

# TURNPIKE ROADS OF THE BRISTOL AREA

## SURVEY - PART 2 by S. Allan Rees

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.

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

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	-	Milepost
TP	-	Terminus post
TS	-	Terminus stone
TH	-	Tollhouse
V	-	'V' fronted (post)
r	-	rectangular (plate) V
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
<u>THE</u>	-	underlining of inscriptions where italics
L )	-	left hand or right hand from
H )	-	

### BATH 1706 - 1878

Grid Ref.	Description	Remarks
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 BATHFORD vertical obs TH TURNPIKE TRUST	L. Bath
ST 785672	MS r ci plate inc To Bath 3	R. Bat
ST 800666	MS r ci plate inc To Bath 4	R. Bat
ST 818672	TS ci plate inc THE BATH ROADS ph TO THE GUILDHALL BATH M4 & FUR 7	R. Bat
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	

ST 803677	BP V ci 1835 BATHFORD 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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ST 736676	BP V ci 1827 WALCOT WESTON	L. Bath	ST 624608	MS inc 8 MILES TO BRISTOL Iron Bridge	L. Bristol
ST 736677	MS r ci plate inc To Bath 2	R. Bath	ST 562639	MS rc ci plate 6 MILES TO BRISTOL	R. Bristol
ST 725689	MS r ci plate inc To Bath 3	R. Bath	ST 562623	MS rc ci plate 7 MILES TO BRISTOL	R. Bristol
ST 721704	MS r ci plate inc To Bath 4	R. Bath	ST 554603	MS rc ci plate a MILES TO BRISTOL	R. Bristol
ST 721704	BP V ci 1835 WESTON COLD ASHTON	L. Bath	ST 554592	MS rc ci plate 9 MILES TO BRISTOL	R. Bristol
ST 713716	MS r ci plate inc To Bath 5 Bench mark	R. Bath	ST 557576	BP V ci 1824 W <sup>T</sup> HARPT <sup>E</sup> PH C <sup>N</sup> MART PH BRISTOL TURNPIKE TRUST	R. Bristol
ST 712716	BP V ci 1827 WICK ABSON blank obs PIKE TRUST	L. Bath	ST 556576	MS rc ci plate TO BRISTOL 10 MILES	R. Bristol
ST 710726	TS ci BATH ROADS ph TO THE GUILDHALL BATH	R. Bath	ST 561692	BP V ci domed top 1823 ASHTON PH BEDM <sup>R</sup> PH BRISTOL TURNPIKE TRUST	R. Bristol
ST 707654	MS r ci plate inc To Bath 3	R. Bath	ST 557689	MS? broken, face down no plate	R. Bristol
ST 697652	BS V ci 1827 NEWTON CORSTON obs TURNPIKE TRUST cracked repaired	L. Bath	ST 552682	BP V ci 1823 WINF PH ASTON PH BRISTOL TURNPIKE TRUST	R. Bristol
ST 693652	MS r ci plate inc To Bath 4	R. Bath	ST 545678	MP V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 4 TO CROSS 12 BRISTOL TURNPIKE	R. Bristol
ST 678647	MS r cl plate inc To Bath 5	R. Bath	ST 531669	MP V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 5 TO CROSS 11 BRISTOL TURNPIKE obs	R. Bristol
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 518663	MP V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 6 TO CROSS 10 BRISTOL TURNPIKE (moved following road widening?)	R. Bristol
