

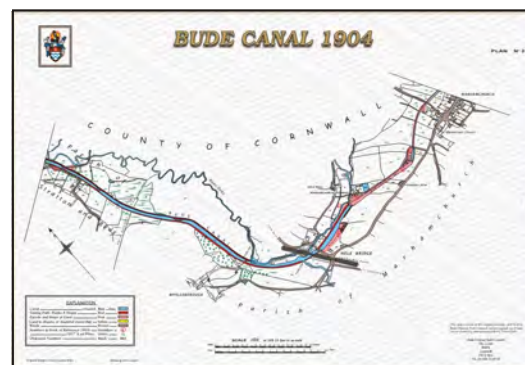
BUDE CANAL 1904

Plan No 2

***The Barge Canal Section
Rodds Bridge to Marhamchurch.***



From left to right, the main features include Rodd's Bridge which was originally a swing bridge which is followed by Rodd's Bridge and Whalesborough Locks, these are the only two traditional pound locks on the Barge Canal. At Hele Bridge the River Strat and canal are one, any excess of water flowing over the weir at Whalesborough. There were two bridges at Hele Bridge, one a road bridge over the River Strat and canal and the other a vast railway viaduct over both! Beyond Hele Bridge was a canal basin which formed the end of the Barge Canal. This had 'Barge Workshops' where the 'Tub Boats' were repaired and cargoes unloaded. A short distance from here was the Marhamchurch Inclined Plane where the Tub Boats were drawn up on rails to the start of the narrow 'Tub Boat' section of the Bude Canal. At the base of the plane can be seen the Marhamchurch Foundry which supplied iron castings for the Bude Canal Company.



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