwise letters in relief)
 ph pointing hand or finger
 def defaced
 obs obscured
 THE underlining of inscriptions where italics
 L) -left hand or right hand from
 H)

We do not claim to have listed all the remains of every Trust, as apart from omissions, several of them extended outside the area to which the survey was restricted. More

BATH 1706 - 1878

| Grid Ref | Description | Remarks |
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| ST 763665 | BP V ci 1827 WALCOT SWAINSWICK vertical obs TURNPIKE TRUST | L Bath |
| ST 770669 | BP V ci 1827 SWAINSWICK BATHEASTON vertical obs TURNPIKE TRUST | L Bath |
| ST 784673 | BP V ci 1827 BATHEASTON BATH FORD vertical obs TH TURNPIKE TRUST | L Bath |
| ST 785672 | MS r ci plate inc To Bath 3 | R Bath |
| ST 800666 | MS r ci plate inc To Bath 4 | R Bath |
| ST 818672 | TS ci plate inc THE BATH ROADS ph TO THE GUILDHALL BATH M4 & FUR 7 | R Bath |
| ST 831673 | TH stone, stone tiles, 2 storey, blocked window over porch, iron staple to right, dwelling good condition. | L Bath |
| ST 838671 | TS ci plate inc THE BATH ROADS ph TO THE GUILDHALL BATH, separate plate super-imposed-7 | L Bath |
| ST 828682 | TH stone, slate roof 1 storey, half hexagonal centre part, 3 iron staples over door | L Bath |
| ST 799675 | MS plate missing | L Bath |
| ST 803677 | BP V ci 1835 BATH FORD BOX obs TURNPIKE TRUST | L Bath |
| ST 839698 | MS ci plate irregular shape inc To Bath 7 | R Bath |
| ST 853703 | MS r ci plate To Bath 8 (painted) bench mark | R Bath |
| ST 870713 | MS no plate, surface of stone disfigured | L Bath |
| ST 882717 | MS ci plate irregular shape inc To Bath 10 overgrown | L Bath |
| ST 896721 | MS ci plate irregular shape inc To Bath 11 | L Bath |
| ST 912727 | MS r ci plate inc To Bath 12 | L Bath |
| ST 925728 | MS r ci plate inc To Bath 14 | L Bath |
| ST 925729 | TH stone brick half hexagonal front roof slate dwelling (brick extensions) good condition | L Bath |
| ST 948713 | MS r ci plate inc To Bath 15 | L Bath |
| ST 961711 | MS r ci plate inc To Bath 16 | R Bath |
| ST 977710 | MS no plate | L Bath |
| ST 786676 | MS irregular shaped ci plate inc To Bath 3 | R Bath |
| ST 795697 | BP V ci 1827 BATHEASTON COLERNE obs PIKE TRUST | R Bath |
| ST 797707 | TS ci plate inc THE BATH ROADS ph TO THE GUILDHALL BATH 5 | R Bath |
| ST 745666 | BP V ci 1835 CHARLECOMBE blank BATH TURNPIKE TRUST on spine | R Bath |

