

Enclosure of common fields 1808

The surviving mediaeval open or common field system, whereby (unless and to the extent previously consolidated) farmers cultivated scattered strips of land, was increasingly seen as anachronistic and inefficient by the late 18th century.

In Deddington, one of the consequences was that there were various farmsteads located in the town (including Earl's, Great House (Castle House), Blount's, Savage's, Maund's, Park and Appletree) rather than in the fields.¹

Increasingly, therefore, larger landowners came together to procure the rationalisation of land holdings in their parishes through inclosure awards facilitated by private or general Acts of Parliament.

The open or common fields in the Parish of Deddington, which comprised 158 yardlands (c.2,844 acres)² out of a total area of 4,159 acres, were enclosed under an Inclosure Award in 1808.³ This involved the redistribution of landholdings by the Deddington Inclosure Commissioners so that the various holdings of the larger landowners were consolidated into single blocks of land which could be cultivated more efficiently. The convenience of smaller landholders was less of a consideration.

According to the Award, 54% of the land in the Parish was owned by the lords of the three manors in the Parish (all non-resident), and by two local attorneys, as follows:

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| 988 acres | Rev. Robert Marriot, lay rector, ⁴ as lessee (from the Dean and Canons of St. George's Chapel, Windsor) of Windsor manor and the rectory, including 680 acres for the rectoral tithes and glebe. |
| 398 acres | William Ralph Cartwright MP, of Aynho Park, lord of Duchy manor. |
| 369 acres | Samuel Churchill senior, attorney, of Leadenporch House. |
| 332 acres | Sir Henry Watkin Dashwood Bart., of Kirtlington Park, lord of Christ Church manor. |
| 166 acres | William Appletree (or Apletree), attorney, of Blount's Farm (now Castle End and Monks Court/Applewood). |

2253 acres (54%)

For more information about the Deddington enclosure award in 1808, please see:

<https://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/maps/1808enclosureaward>

¹ There was also a Christ Church farmhouse in the Market Place which became the Red Lion Inn in the mid-19th century. See 'Parishes: Deddington' in the Victoria County History of the County of Oxford, Volume XI (Wootton Hundred, Northern Part), ed. Alan Crossley (London, 1983), pp. 81-120.

<https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/oxon/vol11/pp81-120#h3-0007>

² A yardland equated to about 18 field acres (in 1640). *Ibidem*

³ Deddington and Barford Inclosure Award 1808, Oxfordshire History Centre, ref. PAR 86/16/H/1.

⁴ Not to be confused with the Rev. John Faulkner, inappropriate Vicar of Deddington 1790-1822.

<https://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/maps/thededdingtonqualitybook-1807/deddingtonopenfieldsandenclosure1808>

https://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/6428/Deddington1808proprietorssep252010.pdf

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In 1813 the proprietors and occupiers of estates in 7 parishes bordering the River Cherwell between Nell Bridge (between Adderbury and Aynho) and North Aston Mill were required to contribute to the cost of cleansing this stretch of river.

The schedule of contributions identified the following landowners in Clifton with land fronting the Cherwell:

William Ralph Cartwright

Samuel Churchill [junior]

Sir Henry Watkin Dashwood, Bart.

William East

Robert Kilby (or Killby)

William Merry

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DEDDINGTON and BARFORD INCLOSURE.

WE, the Commiffioners appointed for putting in Execution an Act of Parliament made and paffed in the prefent Seffion of Parliament, intituled, "An Act for inclofing Lands in the Manors and Parifhes of Deddington and Great Barford, otherwife Barford Saint Michael, in the County of Oxford," do hereby give Notice, that we have fet out and appointed the following public Carriage Roads and Highways, through and over the Lands and Grounds by the faid Act directed to be inclofed, that is to fay,

Of the Width of 60 Feet,

The Oxford Turnpike Road, extending from the South Side of Deddington, in its prefent Courfe, to Deddington Turnpike.

The Banbury Turnpike Road, extending from the North Side of Deddington, in its prefent Courfe, to Adderbury Bridge.

The Chipping Norton Turnpike Road, extending from the Weft Side of Deddington, in its prefent Courfe, until it enters the Parifh of South Newington.

And, The Aynho Turnpike Road, extending from the East Side of Deddington, in its present Course, to the Village of Clifton.

