

From the *Transactions* of the
Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society

Milestones of the Stroud District

by C. Cox
1966, Vol. 85, 227-228

© The Society and the Author(s)

MILESTONES OF THE STROUD DISTRICT

(A Note with reference to the article on these milestones in *Trans. BGAS*, vol. 83 of 1964.)

1. *Correction*

P. 129. Route IV. No. 93. Column d should read 'Stroud 7'.

2. *Additions*

Since the article in Vol. 83 was written, further stones have been located as follows:

ROUTE I. No. 8. SO 832149. Near Fox & Elm Inn, Gloucester.

A defaced milestone, possibly *in situ*, is used as a gatepost for Yew Tree Villa, No. 371 Stroud Road, Gloucester. Its dimensions and plate recess verify it as the 8th stone of the Stroud-Pitchcombe-Gloucester turnpike road. It stands 38" high, and is in quite good condition.

ROUTE VI. SO 859839, London Road, Thrupp, Stroud.

No milestone is indicated on the current 6" map for the 1st mile from Stroud to Chalford, and the 1880s 6" map merely marks 'Stone'. However, a milestone, of the shape and dimensions of No. 25 (Brimscombe) was found, broken off the shaft below the plate recess, on a wall of a roadside road-metal dump where a footpath from Stanton's Bridge (Thames & Severn Canal) joins the main Stroud-Chalford road. The width across the rear of this triangular stone (which could not be measured at Brimscombe very well) is 21", and there is a 2½" bevel of the rear two angles. This is obviously the 1st milestone of the Chalford turnpike, defaced over eighty years ago, and presumably lost or abandoned subsequently but now located.

ROUTE IV. SO 92471439. Birdlip.

What appears to be the final milestone of the Lightpill-Birdlip turnpike is built into the roadside wall on the inside of the bend where this road joins Ermine Street at Birdlip. It is about 16" wide at the base, 45" in height. Two plug holes are visible 8" from the top of the arch, each 4" in from the side; and 5" from the top is just visible the remains of a chamfer for a plate. The stone is broken across the line of the presumed lower plug holes.

3. *Alterations*

ROUTE I, Stone No. 6. SO 837122. Four Mile House, Brookthorpe.

A new plate has been fixed to this stone, measuring 12" × 16", with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " rim, bearing the legend in letters of low relief: BROOKTHORPE / GLOUCESTER / $\frac{1}{4}$ MILES / STROUD / $\frac{1}{2}$ MILES. The letters, 1" high, and the rim are painted black on a white background. The plate is fixed by four corner screws through a $\frac{1}{2}$ " collar, whereas the original plates of this route had a central bolt through the thickness of the stone. This is well shown on the Tuffley (Fox & Elm) stone recorded above, which also has a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " × $3\frac{1}{2}$ " shallow recess round the bolt hole.

ROUTE IX, Stone No. 43. ST 845974. Tiltups End.

Road alterations have now been completed, and the milestone has been built into the new road wall, with the rescued plate re-fixed to it.

CHRISTOPHER COX.