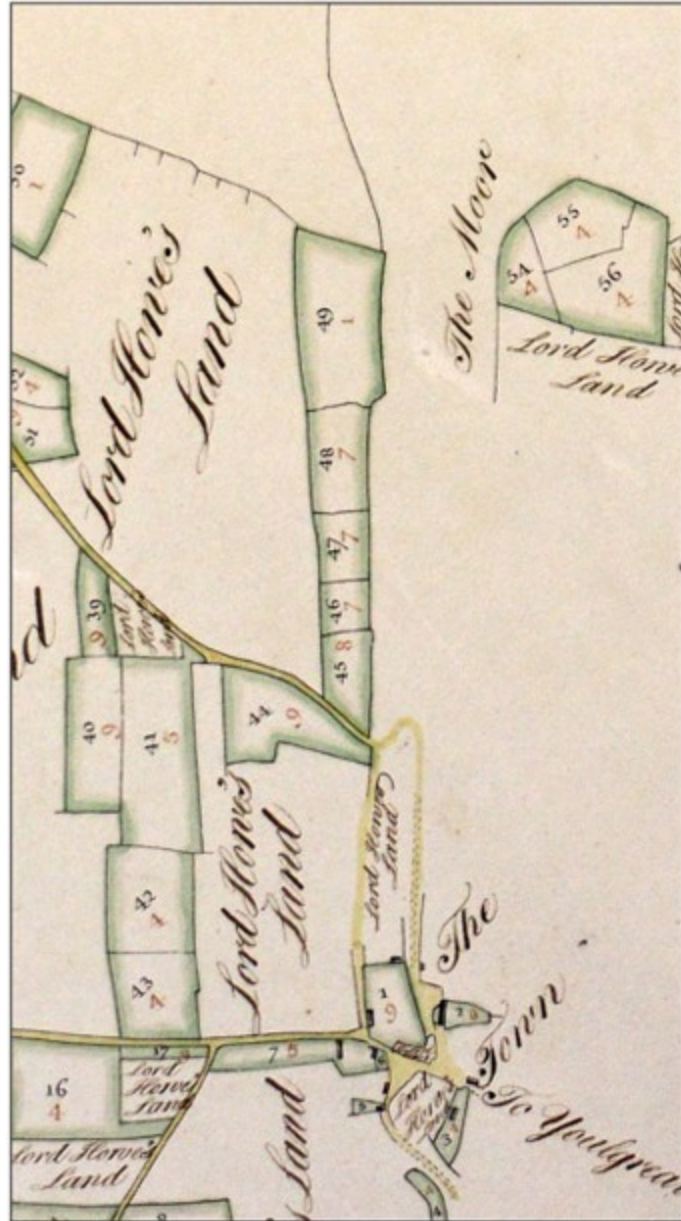


THE COACH ROAD AND RAKE LANE

A tale of two roads, four maps and an enclosure



1799 Haddon Manor Survey of Middleton

An early map of the village of Middleton shows land enclosed by Lord Howe and the Duke of Rutland. However, the Moor Common still dominates the top of the map before its complete enclosure.



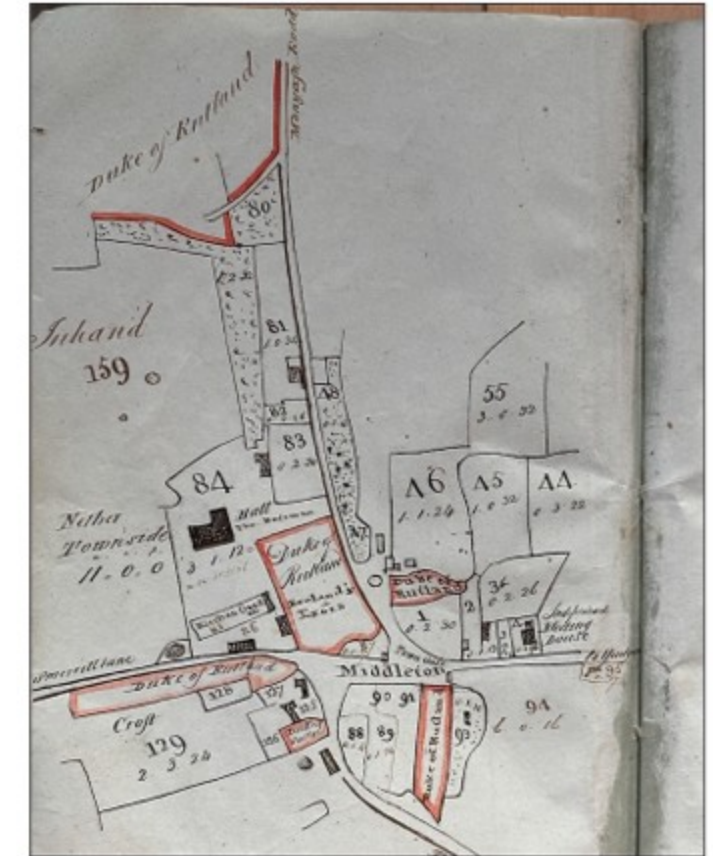
1813 Township of Middleton

Two roads leave Middleton over the remains of the Moor Common. To the left, Coach Road leaves the village to become the road to Hartington. To the right, Rake Lane is a track that leads to mines, the village pastures and several routes Monyash.



1819 Middleton Enclosure Map

Between 1813 and 1819 the Duke of Rutland enclosed land that became Rake Wood, effectively closing the Coach Road. Rake Lane became the link to the Hartington Road with a turn off to Monyash.



1841 Middleton Estate Surveyor's Sketchbook

In 1815 the Bateman family bought the Middleton Estate and in the 1820s redeveloped Middleton Village. The remains of the Coach Road disappeared to make way for Middleton Hall.