ST 669640	BS v ci CORSTON MARKSBU RY obs - TURNPIKE TRUST	L. Bath	ST 502636	MP V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 8 TO CROSS 8 BRISTOL TURNPIKE obs	R. Bristol
ST 668636	MS r ci plate inc To Bath 6	R. Bath	ST 491624	MP V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 9 TO CROSS 7 BRISTOL TURNPIKE obs MS stands behind this - plate missing	R. Bristol
ST 664620	MS no plate	R. Bath	ST 480614	MS V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 10 TO CROSS 6 BRISTOL TURNPIKE obs	R. Bristol
ST 659607	MS r ci plate inc To Bath 8	R. Bath	ST 469604	MP V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 11 TO CROSS 5 BRISTOL TURNPIKE obs	R. Bristol
ST 647598	MS r ci plate inc To Bath 9	R. Bath	ST 454603	MP V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 12 TO CROSS 4 BRISTOL TURNPIKE obs	R. Bristol
ST 646583	MS r ci plate inc To Bath 10	L. Bath	ST 446588	MP V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 13 TO CROSS 3 BRISTOL TURNPIKE obs	R. Bristol
ST 637572	MS r ci plate inc To Bath 11	R. Bath	ST 437582	MP V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 14 TO CROSS 2 BRISTOL TURNPIKE obs	R. Bristol
ST 626550	TS ci plate THE BATH ROADS ph TO THE GUILDHALL BATH 13M & 2F	R. Bath	ST 425569	MP V ci 1837 TO BRISTOL 15 TO CROSS 1 BRISTOL TURNPIKE TRUST	R. Bristol
ST 734617	BP V ci WIDCOMBE COMBE HAY - 20 yards away similar COMBE HAY ENGLISHCOMBE	L. Bath	ST 422554	MS fixing holes plate missing	R. Bristol
ST 718604	MS r ci plate inc To Bath 4	R. Bath	ST 402535	MP V Ci 1837 TO CROSS 2 TO BRIDGEWATER 14 BRISTOL TURN obs	R. Bristol
ST 716593	BP V ci DUNKERTON WELLOW	L. Bath	ST 385529	MPV ci 1837 TO CROSS 3 TO BRIDGEWATER 13 BRISTOL TURNPIKE obs	R. Bristol
ST 698571	BP V ci WELLOW CAMERTON, by Red Post Inn TH stone roof slate opposite Inn	L. Bath R. Bath	ST 548705	MS rc ci plate 3 MILES TO BRISTOL	L. Bristol
ST 694567	MS r ci plate inc To Bath 7 (looks like a 2)	R. Bath	ST 533698	MS rc ci plate 4 MILES TO BRISTOL	L. Bristol
ST 670533	MS no plate	R. Radstock	ST 503694	MS rc ci plate 6 MILES TO BRISTOL	L. Bristol
ST 668527	BP V ci KILMERSDON STRATTON obs TURNPIKE TRUST	L. Radstock	ST 488687	MS rc ci plate 7 MILES TO BRISTOL	L. Bristol
ST 666525	TP r ci plate THE BATH ROADS ph TO THE GUILDHALL BATH M10 & F4	R. Radstock	ST 478675	MS rc ci plate 8 MILES TO BRISTOL	L. Bristol
ST 747630	MS no plate, attempt to carve 1 mile in stone	L. Bath	ST 465665	MS rc ci plate 9 MILES TO BRISTOL	L. Bristol
ST 748618	BP V ci 1827 WIDCOMBE SOUTHSTOKE	L. Bath	ST 444718	MS no plate, bolt holes	L. Bristol
ST 760641	MS no plate	L. Bath			
ST 765638	BP V ci BATHWICK WIDCOMBE top broken Off	L. Bath			

