

## **TRUNK ROADS ACTS 1936 AND 1946**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The **Trunk Roads Act 1936** took effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1937 in England and Wales, and 16<sup>th</sup> May 1937 in Scotland.

It covered 3,685<sup>1</sup> or 4,459<sup>2</sup> miles of major roads, outside the County of London, County Boroughs and large Burghs.

The **Trunk Roads Act 1936 (Substitution of New Routes) Order 1937**<sup>3</sup> varied the Schedule in 28 cases, where a by-pass or diversion was being constructed or had been planned at the date on which the Act was passed.

The **Trunk Roads Act 1936 (Modification of Description of Roads) Order 1939**<sup>4</sup> made 68 further amendments. There were other later Modification Orders.

The **Trunk Roads Act 1946**, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1946, extended the network to 8,190 miles (5,308 miles in England, 934 in Wales and 1,948 in Scotland). Roads within the County of London (excluding the City of London), County Boroughs and large Burghs were now included. Under this Act, the Minister was empowered to keep the network under continual review.

#### **Sources:**

1. Rees Jeffreys, The King's Highway, (London, The Batchworth Press, 1949).
2. George Charlesworth, A History of British Motorways, (London, Thomas Telford Limited, 1984)

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### **TRUNK ROADS ACT 1936**

18<sup>th</sup> December 1936. Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1937.

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<sup>1</sup> Jeffreys (1949), p.103.

<sup>2</sup> Charlesworth (1984), p.25.

<sup>3</sup> Statutory Rules and Orders (1937), No. 211.

<sup>4</sup> Statutory Rules and Orders (1939), No. 239.

Roads within the County of London and County Boroughs are excluded from the provisions of the Act.

### FIRST SCHEDULE

No. <sup>5</sup>	Route	Roads included (all or part)
1.	London-Edinburgh-Thurso <sup>6</sup>	A1-A555-A406 <sup>7</sup> -A555-A500-A555-A1-A9-A882
2.	London-Norwich	A11
3.	London-Great Yarmouth	A12
4.	London-Folkestone-Dover	A20-A259-A2
5.	London-Brighton	A23
6.	London-Portsmouth	A3
7.	south west of Basingstoke [Dummer]-Southampton	A33/A31/A33
8.	London-[Plymouth]-Penzance	A4-A30-A38-A30
9.	London-Bristol	A4 <sup>8</sup>
10.	London-Fishguard	A40-A48-A40
11.	London-Holyhead	A5-A45-A452-A47-A452-A5
12.	London-Carlisle-Glasgow-Inverness	A500-A555-A6-A7-A74-A70-A74-A82
13.	Winchester-Preston	A34-A30-A34-A4-A34-A5-A34-A5011-A50-A49
14.	east of Birmingham [Stonebridge]-Birkenhead	A45-A4123-A41
15.	Birmingham-Great Yarmouth	A47-A5-A47-A43-A47-A15-A47
16.	Exeter-Leeds	A38-A5-A38-A61
17.	Newport-Shrewsbury	A4042-A472-A4042-A40-A465-A49-A44-A49
18.	Swansea-Manchester	A483-A48-A483-A5-A483-A539-A483-A51-A54-A556-A533-A556-A56
19.	Chester-Bangor <sup>9</sup>	A55
20.	Liverpool-Preston-Leeds	A59-A677-A6063-A59-A65-A659-A660
21.	Liverpool-Leeds-Hull	A580-A6-A62-A63-A19-A63-A1105
22.	Sheffield-Grimsby	A630-A18-A15-A18
23.	Norman Cross-Grimsby	A15-A16
24.	Penrith-Middlesbrough	A66-A1-A67-A19-A176
25.	Carlisle-Sunderland	A69-A68-A69-A1-A184
26.	Edinburgh-Carlisle	A7
27.	Edinburgh-Glasgow	A8
28.	Gretna-Stranraer-Glasgow-Stirling	A75-A77-A80
29.	Tyndrum-Oban	A85
30.	Perth-Aberdeen-Inverness	A85-A972-A92-A952-A92-A98-A96

### TRUNK ROADS ACT 1946

<sup>5</sup> The lists in the schedules do not have numbers. The numbers have been added to show the link to numbering used elsewhere to describe certain Trunk Roads. For example in the Cornwall Development Plan Survey (Truro, 1952), the Torpoint-Penzance route is described as part of T.R.8., Okehampton-Bodmin as part of T.R.40, and Bideford-Fraddon as part of T.R.41.