And, Of the Width of 40 Feet,

The Bloxham Bridge Road, branching out of the Banbury Turnpike Road, at or near the Bottom of Suckley Hill, and extending in a North Westward Direction to Bloxham Bridge.

The Hempton and Dunstew Road, leading out of the Chipping Norton Turnpike Road at the Westward Side of Hempton, and extending by the Side of the old Inclosures of Hempton in a Southward Direction to the North End of Ilbury Lane.

The Hempton and Barford Road, leading from the Westward Side of Hempton, in a North Westward Direction to Great Barford.

The Little Barford Road, leading from the North Side of Great Barford, in its present Course, over the Bridge to Little Barford.

The Barford and Worton Road, leading from Marfsh Lane, in Great Barford, nearly in its present Course, to Worton Gate. And,

The Marfsh Green Road, branching out of the Barford and Worton Road at the South End of Marfsh Lane, and extending in an Eastward Direction under Barford Inclosures to the Hempton and Barford Road

And we do also hereby give Notice, that we have ascertained such several Carriage Roads and Highways by Marks and Bounds, and have prepared a Map, in which they are accurately laid down and described, and caused the same, signed by us, to be deposited with Mr. Field, of Deddington, our Clerk, for the Inspection of all Persons concerned.

And we do hereby appoint a Meeting to be held by us at the King's Arms Inn, in Deddington, in the said County of Oxford, on Thursday the 17th Day of September next, when and where all Persons who may be injured or aggrieved by the setting out of such Roads and Highways, or by the Omission of any other Roads or Highways, may attend, and make their Objections thereto. - *Dated the 20th Day of August, 1807.*

ROBERT WESTON.

JOHN DAVIS.

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DEDDINGTON AND BARFORD

INCLOSURE.

WE, the Commiffioners appointed for putting in execution an Act of Parliament made and paffed in the 47th year of the reign of his prefent Majefty, intituled, "An Act for inclofing Lands in the Manors and Parifhes of Deddington and Great Barford, otherwise Barford Saint Michael, in the county of Oxford," *Do hereby give Notice*, That we have fet out and appointed the following Public and Private Carriage Roads and Highways, Bridleways, and Footways, through and over the Lands and Grounds by the faid Act directed to be inclofed, in addition to the Public Carriage Roads and Highways before fet out and appointed by us (that is to fay)

One Public Carriage and Drift Road, of the width of 40 feet, called the Earl's Road, leading out of the Banbury Turnpike Road, at Earl's Pieces, in an eaftward direction by the north fide of the old inclofures of Deddington to the north eaft corner of Earl's Clofe, and from thence in a fouthward direction to the Aynho Turnpike Road.

Public Bridleways and Footways, of the width of 15 feet.

One leading out of the village of Clifton, at Makepeace's Lane, in a fouthward direction into and over allotments to William Ralph Cartwright, Efq. and Samuel Churchill, and an allotment for Public Stone Pits to Boman's Bridge.

One other leading out of the village of Clifton, at Killby's Lane, in a northward direction into and over allotments to the Leffees of the Dean and Canons of Windfor, Maria Emberlin, and John Emberlin, to Deddington Paper Mill, and from thence through the Brook in the fame direction over an allotment to Maria Emberlin to the inclofures of Adderbury.

And one other leading out of the Aynho Turnpike Road, at or near Herd's Baulk, in a fouthward direction to Farther Tatchills, and from thence in an eaftward direction over allotments to the Leffees of the Dean and Canons of Windfor and Samuel Churchill to Boman's Bridge.

Public Footways, of the width of 6 feet.

One leading out of the Earl's Road into the Green Hedges Road, and in a northward direction along the fame and over an

allotment to William Ralph Cartwright, Esq. to the Church Pits Road, and after crossing the same continuing in a north easterly direction over allotments to Maria Emberlin and John Emberlin to Deddington Paper Mill.

One other leading out of the Oxford Turnpike Road in a fourth easterly direction over allotments to Solomon Bowerman, William Parsons, and William Ralph Cartwright, to Afton Plank.

One other leading out of the town of Deddington, at Grove Lane, in a westerly direction over allotments to John Churchill, John Griffin, William Ralph Cartwright, the Lessees of the Dean and Canons of Windfor, John Hollier the younger, Richard Lovedren, and Joseph Ibell, to Ilbury Clove.