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| ST736676 | BP V ci 1827 WALCOT WESTON | L Bath |
| ST 736677 | MS r ci plate inc To Bath 2 | R Bath |
| ST 725689 | MS r ci plate inc To Bath 3 | R Bath |
| ST 721704 | MS r ci plate inc To Bath 4 | R Bath |
| ST 721704 | BP V ci 1835 WESTON COLD ASHTON | L Bath |
| ST 713716 | MS r ci plate inc To Bath 5 Bench mark | R Bath |
| ST 712716 | BP V ci 1827 WICK ABSON blank obs PIKE TRUST | L Bath |
| ST 710726 | TS ci plate THE BATH ROADS ph TO THE GUILDHALL BATH | R Bath |
| ST 707654 | MS r ci plate inc To Bath 3 | R Bath |
| ST 697652 | BS V ci 1827 NEWTON CORSTON obs TURNPIKE TRUST cracked repaired | L Bath |
| ST 693652 | MS r ci plate inc To Bath 4 | R Bath |
| ST 678647 | MS r ci plate inc To Bath 5 | R Bath |
| ST 669640 | TH stone roof slate 1 storey Notice board 'J. McIntyre-, Toll Gate' over window, dwelling of Filling station, good condition | R Bath |
| ST 531669 | MP V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 5 TO CROSS 11 BRISTOL TURNPIKE obs | R Bristol |
| ST 669640 | BS V ci CORSTON MARKSBURY obs -TURNPIKE TRUST | L Bath |
| ST 668636 | MS r ci plate inc To Bath 6 | R Bath |
| ST 664620 | MS no plate | R Bath |
| ST 659607 | MS r ci plate inc To Bath 8 | R Bath |
| ST 647598 | MS r ci plate inc To Bath 9 | R Bath |
| ST 646583 | MS r ci plate inc To Bath 10 | L Bath |
| ST 637572 | MS r ci plate inc To Bath 11 | R Bath |
| ST 626550 | TS ci plate THE BATH ROADS ph TO THE GUILDHALL BATH13M & 2F | R Bath |
| ST 734617 | BP V ci WIDCOMBE COMBE HAY -20 yards away similar COMBE HAY ENGLISHCOMBE | L Bath |
| ST 718604 | MS r ci plate inc To Bath 4 | R Bath |
| ST 716593 | BP V ci DUNKERTON WELLOW | L Bath |
| ST 698571 | BP V ci WELLOW CAMERTON, by Red Post Inn TH stone roof slate opposite Inn | L Bath R Bath |
| ST 694567 | MS r ci plate inc To Bath 7(looks like a 2) | R Bath |
| ST 670533 | MS no plate | R Radstock |
| ST 668527 | BP V ci KILMERSDON STRATTON obs TURNPIKE TRUST | L Radstock |
| ST 666525 | TP r ci plate THE BATH ROADS ph TO THE GUILDHALL BATH M10 & F4 | R Radstock |
| ST 747630 | MS no plate, attempt to carve 1 mile in stone | L Bath |
| ST 748618 | BP V ci 1827 WIDCOMBE SOUTHSTOKE | L Bath |
| ST 760641 | MS no plate | L Bath |
| ST 765638 | BP V ci BATHWICK WIDCOMBE top broken off | L Bath |
| ST 624608 | MS inc 8 MILES TO BRISTOL Iron Bridge | L Bristol |
| ST 562639 | MS rc ci plate 6 MILES TO BRISTOL | R Bristol |
| ST 562623 | MS rc ci plate 7 MILES TO BRISTOL | R Bristol |
| ST 554603 | MS rc ci plate 8 MILES TO BRISTOL | R Bristol |
| ST 554592 | MS rc ci plate 9 MILES TO BRISTOL | R Bristol |
| ST 502636 | MP V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 8 TO CROSS 8 BRISTOL TURNPIKE obs | R Bristol |
| ST 491624 | MP V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 9 TO CROSS 7 BRISTOL TURNPIKE obs MS stands behind this - plate missing | R Bristol |
| ST 480614 | MS V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 10 TO CROSS 6 BRISTOL TURNPIKE obs | R Bristol |
| ST 469604 | MP V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 11 TO CROSS 5 BRISTOL TURNPIKE obs | R Bristol |
| ST 454603 | MP V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 12 TO CROSS 4 BRISTOL TURNPIKE obs | R Bristol |
| ST 446588 | MP V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 13 TO CROSS 3 BRISTOL TURNPIKE obs | R Bristol |
| ST 437582 | MP V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 14 TO CROSS 2 BRISTOL TURNPIKE obs | R Bristol |
| ST 425569 | MP V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 15 TO CROSS 1 BRISTOL TURNPIKE TRUST | R Bristol |
| ST 422554 | MS fixing holes plate missing | R Bristol |
| ST 402535 | MP V ci 1837 TO CROSS 2 TO BRIDGEWATER 14 BRISTOL TURN obs | R Bristol |
| ST 385529 | MP V ci 1837 TO CROSS 3 TO BRIDGEWATER 13 BRISTOL TURNPIKE obs | R Bristol |
| ST 548705 | MS rc ci plate 3 MILES TO BRISTOL | L Bristol |
| ST 533698 | MS rc ci plate 4 MILES TO BRISTOL | L Bristol |
| ST 503694 | MS rc ci plate 6 MILES TO BRISTOL | L Bristol |
| ST 488687 | MS rc ci plate 7 MILES TO BRISTOL | L Bristol |
| ST 478675 | MS rc ci plate 8 MILES TO BRISTOL | L Bristol |
| ST 465665 | MS rc ci plate 9 MILES TO BRISTOL | L Bristol |
| ST 444718 | MS no plate, bolt holes | L Bristol |
| ST 557576 | MART PH BRISTOL TURNPIKE TRUST | R Bristol |
| ST 556576 | MS rc ci plate TO BRISTOL 10 MILES | R Bristol |
| ST 561692 | BP V ci domed top 1823 ASHTON PH BEDMR PH BRISTOL TURNPIKE TRUST | R Bristol |
| ST 557689 | MS? broken, face down no plate? | R Bristol |
| ST 552682 | BP V ci 1823 WINE PH ASTON PH BRISTOL TURNPIKE TRUST | R Bristol |
| ST 545678 | MP V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 4 TO CROSS 12 BRISTOL TURNPIKE | R Bristol |
| ST 518663 | MP V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 6 TO CROSS 10 BRISTOL TURNPIKE(moved following road widening?) | R Bristol |

