

The Iron Bridge

Newport Pagnell



Tickford Bridge June 2010

The Iron Bridge is going to be two hundred years old this September.

It was built in 1810 and it was made out of iron. It was made in sections in Rotherham and taken by a sailing boat to London. Then it was brought by canal boat to Great Linford and transported by horse and cart to Newport Pagnell. Although it is the oldest iron bridge in the world, vehicles still travel across it today.

The bridge is also called Tickford Bridge because it is in Tickford Street.

Flowing under the bridge is the River Lovat. In order to cross it, people used to have to pay, since it was a toll bridge.

In the 1960s the bridge was nearly demolished and replaced with a concrete one. However in 1964, at a public meeting they decided to save it.



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