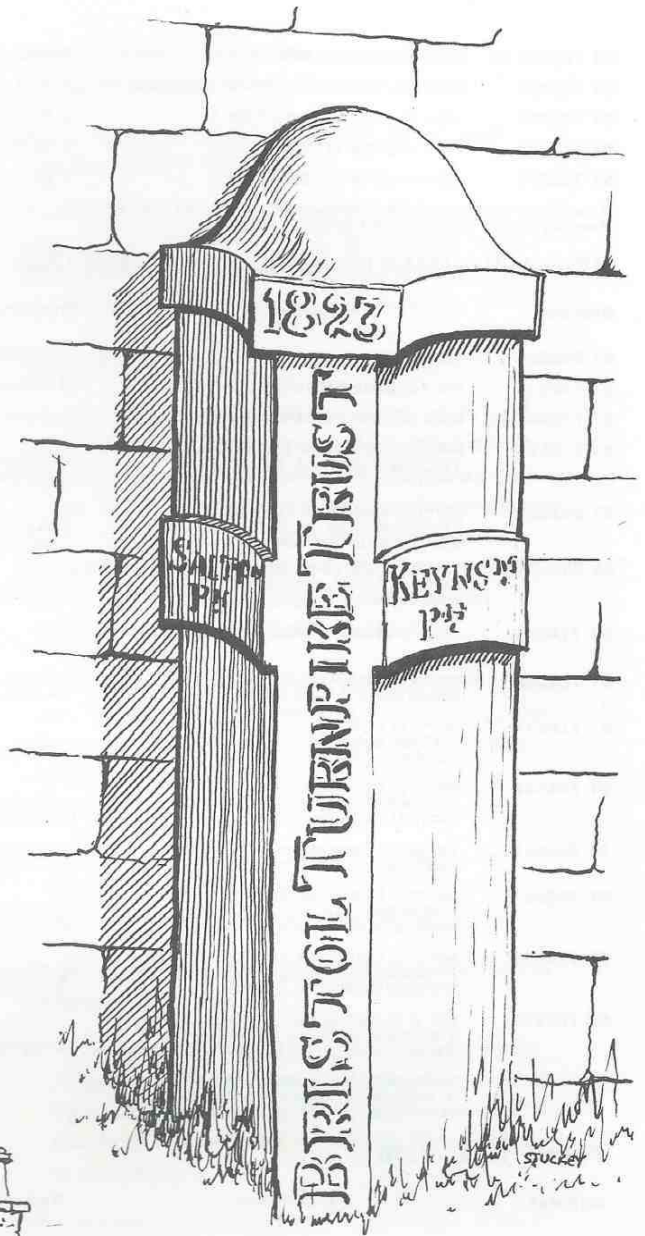
## BRISTOL 1727 - 1867

## BRUTON 1755 - 1876

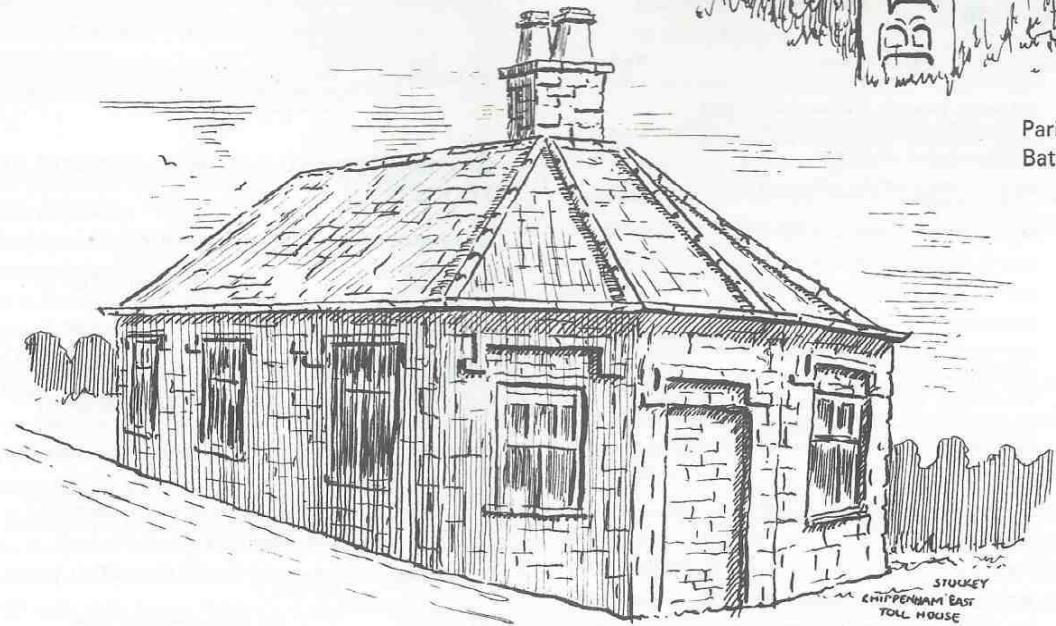
Grid Ref	Description	Remarks	Grid Ref	Description	Remarks
ST 599718	Ornamental stone pillar metal arms ph BATH WELLS	Junction Bath Wels Road	ST 667370	MS rc ci BRUTQN on curved top - 2 Miles	L. Bruton
ST 603716	Site of turnpike, now The Turnpike Inn	R. Bristol	ST 692412	MS To BATCOMBE 1¼ MILES - arrowed	R. Bruton
ST 636698	MS no plate	R. Bristol	ST 701436	TH uncoursed limestone part cement rendered, roof stone slabs, unoccupied derelict	L. Bruton
ST 659638	MS rc ci plate inc 5 MILES TO BRISTOL	R. Bristol	ST 705440	MS r ci plate SHEPTON MALLETT 6 FROME 6 (replacement plate)	R. Bruton
ST 673678	MS rc ci plate inc 6 MILES FROM BRISTOL	L. Bristol	ST 718447	MS r ci plate SHEPTON MALLETT 7 FROME 5 (replacement plate)	R. Bruton
ST 678672	BP pillar domed top 1823 SALF <sup>D</sup> PH KEVNS <sup>M</sup> PH BRISTOL TURNPIKE TRUST	R. Bristol	ST 749452	MS r ci plate TO BRUTON 8	L. Bruton
ST 689663	TH Stucco walls slate roof 2 storey front with colonades, slit windows in side walls "THE TURNPIKE" dwelling good condition	R. Bristol	ST 687351	TH uncoursed rubble, tiles, 2 storey, dwelling "The Old Toll House" good repair	R. Bruton
ST 686669	MS rc ci plate inc 7 MILES TO BRISTOL bench mark	R. Bristol	ST 701375	MS r ci plate TO BRUTON 2	L. Bruton



Marksbury  
Toll House  
now demolished



Parish Boundary  
Bath Road A4.



