

Poor rate for East Ilsley for 1765:

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This was a local tax levied on the inhabitants of the village to cover the cost of poor relief. It was based on the rentable value of their houses and property. For East Ilsley the rate was at 1 shilling to £1 for houses and land, plus 1 shilling for £10 of stock for tradesmen. Not everyone paid the rate – for those where the rate would be 2 shillings or less, it was not mandatory but some did pay, possibly because this would help to determine whether they were deemed to have legal settlement in the village.

Full transcription :

A Rate or Assessment in pursuance of an Order of Sessions made at the last General Quarter Sessions of the peace holden at Reading in & for the County of Berks on Tuesday the 8th day of October 1765 at 1s in the pound for and towards the nessary relief of the poor of the parish of East Ilsley in the said county as follows

Rent	Viz.	£-s-d
£-s		
12-0	The Rev. Mr Barnes for his house	0-9-0
5-10	do. for part of the parsonage	0-5-6
122-10	Mr John Allen	6-2-6
255-0	Mr Turton for the parsonage	12-15-0
3-0	do. for his house	0-2-0
5-10	Richard Ralph for Smiths	0-6-6
8-0	Mr Palmer for his house	0-5-4
116-0	John Awbery for the farm	5-16-0
8-10	do. for Colemans	0-4-6
17-0	do. for part of Pipers	0-17-0
1-10	do. for White Hill	0-1-6
18-0	Thomas Snoswell for the Lamb	0-12-0
9-0	do. for Sussex	0-8-6
12-0	do. for Smiths	0-8-0
1-0	do. for Rudds	0-1-0
100-0	Joseph Adnams for the farm	5-0-0
13-0	do. for part of Pipers	0-13-0
9-15	Thos Hewet for his own	0-9-9
43-0	do. for Brookers	2-0-0
3-0	Richard Snoswell	0-2-0
18-0	do. for Pococks	0-18-0
4-10	Thos Sussex	0-3-0
3-0	do. for Hotchkiss	0-3-0
14-0	Thos Watkins for Taylers	0-14-0
9-0	Samuel Stanmore	0-9-0
24-0	Robert Brown	1-4-0
8-0	do. for Cheesemans	0-8-0
12-12	John Goodall	0-12-6
15-0	Eliz Awbury	0-15-0
10-0	William Deacon	0-6-8

6-0	Mr Darling	0-4-0
7-0	Edward Stroud	0-5-0
9-0	do. for Goodalls	0-9-0
10-5	Mr Blackaller	0-7-0
3-0	<i>[illegible – blot]</i> Fidler	0-8-0
18-0	James Martin	0-12-0
4-10	Richard Pocock wheelwright	0-3-0
18-0	Wm Jarvis for Twycross	0-18-0
3-10	Wm Harris	0-2-4
6-10	Richd Adnams for his own	0-6-6
100-0	do. for his farm	5-0-0
50-0	do. for Woolvers	2-10-0
4-10	Mrs Lucas	0-2-8
10-0	Keats Gore	0-10-0
91-0	John Pottinger	4-11-0
9-17-6	Thos Deacon for the Lion	0-6-8
3-0	John Gray	0-2-0
3-0	Francis Bailey	0-2-0
2-15	The tenement late in Wornams poss.sion (empty)	
3-0	William Tarlton	0-2-0
2-0	Richard Tarlton	0-1-3
3-0	Francis Deacon	0-2-0
3-0	John Tarlton	0-2-0
3-0	Wm Butler collarmaker	0-2-0
3-0	Richard Joyce	0-2-0
4-0	Dannil Hibbert	0-2-8
7-0	Mr Line	0-4-8
7-10	John Jarvis	0-5-0
4-0	Richard Mortimer	0-2-8
7-10	Mr Cheivors	0-5-0
3-0	Abraham Deacon	0-2-0
6-10	Richard Twycross	0-4-6
6-10	Thomas Twycross	0-4-6
7-10	Widow Banister	0-5-0
	Tenement or house not charged for the rate	
2-10	Crispin Deacon	0-1-9
2-10	Abraham Grainger	0-1-9
2-0	Thomas Lovegrove	0-2-0
1-10	Joseph Whiting	0-1-0
1-10	John Allen Junr	0-1-0
1-10	Widow Herman	0-1-0
2-0	William Westall	0-1-3
2-0	Thomas Baker	0-1-3
4-0	Mr Frogley	0-2-8
2-0	Joseph Lamborn	0-1-3
2-0	John New	0-1-3
1-10	Jane Sussex	0-1-0
2-0	William Wicks	0-1-3
1-10	Joan Cannons	0-1-0

