

Chas. M. Faneoust & Laughton  
Observations abt. the Turf  
Road both thro' Liddington  
& by Stoke . . . .

W<sup>ch</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> May 1755

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By the Estimate

An Account  
of the Two Roads leading through the Lordship & Parish  
of Lyddington

The Upper Road  
By Aoke Hedges

From the Junction upon the Brand, to the Junction at  
Ash-Hedge Corner in Caldecot Field - Measured - - -  
Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup> 1755 - - - viz - - - - - tot<sup>l</sup> - 2: 6: 20

Being nearer than the Lower Road through  
Lyddington - (viz 28 pole - or 154 Yards)

The Charge of repairing this Road,  
levelling Hills, making Bridges &c is Estimated

at £ 900: 0: 0:

Observation

What damage this Road may be to the Parish of  
Lyddington  
if made Turnpike.

This Road Leads over three very steep Hills, at present  
not passable for Carriages, and above two Miles through the  
Fields & Lordship of Lyddington (viz from the Coppasture to  
Caldecot Mere Bank.) all one mile of which is now a  
Bridle Road (viz: Over the said Coppasture & Field to a  
Place call'd Park-Corner) 40 feet wide whereof must be  
conver

converted into Road for that Length; The Drove Cattle will go through the Lordship for two miles; The Cowpastures will be Exposed to continual trespass from Cattle on the Brand; and there will be a Necessity for the Parish to keep two, or three Pinherds to prevent it: They compute

These Articles viz

(1) Article  
40 feet wide of Bridle Path for abt. one <sup>or</sup> mile <sup>in length</sup> converted into Road

Damage of Drove Cattle Annually <sup>for 2 miles</sup> through the fields

Cowpastures Exposed to dayly trespass from the Brand

Charge of paying Annually 2. or 3 Pinherds

Will be an Annual Damage to them £    £    £  
 & their Posterity & abt. ~~£ 30~~ - 30: 0: 0

Lyddington

(2) Article

also, which consists of 125 Families & 25 Teams, will be obliged to lay out 3 Days Statute Work Annually, Upon this <sup>new</sup> Road, Unassisted by any other Parish, for two miles in Length; This Statute work being drawn from the Town of Lyddington & laid upon this New Road will be a loss to the Town as follows -

viz - 125 Men, 3 Days work each at 10 <sup>s</sup> pr Day	£    £    £
is - 15: 12: 6	
25 Teams 3 Days work each at 5 <sup>s</sup> 6 <sup>d</sup> pr Day	is - 15: 15: 0
This loss & Damage <sup>to the Town</sup> tot -	31: 7: 6

A.B. The Town of Lyddington is but abt 5 furlongs long;  
 A Team will carry 6 Load of Stone pr Day.  
 25 Teams 6 Days - is - - 738 Load pr Ann.  
 Where-would not this, & 125 men 6 Days repair Lyddington Town Annually

These Three Days Statute Work, being Drawn from the Town of Lyddington, & laid upon the New Upper Road, will render the Parish unable to keep the Road through their Town & their other Roads in sufficient repair without a Levy of equal Value to the Loss of the 3 Days Statute Work of 125 Men, & 21 Teams; which Levy must therefore be laid according to their Loss upon them & their Posterity <sup>viz</sup>

	£	s	d
Annually — — — — —	31	7	6

Therefore the Damage to the Town of Lyddington Annually, by the Turnpike going the Upper Road, will be as follows. —

	£	s	d
(viz 1 <sup>st</sup> Article — — — — —	30	0	00
2 <sup>d</sup> Article — — — — —	31	7	6
3 <sup>d</sup> Article — — — — —	31	7	6
Damage p <sup>r</sup> Ann — — —	92	15	0

A. B This Upper Road is Estimated at <sup>£</sup>900.  
 The Lower Road thro Lyddington at <sup>£</sup>1410.  
 Difference 510

~~On. £ 92 15 0~~  
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Other Damages  
 not to be Computed.

<sup>viz</sup> Lyddington will lose the Advantage of a Post Road.  
 will lose Travellers & Carriages.  
 All these Damages by the Road going from it, & no profit by it.