

BOROUGHBRIDGE 1589

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Introduction

Boroughbridge is a small town about 28 km northwest of York. The community grew up after the Norman Conquest, when the nearby Roman settlement of Aldborough was destroyed during the Harrowing of the Normans and a new bridge over the river Ure was built. The town that developed around the new bridge became 'Boroughbridge', interpreted either as the borough at the bridge or the bridge near the old borough (that is, the 'Ald-borough'). Boroughbridge prospered in part because of its location, which brought it road and river traffic: the town stood at intersection of the Great North Road (now the A1) and the road from York to Ripon, and at the point where the river Ure was still navigable to the Humber. In 1553, Boroughbridge became, like Aldborough, a parliamentary borough, returning two members to Parliament.

Boroughbridge was a deanery in the Diocese of Chester, which had been established in 1541. At the time of the injunction in the following record, the bishop was William Chaderton (ca. 1540-1608), who held the office from 1579 to 1595.

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