<sup>6</sup> As described in the schedule. Square brackets indicate additions by WMH, taken from the more detailed route descriptions in the schedule, which have not been transcribed.

<sup>7</sup> This is a half mile stretch of the North Circular Road. All such sections are listed, however short.

<sup>8</sup> A section of the A4 is repeated. While a road can only be a Trunk Road once, it can form part of more than one trunk route.

<sup>9</sup> Excludes the repair and maintenance of Conway Bridge.

6<sup>th</sup> March 1946. Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1946.

Roads within County Boroughs and the County of London (except for the City of London) are included within the provisions of this Act.

### FIRST SCHEDULE - Part I

No. 10	Route	Roads included (all or part)
31.	Cambridge-King's Lynn	A10-A1001-A109-A1001-A108-A10
32.	east of London [Gallows Corner]-Southend	A127
33.	London-Tilbury	A13-A1089-A128-A126
34.	London-Canterbury-Dover	A2
35.	London-Aylesbury-Warwick-Birmingham	A500-A41
36.	London North Circular Road	A406
37.	Folkestone-Brighton-Southampton-Dorchester-Honiton	A259-Unclassified <sup>11</sup> -A259-A274-A22-A274-A26-A27-A24-A27-A3067-A35-A36-A336-A31-A35-A373
38.	Basingstoke-Newbury	A339-A33-A339
39.	west of Southampton [Totton]-Salisbury-Bath	A36-A31-A36-B3389-A36
40.	Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin	A30-A388-B3254-A30
41.	Taunton-Barnstaple-Bude-Fraddon	A358-A361-A39-B3233-A39-Unclassified <sup>12</sup> -A39
42.	west of Maidenhead [Maidenhead Thicket]-Oxford	A423-A4155-A423
43.	Hungerford-Gloucester-Ross on Wye-Hereford	A419-Unclassified <sup>13</sup> -B4021-A419-A417-A40-A49
44.	Bath-Cheltenham-Evesham-Coventry-Leicester-Lincoln	A46-B4076-Unclassified <sup>14</sup> -A435-A439-A422-A46-A5-A46
45.	Ipswich-Newmarket-Cambridge-St. Neots-Bedford-Northampton-Weedon	A45-A1022-B1060-Unclassified <sup>15</sup> -A45-A428-A45
46.	Royston-Huntingdon-Alconbury	A14
47.	Oxford-Northampton-Stamford-Market Deeping	A423-A43-A16
48.	Weedon-Atherstone-Brownhills	A5
49.	Worcester-Wolverhampton-south of Stafford [Penkridge]	A449
50.	North west of Wolverhampton [Kingswood Common]-Oakengates	A464
51.	King's Lynn-Sleaford-Newark	A17-B1358-A17-A15-A17-Unclassified <sup>16</sup>
52.	Widmerpool-Nottingham-Bawtry-Goole-Howden	A606-A60-A52-A60-A614
53.	North east of Birmingham [Sutton Coldfield]-Nottingham	A453-A51-A453-A50-A453
54.	Nottingham-Derby-Stoke on Trent	A52-A5111-A516-A50

No.	Route	Roads included (all or part)
55.	Derby-Macclesfield-south of Stockport	A52-A523

<sup>10</sup> Consecutive from the numbering of the First Schedule to the 1936 Act.

<sup>11</sup> In Rye: Fishmarket Road-South Undercliff-The Strand.

<sup>12</sup> Stratton by-pass.

<sup>13</sup> Aldbourne-Stratton St. Margaret.

<sup>14</sup> In Cheltenham.