Chippenham East Toll House

Drawings by Peter Stuckey

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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 Waed Library, Bruton

## BUCKLAND DINAHAM (READSTOCK AFTER 1830) 1768 - 1872

Grid Ref	Description	Remarks
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 Phillip
ST 728541	MS ci plate RADSTOCK 3 PNORTON 3 Bench mark on top of stone	L. Norton St Phillip
ST 716534	MP V ci LONDON 109, WELLS 13, TROWBRIDGE 10, DEVIZES obs - vertically HEMINGTON	L. Norton St Phillip
ST 744548	MP V ci LONDON 107, WELLS 15, TROWBRIDGE 8, DEVIZES 18, Vertical HEMINGTON	L. Norton St Phillip
ST 752551	TH stone cement rendered, pantiles, dwelling, moderate repair	L. Norton St Phillip
ST 758551	MP V ci LONDON 106, WELLS 16, TROWBRIDGE 7, DEVIZES 17, Vertically NORTON ST. PHILIP	L. Norton St Phillip
ST 772557	MP V ci LONDON 105, WELLS 17, TROWBRIDGE 6, DEVIZES 16. Vertical NORTON ST. PHILIP	L. Norton St Phillip
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

## FROME 1766 - 1870

Grid Ref	Description	Remarks
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 cl plate FROME 4 WELLS 11	L. Whatley
ST 701467	MS r ci plate FROME 5 WELLS 10	L. Whatley
ST 684464	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. Frome
ST 778477	BP ci - as previous entry	Christchurch St. Frome

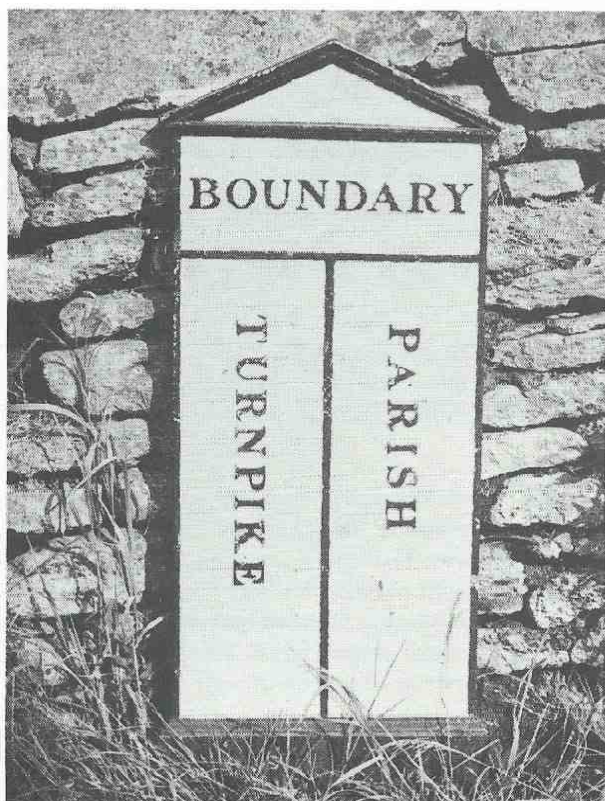
## SHEPTON MALLET 1753 - 1878

Grid Ref	Description	Remarks
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	R. Shepton Mallet
ST 630465	MP V ci BATH 15 SHEPTON MALLET 2 BRUTON 18	R. Shepton Mallet
ST 648486	MP V ci CHELT™ 50 SHEPTON MALLET 4 BATH 13	R. Shepton Mallet
ST 654499	MP V ci CHELT™ 49 SHEPTON MALLET 5 BATH 12	R. Shepton Mallet
ST 661514	MP V ci CHELT™ 48 SHEPTON MALLET 6 BATH 11	R. Shepton Mallet
ST 630408	MP V ci BRUTON 5 SHEPTON MALLET 2 CASTLE CARY 6	R. Shepton
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. Doulling
ST 659451	TH stone, part rendered, tile roof, stone carving on front with date 1790, dwelling good repair	L. Doulling