BRISTOL 1727 -1867

| Grid Ref. | Description | Remarks |
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| ST 599718 | Ornamental stone pillar metal arms ph BATH WELLS | Junction Bath Wells Road |

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| ST 603716 | Site of turnpike, now The Turnpike Inn | R Bristol |
| ST 636698 | I MS no plate | R Bristol |
| ST 659638 | MS rc ci plate inc 5 MILES TO BRISTOL | R Bristol |
| ST 673678 | MS rc ci plate inc 6 MILES FROM BRISTOL | L Bristol |
| ST 678672 | BP pillar domed top 1823 SALFD PH KEYNSM PH BRISTOL TURNPIKE TRUST | R Bristol |
| ST 749452 | TH uncoursed rubble, tiles, 2 storey, dwelling "The Old Toll House" good repair MS r ci plate TO BRUTON 2 | R Bruton |
| ST 689663 | TH Stucco walls slate roof 2 storey front with collonades, slit side walls "THE TURNPIKE" dwelling good condition windows in | R Bristol |
| ST 686669 | MS rc ci plate inc 7 MILES TO BRISTOL bench mark | R Bristol |

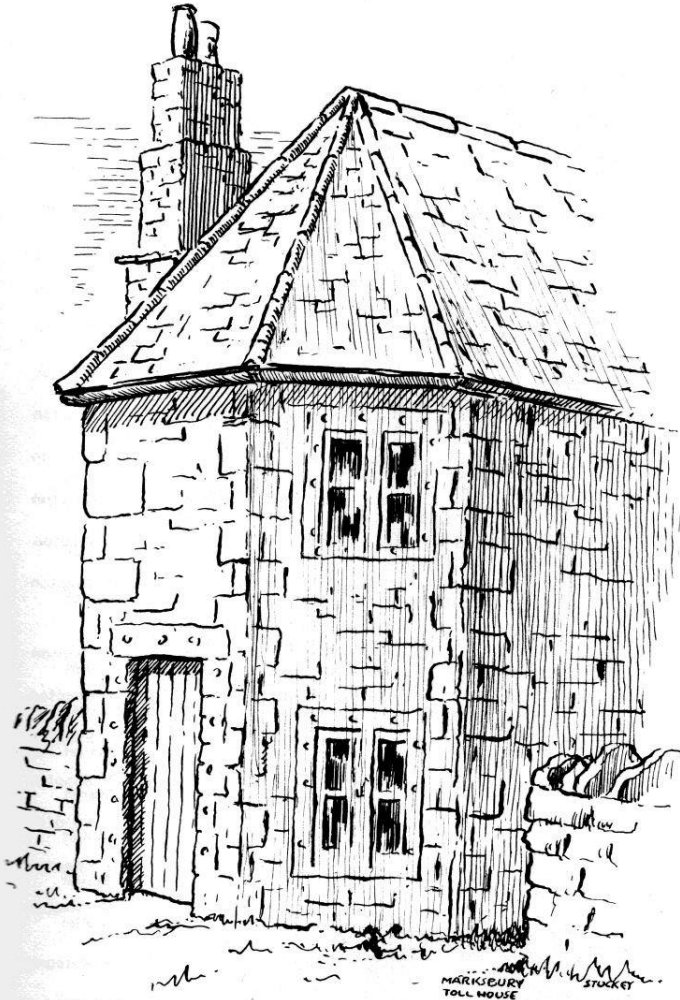
BRUTON 1755 - 1876

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| ST 667370 | MS rc ci BRUTON on curved top - 2 Miles | |
| ST 692412 | MS To BATCOMBE 11/a MILES - arrowed | L Bruton |
| ST 701436 | TH uncoursed limestone part cement rendered, roof stone slabs, unoccupied derelict | R Bruton |
| ST 705440 | MS r ci plate SHEPTON MALLETT 6 FROME 6 (replacement plate) | L Bruton |
| ST 718447 | MS r ci plate SHEPTON MALLETT 7 FROME 5 (replacement plate) MS r ci plate TO BRUTON 8 | R Bruton |
| ST 687351 | | L Bruton |
| ST 701375 | | L Bruton |
| ST 706390 | MS r ci plate TO BRUTON 3 | R Bruton |
| ST 709405 | Stone in wall - no plate or inscription | L Bruton |
| ST 713421 | MS r ci plate TO BRUTON 5 | L Bruton |
| ST 723433 | MS r ci plate TO BRUTON 6 | L Bruton |
| ST 735445 | MS r ci plate TO BRUTON 7 | L Bruton |