One other leading out of the Chipping-Norton Road in a north westerly direction over allotments to John Parfith, John Davis, Thomas Hudfon, the Rector of Cottisford, the Vicar of Bloxham, David Fortnam, and Samuel Owen, to the Sideland Lane leading into the village of Great Barford.

One other leading out of the Hempton and Barford Road in a northerly direction over allotments to John Hollier the younger and David Fortnam, to the Footway leading from Deddington to Great Barford.

One other leading out of the Hempton and Barford Road in a fourthward direction over allotments to William Harris and an allotment for Public Stone Pits to the Chipping-Norton Road, and after crossing the same continuing in the same direction over allotments to James Auftin and Richard Lovedren to the Ilbury Road, and after crossing the same continuing over allotments to Sir Henry Watkin Daffwood, Bart. and the Trustees of Hempton Poor into the Hempton and Dunfrew Road at Ilbury Lane.

One other leading out of Broad Clove, in Great Barford, in a fourthward direction over allotments to James Auftin and William Hiorns to the Barford and Worton Road.

And one other leading out of the Barford and Worton Road in a westerly direction over allotments to James Auftin and Thomas Hall, Esq. to the South-Newington and Ilbury Road, and after crossing the same continuing in the same direction over allotments to Thomas Hall, the Vicar of Sandford, and the Curate of Nether Worton, to the Chipping-Norton Road.

Private Carriage and Drift Roads.

The Clifton Meadow Road, of the width of 30 feet, leading out of the village of Clifton, at Makepeace's Lane, in a

fouthward direction into and over allotments to William Ralph Cartwright, Efq. and Samuel Churchill to an allotment for Public Stone Pits in Clifton.

The Clifton Cow Pafture Road, of the width of 30 feet, leading out of the village of Clifton, at Killby's Lane, in a northward direction to an allotment to the Leffees of the Dean and Canons of Windfor.

The Tatchills Road, of the width of 30 feet, leading out of the Aynho Turnpike Road, at or near Herd's Baulk, in a fouthward direction to an allotment for Public Stone Pits at Tatchills.

One other, of the width of 40 feet, leading out of the Tatchills Road, at Farther Tatchills, in an eaftward direction over an allotment to the Leffees of the Dean and Canons of Windfor to an allotment to Samuel Churchill.

The Caftle Road, of the width of 40 feet, leading out of the town of Deddington in an eaftward direction acrofs the Green at Caftle End to Caftle Lane.

The Satin Lane Road, of the width of 40 feet, leading out of the town of Deddington, at Satin Lane, in an eaftward direction to an allotment to Nathaniel Stilgoe.

The Harbours Hill Road, of the width of 30 feet, leading out of the Oxford Turnpike Road, near the fouth corner of Solomon Bowerman's homeftead, in an eaftward direction to an allotment to the Leffees of the Dean and Canons of Windfor.

The Plumdown Road, leading out of the Oxford Turnpike Road upon Plumdown, in a weftward direction into and over an allotment to the Leffees of the Dean and Canons of Windfor to an allotment for Public Stone Pits in Deddington.

The Green Hedges Road leading out of the Earl's Road, at Green Hedges, in a northward direction to an allotment to Henry Dean.

One other, of the width of 12 feet, leading out of the Banbury Turnpike Road in a north weftward direction over an allotment to the Feoffees of Deddington Poor's Land to Deddington Peft Houfe.

The Church Pits Road, of the width of 30 feet, leading out of the Banbury Turnpike Road, at Church Pits, in an eaftward direction to an allotment for Public Stone Pits, and from thence in the fame direction to allotments to the Leffees of the Dean and Canons of Winfor [sic] and Maria Emberlin.

One other, of the width of 20 feet, leading out of the Church Pits Road, at the eastward end thereof, in an eastward direction over allotments to Maria Emberlin, and afterwards in a northward direction over allotments to Maria Emberlin and John Emberlin to Deddington Paper Mill, and through the Mill Ford to another allotment to Maria Emberlin.

One other, of the width of 25 feet, leading out of the Bloxham Bridge Road in a westward direction over allotments to John Harris, Job Coles, and William Lampitt to Deddington Mill.

The Grove Lane Road, of the width of 25 feet, leading out of the town of Deddington, at Grove Lane, in a westward direction to Grove Corner.

One other, of the width of 20 feet, leading out of the Oxford Turnpike Road, at Deddington Town's End, in a westward direction over an allotment to Samuel Churchill to the allotment to John Whetton.

