

ENCLOSURE ACTS WITH CRL - INTRODUCTION

Below is a list of files which are a result of a series of presentations on Chancel repair liability. The files contain advice on how to read Enclosure awards and maps, tithe Apportionments and Maps and the Record of Ascertainment and there is also an action plan for PCCs to help them grapple with this issue. The files exclude parishes in Lichfield diocese.

I have carried out some research into Chancel repair liability and the extent of enclosure awards that created the liability in the land by giving land in 'lieu of tithes'. The result of this research is located below in two sections. Generally the land with the liability to repair a Chancel is in rural areas such as Aston Cantlow and Broadway. Yet urban areas are affected including Croydon, Horsham, Kingston upon Thames, Thame, Aston in Birmingham and Chertsey.

My research has shown that in at least a few places where people have had some form of Chancel check carried out and the result is a negative when the reality maybe the reverse since it seems that at least in a few places 'land merged with tithes and extinguished' has not been included in the check.

Personally I do not think CRL is a good thing but we are where we are and I see little choice but for PCCs to investigate the issue as thoroughly as possible.

I hope sometime in the near future to be able to put up the Land commission report of 1887 which will be helpful to PCCs in their ongoing research and once I do I'll give guidance in how to use it.

4a - Enclosure Acts 1757 to 1771 with CRL

This file includes all Enclosure Acts between 1757 and 1771 that should have given land in lieu of tithes creating land with CRL. If the line is blank it means I could not find a plan or an award. If the first column is completed it would seem that there is probably an enclosure plan in existence. The second column shows there is other information which may identify the land.

4b - Post 1771 Enclosure Acts with CRL

- 1) This file is a list of all enclosure acts with plans I could find from 1771 to the 1830's which would seem to have created land with Chancel repair liability.

These are by no means exhaustive there will be enclosure acts that occurred outside the time frame I used and there are unrecorded enclosure acts and there were awards and plans created by local agreement.