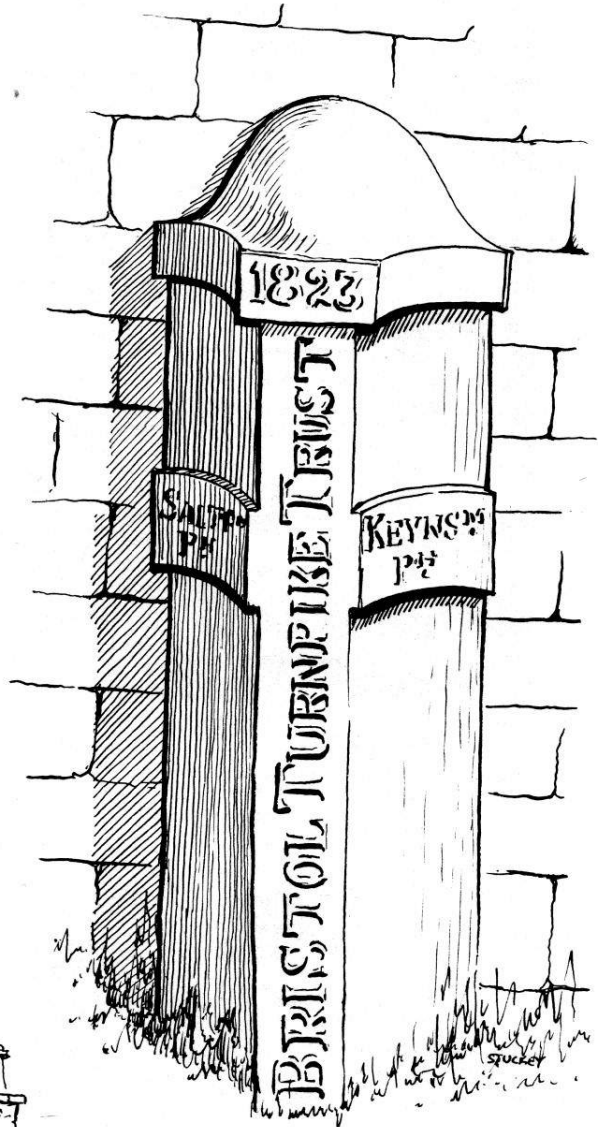
Board from Batcombe Gate. Hedgestocks (ST 684372) is in the Reading Room of the Ward Library, Bruton