<sup>15</sup> In Bury St. Edmunds.

<sup>16</sup> In Newark.

	[Hazel Grove]	
56.	Stoke on Trent-Middlewich-Delamere	A50-A533-A54
57.	Shrewsbury-Whitchurch-Warrington	A49-A53-B5064-A49
58.	Shotwick-Frodsham-Warrington	A5117-A56-A5060
59.	Liverpool-Warrington-Stockport-Sheffield-Lincoln-Skegness	A57-A56-A560-A34-A560-A57-A628-A616-A57-A158-A153-A158-B1432-A158
60.	Manchester-Burnley	A56
61.	Manchester-Hyde-Mottram	A57
62.	north of St. Helens-Southport	A570
63.	Bootle-Southport-south of Preston	A565
64.	Bootle-north of Aintree	A5036-A567
65.	north west of Doncaster-Wakefield-Bradford-Skipton-Kendal	A638-A650-A6035-A629-A59-A65
66.	Leeds-Halifax-Burnley-Blackburn-east of Preston	A58-A646-A679-A6119-A677
67.	Preston-Blackpool	A583
68.	east of Snaith-York-Stockton on Tees-Sunderland	A645-A1041-A19
69.	Leeds-York-Scarborough	A64
70.	York-Hull	A1079
71.	Leeds-Wetherby	A58
72.	Boroughbridge-Thirsk	A167-A168-A61
73.	Levens Bridge-Broughton in Furness-Workington-Aspatria-Carlisle	A590-A5084-B5280-B5281-A595-B5283-A595-A596-A595
74.	Greenodd-Barrow in Furness	A590
75.	Cardiff-Brecon-Builth Wells-Llangurig	A470-A40-A438-A4073-A479-A44
76.	Neath-Abergavenny	A465
77.	Raglan-Abergavenny-Brecon-Llandovery	A40
78.	Newport-Monmouth-Ross on Wye-Worcester	A449-A40-A4136-A466-A40-A449
79.	Llandilo [sic]-Carmarthen	A40
80.	Haverfordwest-Milford Haven	A4076
81.	Fishguard-Aberystwyth-Dolgellay-Caernarvon-Bangor (Menai Suspension Bridge)	A487-A497-A498-A4085-A499-A4087
82.	Newtown-Aberystwyth	A492-A44
83.	Shrewsbury-Dolgellay	A458
84.	Dolgellay-Bala-Ruthin-Queensferry-south of Birkenhead	A494-A549-B5123-A494-A550-A548-A550
85.	Maentwrog-Bettws y Coed-east of Conway	B4408-B4391-B4408-A496
86.	Newcastle on Tyne-Edinburgh	A696-A68
87.	Dumfries-Beattock	A701
88.	Dumfries-Kilmarnock	A76-A70-A76-A71
89.	west of Biggar-Edinburgh	A72-A702
90.	Abington-Lanark-Airdrie-Cumbernauld	A73-A70-A73-A71-A73
91.	Glasgow-Greenock-Monkton	A8-A78
92.	Dennyloanhead-Kincardine-Kirkcaldy-St. Andrews	A803-B817-A883-B817-A977-A905-A977-A985-A906-A90-A92-A915-A917-A942-Unclassified <sup>17</sup> -A918

No.	Route	Roads included (all or part)
93.	Inverkeithing-Perth	A90
94.	Stirling-Cupar-St. Andrews	A907-B907-A91

<sup>17</sup> In St. Andrews.

95.	Stirling-Callander-Crianlarich	A84-A85
96.	Tarbet-Inveraray-Lochgilphead-Oban	A83-A817-A816
97.	Connel-Glencoe	A828
98.	Fort William-Mallaig	A830
99.	Invergarry-Kyle of Lochalsh	A87
100.	Aberdeen-Huntly-Fochabers	A96
101.	Dingwall-Ullapool	A834-A832-A835

**FIRST SCHEDULE - Part II**

Not transcribed. This is a long list of sections of road in County Boroughs and large Burghs (and the County of London?) to which the 1946 Act applies.

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