

Account of Purley on Thames

Sulham Lane

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Although in the parish of Purley this was more a Pangbourne road leading from there to Sulham to avoid the dreadful marshes which lay to the south of the village. Originally it ran somewhat to the east of the present line and was diverted closer to Pangbourne in the 18th century when the canal was constructed as part of the landscaping of Purley Hall. It would seem that the northerly end at least existed before the diversion to serve the Home Farm of the manor of la Hyde and provide the link from Purley to Tidmarsh.