BUCKLAND DINHAM (RADSTOCK AFTER 1830) 1768 - 1872

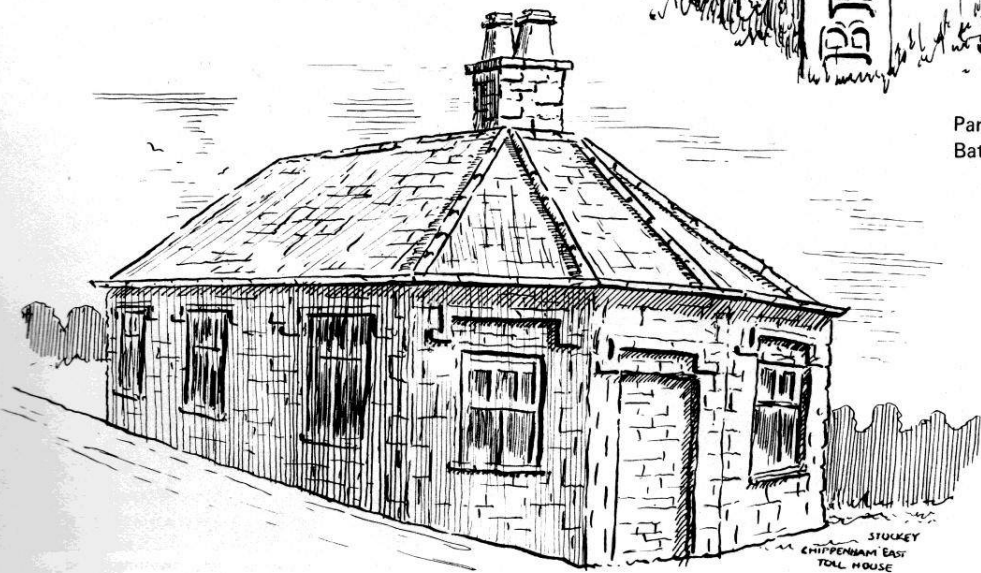
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| ST 702544 | MS no plate | R Radstock |
| ST 714534 | MS r ci plate FROME 6 RADSTOCK 2 | R Radstock |
| ST 723521 | MS r ci plate FROME 5 RADSTOCK 3 | R Radstock |
| ST 679524 | MP V ci LONDON 112, WELLS 10, TROWBRIDGE 13, DEVIZES 23 | R White Post - Kilmersdon |
| ST 691524 | MP V ci LONDON 111, WELLS 11, TROWBRIDGE 12, DEVIZES 22, Vertical KILMERSDON | R White Post - Kilmersdon |
| ST 691524 | TH stone, dressed corner stones, roof slates, 2 storey, rectangular, dwelling good repair | L White Post - Kilmersdon |
| ST 714534 | MS r ci plate FROME 6 RADSTOCK 2 | L Norton St. Philip |
| ST 728541 | MS ci plate RADSTOCK 3 PNORTON 3 Bench mark on top of stone | L Norton St. Philip |
| ST 716534 | MP V ci LONDON 109, WELLS 13, TROWBRIDGE 10, DEVIZES obs- vertically HEMINGTON | L Norton St. Philip |
| ST 744548 | MP V ci LONDON 107, WELLS 15, TROWBRIDGE 8, DEVIZES 18, Vertical HEMINGTON | L Norton St. Philip |
| ST 752551 | TH stone cement rendered, pantiles, dwelling, moderate repair | L Norton St. Philip |
| ST 758551 | MP V ci LONDON 106, WELLS 16, TROWBRIDGE 7, DEVIZES 17, Vertically NORTON ST. PHILIP | L Norton St. Philip |
| ST 772557 | MP V ci LONDON 105, WELLS 17, TROWBRIDGE 6, DEVIZES 16, Vertical NORTON ST. PHILIP | L Norton St. Philip |
| ST 707523 | MP V ci LONDON 110, WELLS 12, TROWBRIDGE 11, DEVIZES 21, Vertically KILMERSDON on an addition to roads, out of position in relation to others of similar type (? moved) | L Radstock |



Marksbury
Toll House
now demolished



Parish Boundary
Bath Road A4.



Chippenham East Toll House

Drawings by Peter Stuckey

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| ST 624451 | MP V ci BATH 16 SHEPTON MALLET 1 BRUTON 19 | R Shepton Mallet |
| ST 622479 | MP V ci GLOSTER 52 BRISTOL 17 SHEPTON 5 | R Shepton Mallet |
| ST 626509 | MP V ci GLOSTER 50 BRISTOL 15 SHEPTON 7 | R Shepton Mallet |
| ST 622539 | MP V ci GLOSTER 48 BRISTOL 13 SHEPTON 9 BRUTON 18 | R Shepton Mallet |
| ST 630465 | MP V ci BATH 15 SHEPTON MALLET 2 | R Shepton Mallet |
| ST 648486 | MP V ci CHELTM 50 SHEPTON MALLET 4 BATH 13 | R Shepton Mallet |
| ST 654499 | MP V ci CHELTM 49 SHEPTON MALLET 5 BATH 12 | R Shepton Mallet |
| ST 661514 | MP V ci CHELTM 48 SHEPTON MALLET 6 BATH 11 | R Shepton Mallet |
| ST 630408 | MP V ci BRUTON 5 SHEPTON MALLET 2 CASTLE CARY 6 | R Shepton Mallet |
| ST 640396 | MP V ci WINCANTON 9 SHEPTON MALLET 3 BRUTON 4 | L Shepton Mallet |
| ST 652386 | MP V ci WINCANTON 8 SHEPTON MALLET 4 BRUTON 3 | R Shepton Mallet |
| ST 631431 | TH uncoursed rubble, squared corner stones, overhanging eaves, roof slates, trace of former opening in half hexagonal bay, dwelling good condition | L Shepton Mallet |
| ST 632430 | MP V ci LONDON 114 SHEPTON MALLET 1 FROME 11 | R Shepton Mallet |
| ST 64531 | MP V ci LONDON 113 SHEPTON MALLET 2 FROME 10 | R Shepton Mallet |
| ST 661432 | MP V ci LONDON 112 SHEPTON MALLET 3 FROME 9 | R Shepton Mallet |
| ST 674441 | MP V ci LONDON 111 SHEPTON MALLET 4 FROME 8 | R Shepton Mallet |
| ST 679442 | TH stone, slate. 2 storey, half hexagonal bay, dwelling, good repair | L Shepton Mallet |
| ST 689439 | MP V ci LONDON 110 SHEPTON MALLET 5 FROME 7 | R Shepton Mallet |
| ST 671426 | MP V ci BRUTON 6 SHEPTON MALLET 4 BATCOMB 3 | L Batcombe |
| ST 676412 | MP V ci BRUTON 5 SHEPTON MALLET 5 BATCOMB 2 | L Batcombe |
| ST 683399 | MP V ci BRUTON 4 SHEPTON MALLET 6 BATCOMB 1 | L Batcombe |
| ST 649439 | TH stone cement rendering tiles, 2 storey dwelling - rendering has obliterated trace of small window and hinge holes (visible July 67) | L Batcombe |