One other, of the width of 20 feet, leading out of the Chipping-Norton Turnpike Road, at the west side of the town of Deddington, in a northward and eastward direction to the Gate leading into the Freehold Homestead of Henry Churchill.

The Mill Road, of the width of 30 feet, leading out of the Chipping-Norton Turnpike Road in a northward direction to an allotment to Job Coles the elder.

The Blackingrove Road, of the width of 30 feet, leading out of the Chipping Norton Turnpike Road in a northward direction to the allotment to Thomas Owen, and in an eastward direction over the same allotment to an allotment for Public Stone Pits.

One other, of the width of 30 feet, leading out of the Chipping-Norton Turnpike Road, at the eastward end of the village of Hempton, in a southward direction to an allotment to Elizabeth Hollier.

One other, of the width of 20 feet, leading out of the Chipping-Norton Turnpike Road, at the eastward end of the village of Hempton, in a northward direction over the allotment to Mary Jeffcoat to the Gate leading into the Homestead and Clove of Henry Aris.

One other, of the width of 20 feet, leading out of the Hempton and Dunftew Road in an eastward direction over a freehold allotment to Richard Lovedren to his copyhold allotment.

The Barford Meadow Road, of the width of 30 feet, leading out of the Little Barford Road on the Summerleys in an eastward direction to the allotment to Thomas Owen.

One other, of the width of 30 feet, leading out of the Hempton and Barford Road in a southward direction over allotments to William Harris to an allotment for Public Stone Pits, at Deep Slade.

And the Fernhill Road, of the width of 20 feet, leading out of the Barford and Worton Road in a westward direction to an allotment to Thos Hall, Esq.

One Private Bridleway and, Footway, of the width of 8 feet, leading out of the Aynho Turnpike Road, at or near Wall Clofe, in a southward direction over an allotment to William Apletree to the allotment to Jeremiah Knibbs.

One other Private Bridleway and Footway, of the width of 15 feet, leading from the northward end of the Mill Road in a northward direction over an allotment to Job Coles, to the Private Carriage Road from Bloxham Bridge to Deddington Mill.

And one other Private Bridleway and Footway, of the width of 15 feet, leading out of the Barford Meadow Road in a northward direction over an allotment to the Rector of Cottisford to Little Barford Mill.

And we do also hereby give Notice, That we have ascertained such additional Public and Private Carriage Roads and Highways, Bridleways, and Footways, by marks and bounds, and have prepared a map in which they are accurately laid down and described, and caused the same signed by us to be deposited with Mr. Field, of Deddington, our clerk, for the inspection of all persons concerned.

And we do hereby appoint a meeting to be held by us, at the King's Arms Inn, in Deddington, on Thursday the 15th day of September next, when and where all persons who may be injured or aggrieved by the setting out of such additional Roads or Ways, may attend and make their objections thereto.

Dated this 18th day of August, 1808.

ROBERT WESTON,

JOHN DAVIS.

RIVER CHERWELL.

PROPOSALS

*for Contracts to cleanse the River between NELL
BRIDGE and NORTH ASTON MILL.*

THE Owners and Occupiers of Lands adjoining the River from Nell Bridge to North Aston Mill being desirous that such part of the said River should be scoured and cleansed in the most effectual manner, and as soon as the season will admit, any person or persons willing to contract for the due performance of the same, so that the said Works may be completed on or before the 20th day of November next, are hereby desired to deliver in their terms for completing the same, in writing, at the office of Messrs. Churchill, Field, and Weston, of Deddington, Oxon, on or before the 27th day of this instant August: and as some parts of the River will require more labour and greater expence than other parts thereof, the Proprietors have caused an exact admeasurement to be made of the several distances between the several and respective properties, to render it more easy and expeditious for the persons willing to contract for the completion of the said Work, to set forth in their Terms the Price per Chain of 22 Yards in the respective distances hereinafter stated, (finding all Materials and Working Tools) for well and sufficiently paring down the banks, taking off the projecting parts, and removing the same, together with the mud or soil, to the banks thereof, half on each side in equal quantities, or as near as can be, and at a sufficient distance from the River, to be safe from falling or sliding again into the same; and that no part of the paring of the banks, or the soil of the River, shall be thrown into the deeper parts of the water, but shall be wholly removed to the banks of the River, to the depth of four feet and an half from the level of the surface of the water, at a medium height between the high water and low water, except only where the bed of the River is a gravel, and were [*sic*] such depth cannot be obtained.