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

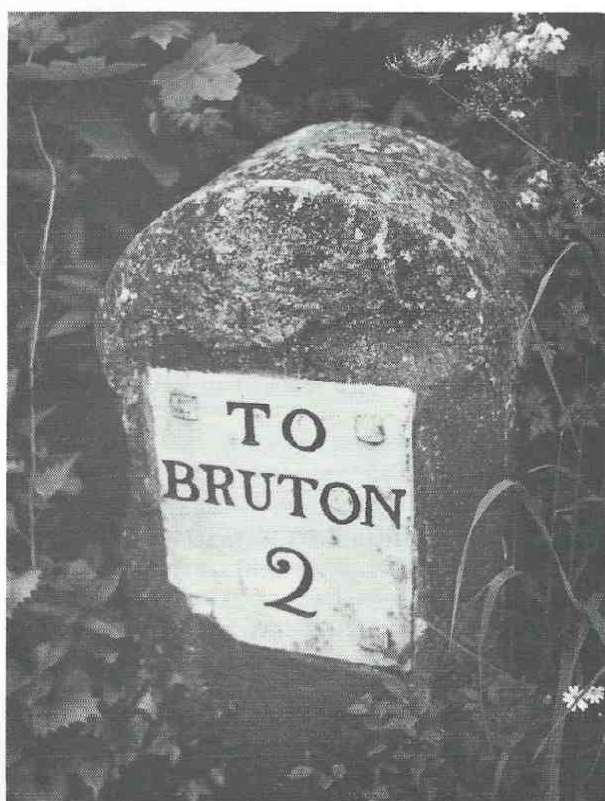
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ST 835483	MP ci BATH 14 WARMINSTER 3 partially obscured	R. Warminster
ST 818508	MP ci BATH 12 WARMINSTER 5	R. Warminster
ST 809517	MP ci BATH 11 WARMINSTER 6	R. Warminster
ST 800522	TH cement faced, slates (doubtful)	Junction A/36 A361
ST 798525	MP 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 WARIMNSTER 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





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St. 777482  
BRIDGE ST., FROME