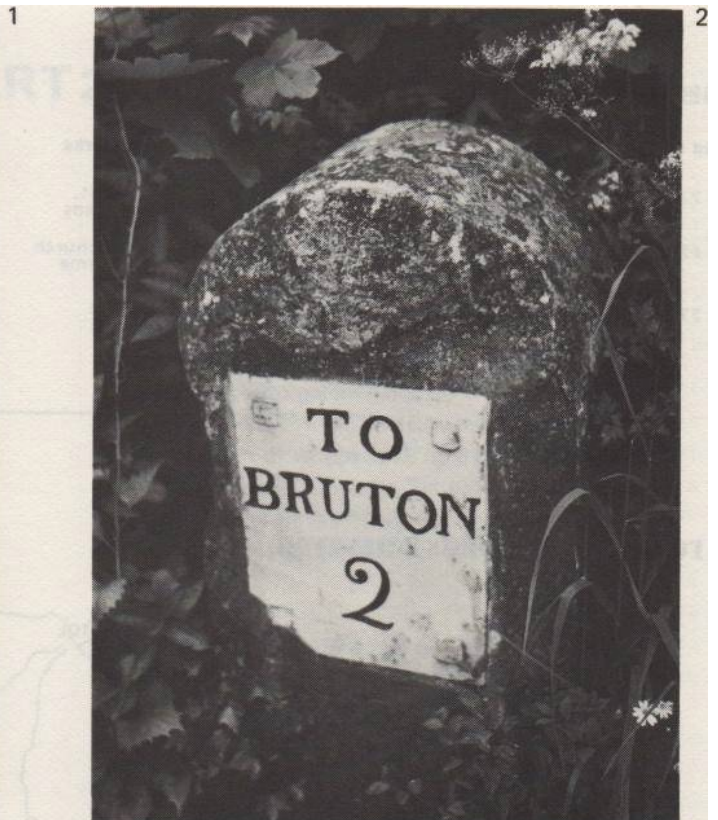
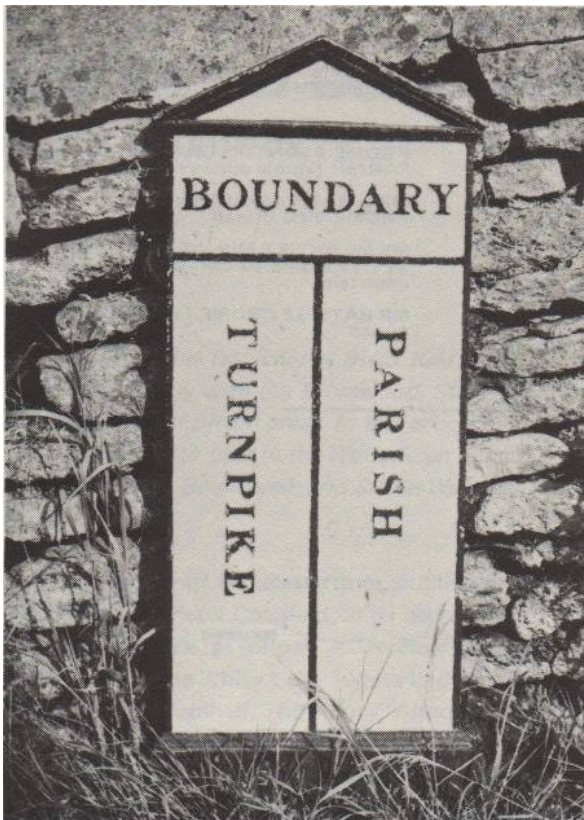
FROME 1756- 1870

