

# TURVEY BRIDGE

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—The decision to widen and recondition Waterloo Bridge is of particular interest in view of the skilful and successful way in which many of the county councils are carrying out work of this description.

The admirable work carried out for the Herefordshire County Council under the supervision of Mr. G. H. Jack, the county surveyor, needs no introduction to those already familiar with that county. The recent widening by the Westmorland County Council of Levens Bridge without in any way injuring the beauty of this ancient structure is another example, and your Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire readers have every reason to congratulate their respective county councils upon the sympathetic manner in which Turvey Bridge has been treated.

Mr. Basil Hope, a member of the Highways Committee of the Bedfordshire County Council, has traced a record of the bridge at Turvey in a Charter of Harrold Priory dated 1132, and in 1562 William Mordaunt, Lord of the Manor of Turvey, left a sum of £40 for the repair of the bridge, which was their exclusive property. It was scheduled as an ancient monument by H.M. Office of Works in 1930, and it is a matter of public interest that this ancient and beautiful bridge has not been debased by the present widening. Its character has been most carefully preserved in the process, even the old stones and watercourses being replaced in their original positions.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

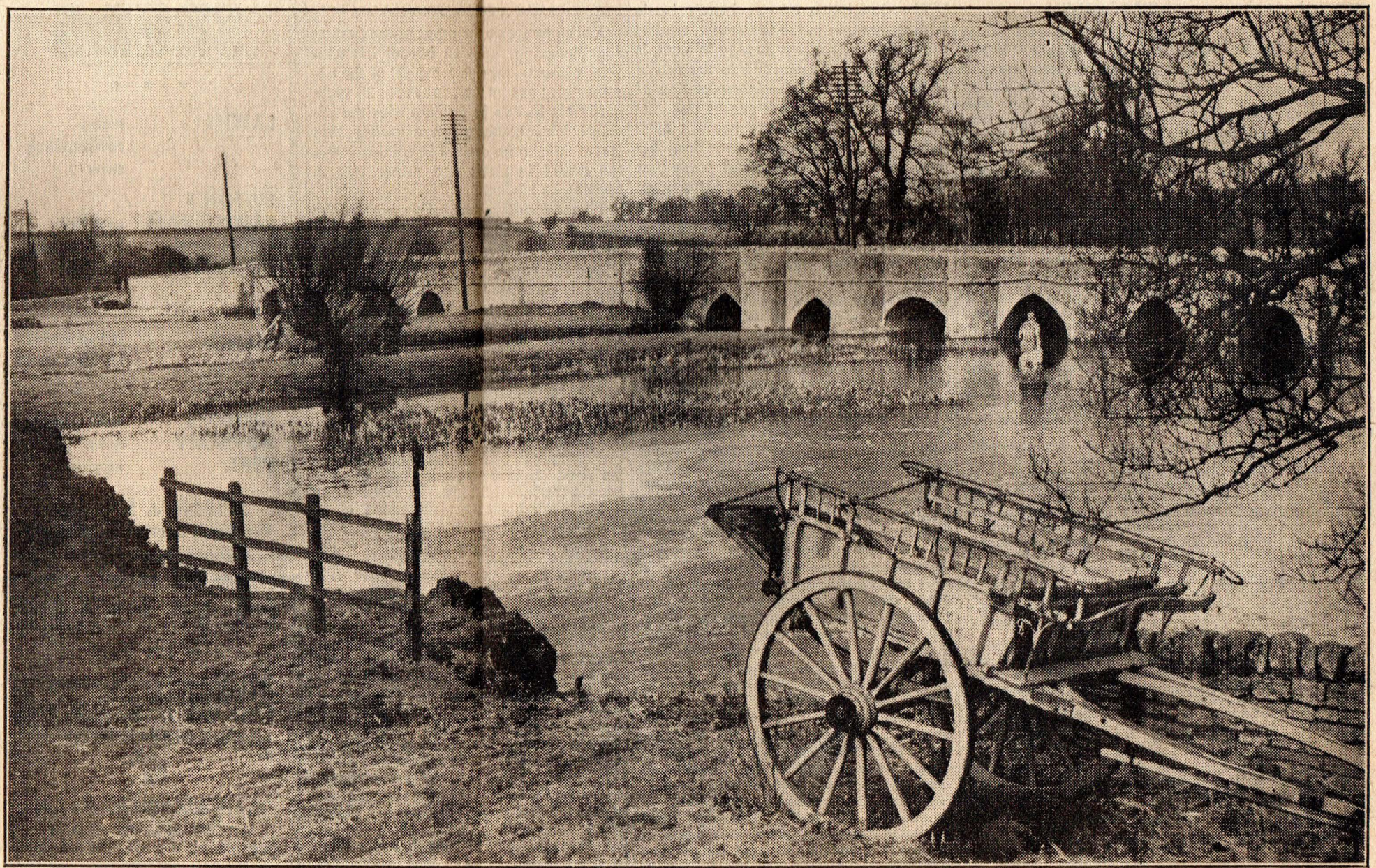
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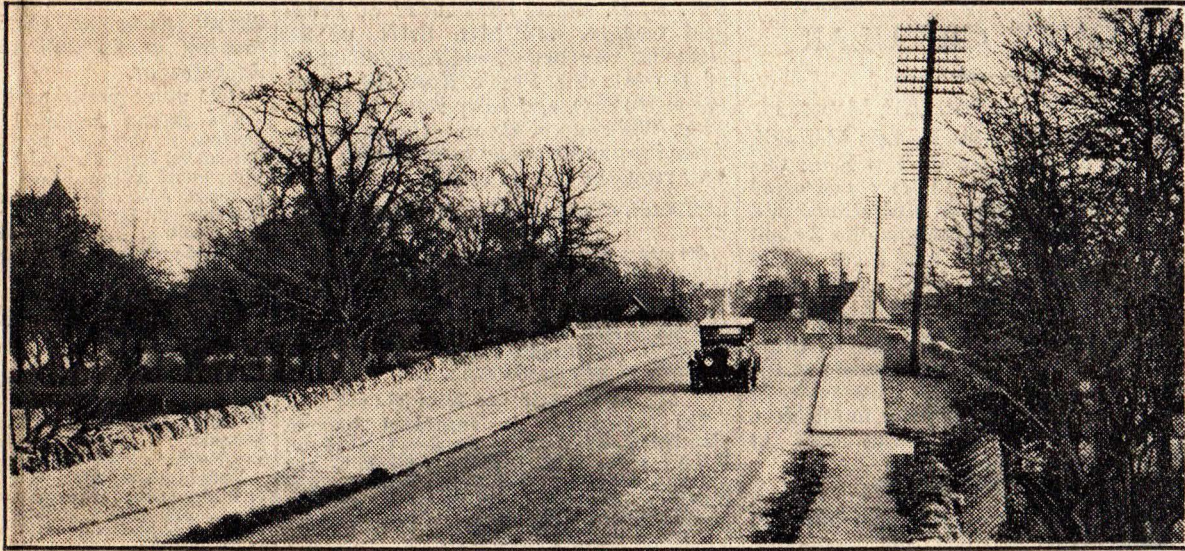


# THE WIDENING OF TURVEY BRIDGE



TURVEY BRIDGE.—The ancient bridge over the Ouse at Turvey, in Bedfordshire, which has been widened and reconditioned to meet the needs of present-day traffic. In the middle of the river is the stone figure which is said to represent the prophet Jonah. A record of the bridge, which was scheduled as an ancient monument in 1930, appears in a charter of Harrold Priory dated 1132. Right: The road across the bridge before widening.





THE WIDENED BRIDGE.—Turvey Bridge as it appears to-day from the road. The work is referred to in a letter published on page 13.

