

River Wey Aqueduct ar Radford Bridge Scheduled Monument



The Radford Aqueduct represents an important link in the River Wey watermeadows system dating back to the 15th century. It was restored by Bramshott and Liphook Preservation Society with grants from Hampshire County Council, East Hampshire District Council, and the Department of the Environment in the 1970s. Although now dry, it originally carried water from a carrier leat from the River Wey feeding the watermeadows on the east side of the old London Road. It is constructed in a flattened arch made from stone blocks with a brick superstructure forming the water channel above.

Early ‘informal’ watermeadows were re-organised by Henry Hooke (son of the John Hooke who built Bramshott place) in the first half of the 17th century: the presumption is that he built the aqueduct at Radford—the 1690 Agreement refers back to “customary” arrangements in the earlier part of that century.

The Hookes also had interests in the manor of Ludshott, including the ironworks at Passfield Mill and Waggoners Wells (as well as at Foly and Kingsley), and the aqueduct at Bramshott Court lies between these two sites.

Working on Radford Aqueduct led the Preservation Society to ‘sponsor’ the establishment of the River Wey Trust



A VIEW OF THE UNDERSIDE OF RADFORD AQUEDUCT BEFORE RESTORATION WORK



ABOVE
A SECOND AQUEDUCT AT BRAMSHOTT COURT IS ALSO A SCHEDULED MONUMENT, AND ...

LEFT
A THIRD AQUEDUCT AT HEADLEY WOOD (NOT IN THE PARISH) IS ALSO A SCHEDULED MONUMENT—NOW DOUBLING-UP AS A BRIDGE CARRYING A BRIDLEWAY ACROSS THE WEY

