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Turnpike Trusts

A TABLE of the TOLLS payable at this TURNPIKE GATE.

[By the Local Act.]

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FOR every Horse, Mule, Afs, or other Beast (Except Dogs) drawing any Coach, Berlin, Landau, Barouche, Chariot, Chaise, Chair, Hearse, Gig, Curricule, Whiskey, Taxed Cart, Waggon, Wain, Timber-frame, Cart frame Dray or other Vehicle of whatsoever description when drawn by more than one Horse or other Beast the Sum of Four pence half penny	}	4½
Such Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such Carriage having Wheels of less breadth than four and a half inches		
AND when drawn by one Horse or other Beast only the sum of six pence (Waggon, Wains and other such Carriages having Wheels as aforesaid)	}	6
FOR every Dog drawing any Truck, Barrow or other Carriage for the space of One Hundred Yards or upwards upon any part of the said Roads, the Sum of One Penny		
FOR every Horse, Mule, Afs, or other Beast laden or unladen and not drawing, the Sum of Two-pence	}	2
FOR every carriage moved or propelled by Steam or Machinery or by any other power than Animal power the Sum of one Shilling for each Wheel thereof		
FOR every Score of Oxen, Cows or neat Cattle, the Sum of Ten-pence and so in Proportion for any greater or less Number	}	10
FOR every Score of Calves, Sheep, Lambs or Swine the Sum of Five pence and so in proportion for any greater or less Number		
(By 4. G. 4. C. 95)		
FOR every Horse, Mule, Afs or other Beast drawing any Waggon Wain, Cart or other such Carriage having the Fellies of the Wheels of the breadth of Six Inches or upwards at the Bottom when drawn by more than one Horse, Mule, Afs or other Beast the Sum of Three-pence	}	3
AND when drawn by one Horse, Mule, Afs or other Beast the Sum of Four-Pence (Except Carts)		
FOR every Horse, Mule, Afs or other Beast drawing any Waggon Wain, Cart or other such Carriage having the Fellies of the Wheels of the Breadth of four inches and a half and less than Six inches when drawn by more than one Horse, Mule, Afs or other Beast the Sum of Three-pence three farthings	}	3¾
AND when drawn by one Horse, Mule, Afs or other Beast the Sum of Five-pence (Except Carts)		
FOR every Horse, Mule, Afs or other Beast drawing any Cart with Wheels of every Breadth when drawn by only one such Animal the Sum of Six Pence	}	6

NB Two Oxen or neat Cattle drawing shall be considered as one Horse
3. G. 4. C. 126.

CARRIAGES with four Wheels affixed to any Waggon or Cart all as if drawn by two Horses, Carriages with two Wheels so d pay Toll as if drawn by one Horse but such Carriages are Tolls if conveying any Goods other than for Protection.

Copy of the toll board from Northchapel

the parish, every householder having to contribute six days' work each year. In 1663 a new method was introduced, when a Turnpike Trust was formed to improve the road between Wadesmill (Hertfordshire) and Stilton (Huntingdonshire). Money for repairs was raised by collecting tolls from the users of the road. Many more such trusts were set up during the 18th and early 19th centuries - an Act of Parliament being needed for each one - until eventually there were over 1,100 trusts administering some 23,000 miles of road. The system was unpopular and inefficient. In the 19th century the trusts were unable to cope with competition from the railways and the demands of heavier road traffic. Their maladministration and insufficient funds caused Parliament to withdraw their powers, so that during the 1860s and 1870s most trusts were wound up by law.