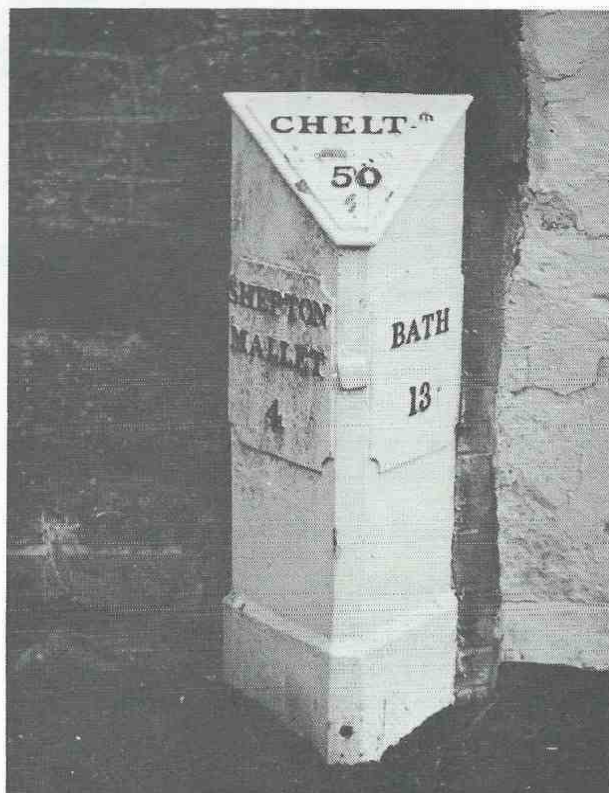
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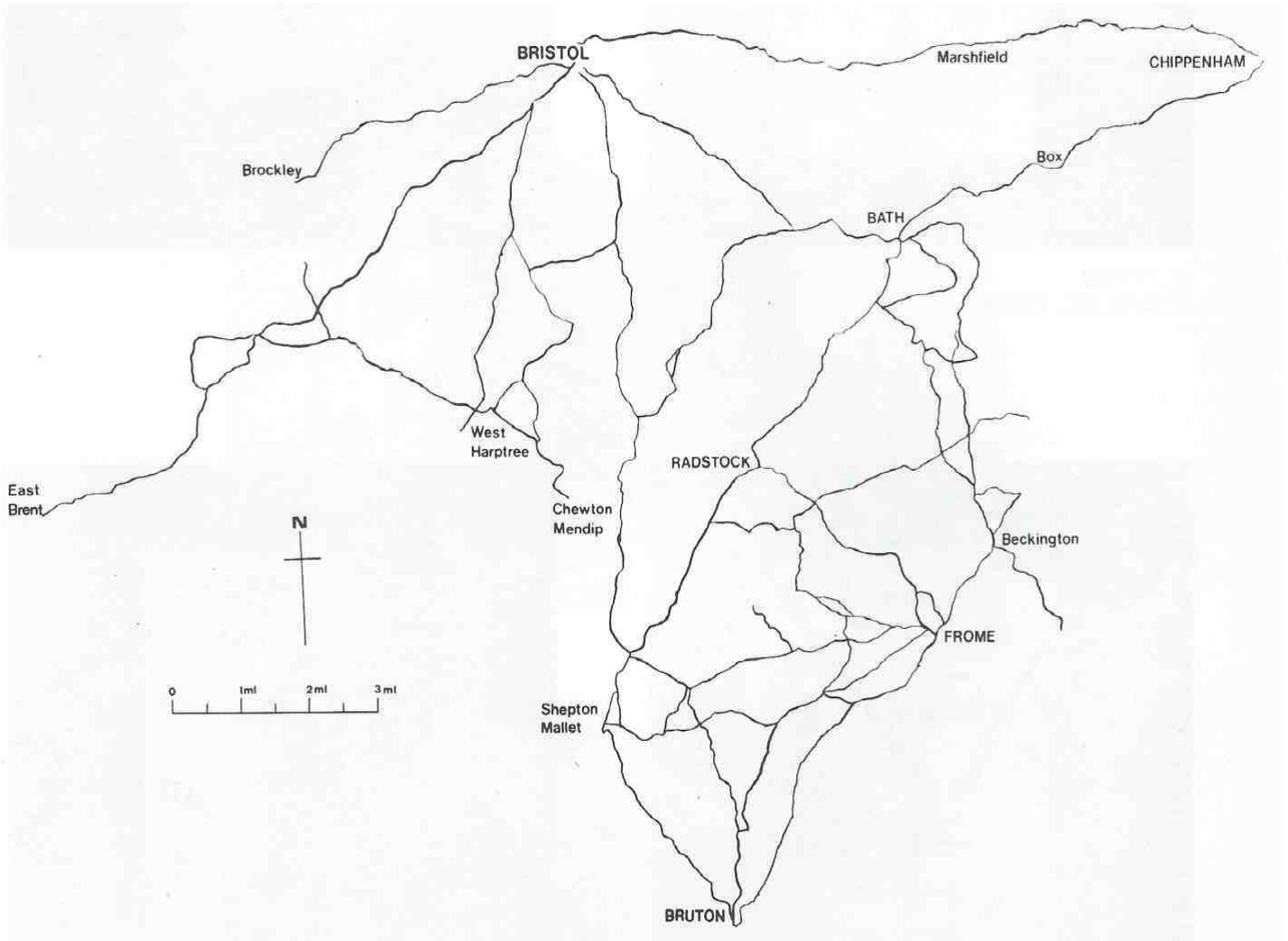
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St. 648468  
SHEPTON MALLETT  
TRUST

**SHEPTON MALLET 1753 – 1778 (continued)**

Grid Ref	Description	Remarks	ST 772579	MP ci BATH 6 WARMINSTER 11	L. Norton St. Phillip
ST 775559	ci sign on wall of garage TO TROWBRIDGE	Norton St. Philip roads	ST 768594	MP ci BATH 5 WARMINSTER 12 FROME 8 HINTON CHARTERHOUSE PARISH (visible during roadworks)	L. Norton St. Phillip
ST 778477	BP ci horizontal BOUNDARY vertical TURNPIKE/PARISH	Christchurch St. Frome	ST 762606	BATH 4 WARMINSTER 13 FROME 9 set in wall	L. Norton St. Phillip
ST 772563	MP ci BATH 7 WARMINSTER 10 - set in Wall	L Norton St. Philip	ST 753615	MS inc BATH 0 Mile WARMINSTER 11(?) FROME part buried, lettering uncertain	L. Norton St. Phillip
			ST 785500	MP BATH 12 FROME - remainder buried	L. Frome

**Area Of Toll Roads Surveyed**



**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 1104-6.