The Accounts of the Two Roads leading through the Lordship & Parish of Liddington

The Upper Road
By John Hedger

From the Junction upon the Brandy to the Junction at Ash-Hedge Corner in Caldecot Field - Measured -

Tuesday April 29th 1755 - Viz - - 14 ft. 2:6:20

Bringing nearer than the Lower Road through Liddington (Viz 26 pole or 151 yards)
The Charge of Repairing this Road, levelling Hills, making Bridges etc. is Estimated at 500: 0: 0:

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

This Road leads over three very steep Hills, at present not passable for Carriage and above two Miles through the Fields to Lordship of Liddington (Viz from the Copasture to Caldecot Moor Baulk) all one mile of which is now a Bridle Road (Viz: over the said Copasture & Fields to a Place called Park Corner) 40 feet wide whereof must be content...
converting into Road for that Length; the drove Cattle will go through the Lordship for two miles; the Pastures will be exposed to continual trespass from Cattle on this Road; and there will be a necessity for the Parish to keep two or three Pinheads to prevent it. They compute these Articles viz.

1) 70 feet wide & Bridge Path for one mile, converted into Road.
   Damage of drove Cattle Annually going through the field
   Compasurers exposed to daily trespass from the Road.
   Charge of paying Annually 2 or 3 Pinheads
   Will be an annual Damage to them.
   £ 1 2
   of their posterity & all.
   30 0 0

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2) Article
   Also, which consists of 125 families & 21 Teams, will be obliged to lay out 3 Days Statute Work Annually. Upon this Road unobstructed 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:
   £ 1 9
   (viz- 125 Men, 3 Days work each at 10 p. Day) is 15 12 6
   21 Teams 3 Days work each at 5 p. Day) is 15 15 0
   This £ 31 7 6

4:6: The Town of Lyddington is cut all 5 furrows long,
4 Teams will carry 6 Loads of Stone per Day.
21 Teams 6 Days is 138 Loads per Ann.
Revenue from this £25 per 6 Days repair Lyddington
manually
Article

Three three-day statute work, being drawn from the town of Lyddington, is laid upon the new upper road, will render the parish unable to keep the road through their town and their other roads in sufficient repair without a levy at equal value to the cost of the 3 days statute work. Of which levy must therefore be laid according to their lot upon them and their portion:

31 7 6

Therefore the damage to the town of Lyddington annually, on the turnpike going the upper road, will be as follows:

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Total damage £92 15 0

Note: This upper road is estimated at £500.
The rather road from Lyddington at 1410:
Difference 390.

Other damages not to be computed:

Lyddington will lose the advantage of the said road.
Will lose equalizers & carriages.
All these damages by the road going from it & by profit by it.