The respective distances hereinbefore referred to:-

From Nell Bridge to the Navigation Bridge,

Chains. Links.

Mr. Cartwright on Aynho side,

Rev. _____ Woolston on Adderbury side,

38 40

From the Canal Bridge to Bears Mouth

Mr. Cartwright on Aynho side,

Mr. Wilson on Adderbury side,

11 0

From Bears Mouth to Mr. Baker's Estate,

Mr. Cartwright on Aynho side,		
Mr. William East on side,	48	0
<i>The length of Mr. Baker's Estate,</i>		
Mr. John Baker on Aynho side,		
Sir H. Dashwood on Clifton side,	6	60
<i>From Mr. Baker's estate, the length of Mr. Gardner's Estate, to Croughton Meadow,</i>		
Mr. Robert Gardner on Aynho side,		
Mr. Samuel Churchill and Mr. Wm. Merry on Clifton side,	36	60
<i>From the North Corner of Croughton Meadow to the North Corner of Mr. Merry's Plantation,</i>		
Mr. Fermor on Aynho side,		
Mr. Samuel Churchill on Clifton side,	6	30
<i>The length of Mr. Merry's Plantations, by the Low Shot,</i>		
Mr. William Merry on Aynho side,		
Mr. Samuel Churchill on Clifton side,	3	30
<i>From the said Plantation to Clifton Mill,</i>		
The Mill Dam, wholly Mr. Merry,	25	0
<i>From Clifton Mill to Truchingham Corner, by Souldern Parish,</i>		
Mr. Cartwright on Aynho side,		
Mr. William Merry on Clifton side,	28	0
<i>The Old Cherwell, or Back Brook, from the Low Shot to Clifton Mill, - the banks to be well pared down, and the soil to be wholly thrown out,</i>		
Mr. Cartwright and Mr. Fermor on Aynho side, and Mr. Cartwright and Mr. Merry on Clifton side,	50	0
<i>From Aynho Meadow to the North Corner of Mr. Wm. Merry's Allotment, on the Souldern side the River,</i>		
Mr. Cox on Souldern side		
Mr. Merry on Clifton side,	6	40
<i>The length of Mr. Merry's Allotment, on the Souldern side the River,</i>		
Mr. Merry on both sides,	13	0
<i>From Mr. Merry's Allotment, on the Souldern side the River, to the Corner of Mr. Robert Kilby's Allotment in Clifton,</i>		
Mr. Cox on Souldern side,		
Mr. Merry on Clifton side,	8	30
<i>The breath of Mr. Robt. Kilby's Allotment,</i>		
Mr. Cox on Souldern side,		
Mr. Robert Kilby on Clifton side,	9	0
<i>From the Corner of Mr. Robert Kilby's Allotment to the Division between Mr. Cox and Mr. Gough in Souldern,</i>		

Mr. Cox on Souldern side,		
Mr. Cartwright on Clifton side,	11	30
<i>From the Division between Mr. Cox and</i>		
<i>Mr. Gough to the Division between Mr.</i>		
<i>Gough and the Navigation Company,</i>		
Mr. Gough on Souldern side,		
Mr. Cartwright on Clifton side,	31	30
<i>From the Division between Mr. Gough and</i>		
<i>the Navigation Company to the end of</i>		
<i>Souldern Parish,</i>		
Navigation Company on Souldern side,		
Mr. Cartwright and Mr. Samuel Churchill	25	0
on the Clifton side,		
<i>The whole length in Fritwell Parish,</i>		
Mr. Fermor on Fritwell side,		
The Proprietors of Bestmoor Meadow on	27	60
North Aston side		
<i>The remaining length from Fritwell Parish</i>		
<i>to North Aston Mill.</i>		
Mr. Fermor and Mr. Bowles on the Somer-		
ton side, and Mr. Bowles and the Pro-	25	10
prietors of Bestmoor Meadow on the		
North Aston side,		

The adjourned Meeting of the Owners and Occupiers of Lands lying within the above District is fixed for Saturday the 28th instant, at the Red Lion Inn, at Aynho; when a full attendance is particularly requested, as the Proposals for the execution of the Work will on that day be taken into consideration, and the payments of the first deposit become due.

W.R. CARTWRIGHT.

Aynho, 12th August, 1813.