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| ST 769481 | TH stone, pantiles, 2 storey, date 1861 above door, adjoining Cottles Oak Stores (later addition). Occupants say original window looks into Stores | R Frome |
| ST 762481 | MS r ci plate FROME 1 WELLS 14 built into wall | R Frome |
| ST 746475 | MS r ci plate FROME 2 WELLS 13 | L Frome |
| ST 731474 | MS r ci plate FROME 3 WELLS 12 | L Whatley |
| ST 717469 | MS r ci plate FROME 4 WELLS 11 | L Whatley |
| ST 701467 | MS r ci plate FROME 5 WELLS 10 | L Whatley |
| ST684464 | MS r ci plate FROME 6 WELLS 9 direction arrowed | L Frome |
| ST 681463 | TH ruinous, walls 2 ft high only | L. Whatley |
| ST 654454 | MS r ci plate FROME 8 WELLS 7 direction arrowed bench mark below plate | R Long Cross |
| ST 759473 | TH stone, uncoursed, square corner stones, pantiles, dwelling, moderate repair | R Frome |
| ST 765487 | MS ci plate heart shaped FROME 1 | L Frome |
| ST 762500 | MS ci plate heart shaped FROME 2 | L Frome |
| ST 777482 | BP ci horizontal BOUNDARY vertical TURNPIKE/PARISH | Bridge St. |
| ST 778477 | BP ci - as previous entry | Christchurch St. Frome |
| ST 659451 | TH stone, part rendered, tile roof, stone carving on front with date 1790, dwelling good repair | L Doulting |
| ST 775559 | ci sign on wall of garage TO TROWBRIDGE | Norton St. Philip roads |
| ST 778477 | BP ci horizontal BOUNDARY vertical TURNPIKE/PARISH | Christchurch St. Frome |

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| ST 772563 | MP ci BATH 7 WARMINSTER 10 - set in wall | L Norton St. Philip |
| ST 772579 | MP ci BATH 6 WARMINSTER 11 | L Norton St. Philip |
| ST 768594 | MP ci BATH 5 WARMINSTER 12 FROME 8 HINTON CHARTERHOUSE PARISH (visible during roadworks) | I -Norton St. Philip |
| ST 762606 | MP ci BATH 4 WARMINSTER 13 | L Norton St. Philip |
| ST 753615 | FROME 9 set in wall MS inc BATH 0 Mile WARMINSTER 11 (?) FROME part buried, lettering uncertain | L Norton St. Philip |
| ST 785500 | MP BATH 12 FROME - remainder buried | L Frome |

WARMINSTER AND FROME (BLACK DOG AFTER 1830) 1751-1879

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| ST 835483 | MP ci BATH 14 WARMINSTER 3 partially obscured | R Warminster |
| ST 818508 | MP ci BATH 12 WARMINSTER 5 | R Warminster |
| ST 809517 | MP ci BATH 11 WARMINSTER 6 | R Warminster |
| ST 800522 | TH cement faced, slates (doubtful) | Junction A36/A361 |
| ST 798525 | MP ci BATH 10 WARMINSTER 7 FROME 3 | L Beckington |
| ST 793535 | TH Bath stone front, coursed rubble rest, roof stone slab, half hexagonal and later additions wooden plugs front wall, dwelling good repair | L Beckington |
| ST 791539 | MP ci BATH 9 WARMINSTER 8 FROME 4 | L Beckington |
| ST 791542 | TH stone, slate, dwelling, good repair (doubtful) | Angle of B3110/A36 |
| ST 781551 | MP ci BATH 8 WARMINSTER 9 FROME 5 | L Woolverton |

