

Although we have endeavoured to ensure the transcriptions are as accurate as possible, we would recommend you always check them against the originals.

By the 19th century, in many parishes, the payment of tithes in kind (eg. in wheat or livestock) had been converted to money payments by agreement between tithe owners and local farmers, but there was no uniformity of practice. Under the 1836 Tithe Commutation Act, all tithes were converted into a fixed rent charge, levied on each tithable plot of land. Each parish was surveyed and valued and a detailed schedule (known as an apportionment) was produced, along with a large-scale map.

The maps vary in quality and detail but they show roads, rivers and settlements and include every field, building or other premises subject to a tithe rent charge. Each tithable plot is assigned a number. Land or premises not subject to tithes may be drawn in but not numbered, or may be omitted from the map.

The apportionment records who owns and occupies each tithable plot of land or building in the parish, describes it and gives the charge on it.

The information in the tithe apportionment is arranged alphabetically by landowner, rather than by plot number or place name. (see Apportionment by Tenement) For each landowner, the apportionment lists the individual plots of land and premises which he or she owns, grouping them by tenement or village/hamlet. For each plot the following information may be recorded:

- Plot number on tithe map
- Name of lessee(s) and/or occupier
- Name and description of land or premises
- State of cultivation (arable, orchard, pasture, waste ground, etc)
- Acreage
- Tithe rent charge

Abbreviations used:

A R P [in Quantities in statute measure column] = acres, roods, and perches or poles. Perch/pole = 30¼ square yards

Rood = 1,210 square yards or 40 square poles [¼ of an acre]

Acre = 4840 square yards, or 4 roods.

£ s d stands for pounds, shillings and pence (pre-decimal currency). There were 12 pennies in a shilling and 20 shillings in a pound.

Page numbers:

The copy of the apportionment used to compile the transcription may not be the copy which was filmed and used for the digital package, so the page numbers in the transcription may not match the page numbers on the digital images. However, the information would have been presented in the same order, so they can be used as a guide, but for confirmation of this data the original would need to be checked.

This transcript has also been re-arranged so that the plots are presented in plot-number order, from plot number 1 onwards. (see Apportionment by plot)

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