2-0	Jane Foster	0-1-3
2-0	William Allen	0-1-3
2-0	Jonas Borage	0-1-3
1-10	Dannel Wastill	0-1-0
1-10	Henery Chamberlain	0-1-0
1-10	Henery Barns	0-1-0
2-0	Thomas Gregory	0-1-3
2-10	William Cannons	0-1-9
2-0	William Mills	0-1-3
2-0	Thomas Joyce	0-1-3
3-0	George Crips	0-2-0
1-10	Charles Burges	0-1-0
1-10	Henery Haines	0-1-0
1-10	John Sharp	0-1-0
1-10	Robert Harriss	0-1-0
1-10	William Blackell	0-1-0
1-10	Richard House	0-1-0
1-10	John Pryer	0-1-0
2-0	Thos Butler	0-1-3
2-0	William Butler	0-1-3
2-0	William Cox	0-1-3
1-10	Giles Rumbold	0-1-0
1-10	John Tuck	0-1-0
1-10	Thos Franklin	0-1-0
1-10	Edward Bourton	0-1-0
2-0	John Taylor	0-1-3
1-10	William Weston	0-1-0
1-10	Widow Maskell	0-1-0
2-0	Abraham Silk	0-1-3
1-10	Thomas Whiting	0-1-0
1-10	Joseph Franklin	0-1-0
2-0	John Hall	0-1-3
3-0	Ann & Mary Church	0-2-0

Sundry persons being tradesmen charged for stock ¹

50-0	Mr Blackaller	0-5-0
100-0	Mr Thos Palmer	0-10-0
75-0	Richard Twycross	0-7-6
50-0	Mr Darling	0-5-0
25-0	Edward Stroud	0-2-6
25-0	Thomas Sussex	0-2-6
12-10	William Deacon	0-1-3
12-10	William Butler	0-1-3
25-0	Richard Snoswell	0-2-6
12-10	John Jarvis	0-1-3
5-0	Dannil Hibbert	0-0-6
5-0	Wm Cannons	0-0-6
12-10	William Pocock	0-1-3

¹ Rate on stock appears to at 1s for £10 of stock

12-10	William Harris	0-1-3
5-0	Richard Joyce	0-0-6
50-0	James Martin	0-5-0
40-0	Thos Snoswell	0-4-6
25-0	John Goodall	0-2-6
40-0	Robert Brown	0-4-0
50-0	Samuel Stanmore	0-5-0
5-0	Edward Tarlton	0-0-6
25-0	Richard Adnam	0-2-6
	Total	<u>68-1-4</u>

We whose names are underwritten two of his Majesties justices of the peace for the county of Berks having looked & inspected the last rate made for the relief of the poor of the parish of East Ilsley aforesaid and having heard all partys concerned therein Do think fit to make such alterations and aditions the rate as are mentioned and contained in this rate in pursuance of & according to an order of Reference made at the last General Quarter Sessions of the peace held at Reading in and for the said county of Berks for that purpose

Witness my hand this 2nd day of November 1765

Notes:

- There are 95 individuals listed in the rates but 47 did not pay (due to pay 2s or less). Quite a no. of these names appear in the overseers' accounts as receiving relief at some stage.
- Of those 95 people, 6 account for nearly 60% of the rate. These are:
 - Mr John Allen
 - Mr Turton (John - ?parson)
 - John Awbery (farmer)
 - Joseph Adnams (farmer)
 - Richard Adnams (farmer)
 - John Pottinger
- 18 people account for 80% of the rates raised, including shop-keepers, publicans and small farmers
- population estimated to be 400-450, based on multiplying factor of about 4.5 per head of household