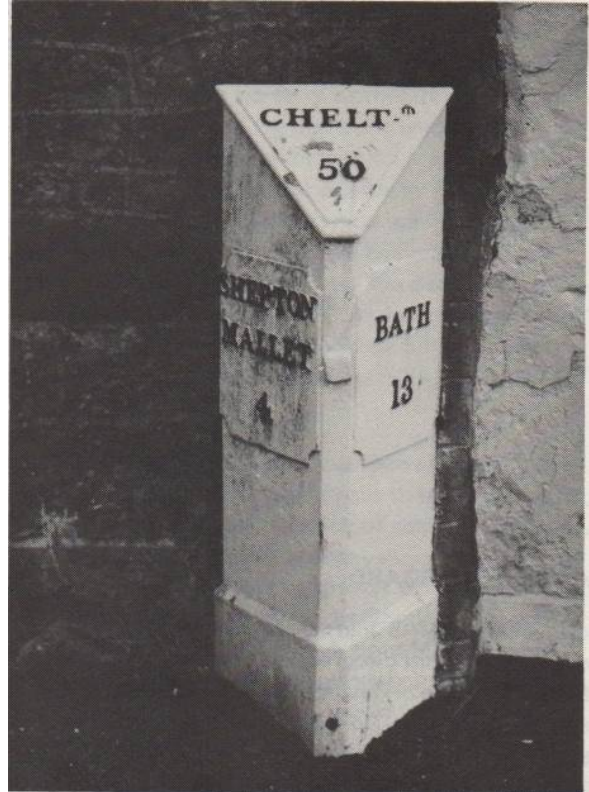


St 777482 BRIDGE ST., FROME

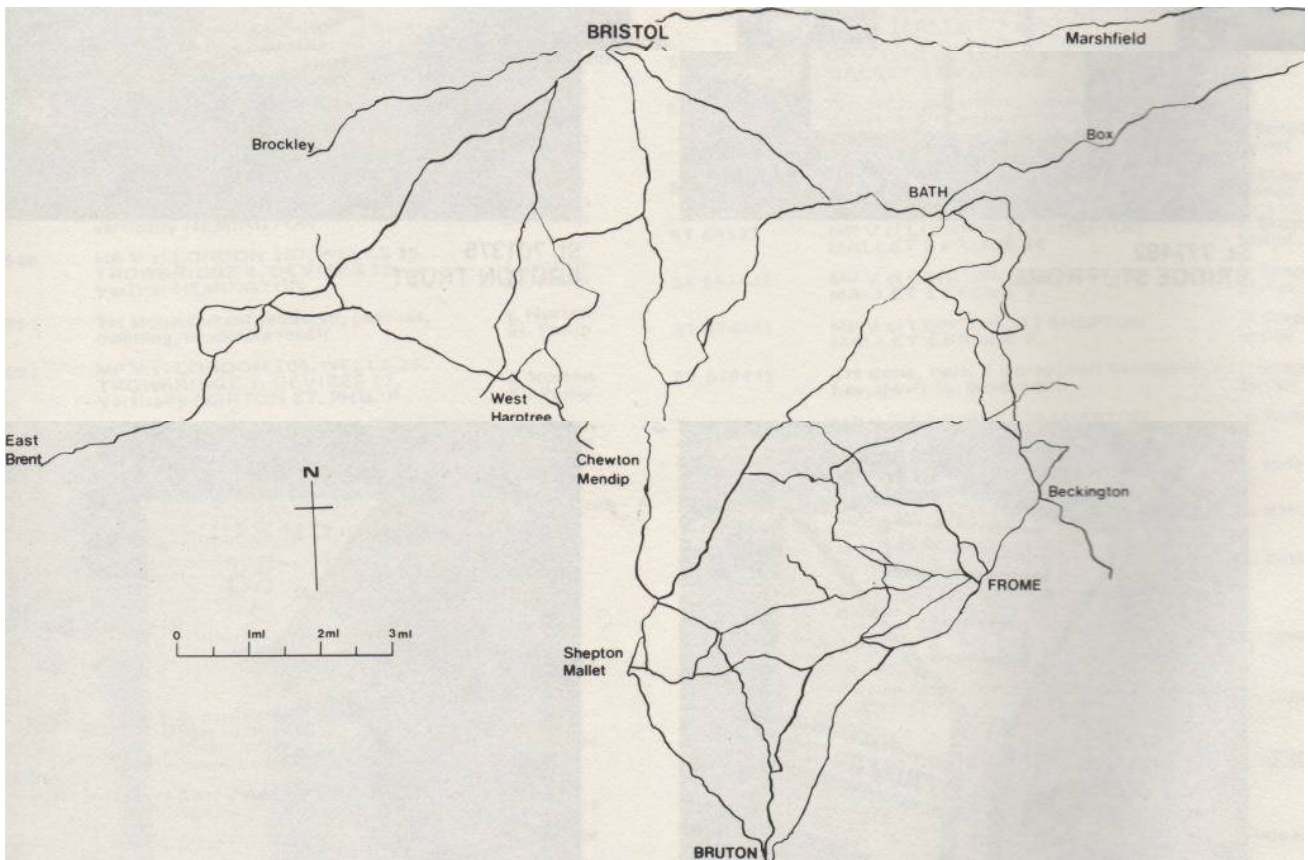
St. 701375 BRUTON TRUST



St. 691524 Buckland Dinham St. (Radstock Trust)



648468 SHEPTON MALLET TRUST



BLAGDON TOLL BOARD

In News & Notes, BIAS Journal No. 4, attention was drawn to a Toll Board discovered at Keynsham which was believed to have originated at the Turnpike at Twerton fork near Bath. Mrs. Frances Neale has written to point out a similar discovery at Blagdon in 1969. This board is believed to have come from the Toll House belonging to the West Harptree Trust, once situated at a

house at ST50085909, demolished early this century. It was discovered during alterations to a house in Bell Square, Blagdon and is headed 'West Harptry Turnpike Trust - Blagdon Gate'. It tolls are valid from 25th March 1854. More details can be found in Somerset & Dorset Notes & Queries Part 291, Volume 24, March 1970 104-6.