

Southern England and the Thames Valley - Tabulations

In Tables SE1 & SE2, the letters signify counties as follows;

KE ≡ Kent, SY ≡ Surrey, & LN ≡ London

SX ≡ Sussex, HA ≡ Hants, IW ≡ Isle of Wight, & BK ≡ Berkshire

OX ≡ Oxfords, & WL ≡ Wilts.

As previously, the red typescript means that a bridge has not been visited.

In all Tables any entry of '?' alone means unknown, but added after another symbol or number it implies a high level of doubt. 'c' before any number means that it is an approximation.

Table SE1: Locations and Dimensions

KEY: Column Headings reading from the left

No. ≡ Unique identifying number for every bridge, made up from a 1-letter or 2-letter county identifier and a number based on alphabetical ordering of bridge names in the county.

Bridge ≡ Name of the bridge, if possible the most generally accepted one.

OS Location ≡ Standard 8-symbol position

River ≡ Name of the river crossed by the bridge, unless it is un-named.

Catchment, if the named river does not flow directly to the sea, the river which does carry its contents to the sea; exceptions are made for major rivers which flow into others, like the River Ure.

Arch No., shown as 'River Arches + Flood Arches', or 'Arches Now (Original Number)' where appropriate.

Arch Shape, symbols; G ≡ Gothic, or Pointed, (shaded, **xxxx**) S-C ≡ Semi-circular, 4-C ≡ 4-centred or Tudor, Se ≡ Segmental, R ≡ Rectangular including Square.

Arch Span ≡ the span of the largest original arch, prior to extension or rebuilding.

OW ≡ Bridge Width, the width of the original bridge, as built, prior to widening operations, normally measured between parapets, or rails.

Date, refers to the oldest surviving part of the bridge, and 'Arch Span' & 'OW' will normally relate to it.

The appropriate columns are shaded according to whether they have arches spanning more than 7.5m, **xxxx**; widths less than 2.2m, (effectively footbridges of all types including packhorse and clapper bridges), **xxxx**

No.	BRIDGE	OS Location	River	Catchment	Arch No.	Arch Form	Arch Span	O W	BUILD DATE
KE1	Aylesford Bridge	TQ 729 589	R. Medway		5 (6)	G	c7m	3.6m	14 th C
KE2	East Farleigh Bridge	TQ 735 535	R. Medway		4 + 1	G	7.8m	3.3m	14 th C
KE3	Eynsford Bridge	TQ 540 655	R. Darent	R.Thames	2	S-C	c2.8m	c2.3m	17 th C
KE4	Godmersham Bridge	TR 064 509	R. Gt. Stour		3 + 7	Se	?	c4m	1692
KE5	Hadmans Bridge	TQ 866 425	R. Beult	R. Medway	2	G	c4.5m	3m	15 th C
KE6	Hawkenbury Bridge	TQ 799 445	R. Beult	R. Medway	4	G (1)	?	c2.4m	15 th C arch
KE7	Herstfield Bridge	TQ 783 467	R. Beult	R. Medway	5	G	?	>3m	15 th C
KE8	Kings Bridge	TR 148 579	R. Gt. Stour		2	Se	?	?	18 th C/ Med?
KE9	Laddingford Bridge	TQ 691 488	R. Teise	R. Medway	2	G	c4m	3.6m	14 th C
KE10	Len Bridge	TQ 760 555	R. Len	R. Medway	3	G	?	?	14 th C
KE11	Plaxtol Bridge	TQ 619 530	R. Bourne	R. Medway	2	S-C	?	?	16 th C?

No.	BRIDGE	OS Location	River	Catchment	Arch No.	Arch Form	Arch Span	O W	BUILD DATE
KE12	Sandwich Bridges (1) (2)	TR 331 578	Delf	R. Gt. Stour	1	G	?	?	14 th C
			Dry		3	S-C			17 th C
KE13	Stephen's Bridge	TQ 826 444	R. Beult	R. Medway	2	Se	?	c4m	17 th C?
KE14	Teston Bridge	TQ 709 533	R. Medway		3 + 4	Se	3.3m	6.2m	c1500
KE15	Twyford Bridge	TQ 691 498	R. Medway		4	4-C	5.1m	3.6m	15 th C
KE16	Wye Bridge	TR 049 469	R. Gt. Stour		5	S-C	?	?	1638
KE17	Yalding Town Bridge	TQ 698 500	R. Beult	R. Medway	7	G	7.5m	3m	15 th C
KE1M	Ightham Mote Bridge	TQ 584 535	Wet		2	Se	0.9m	1.4m	16 th C
SY1	Chiddingfold Bridge	SU 983 357	un-named	R. Arun	2	Se?	?	?	15 th C?
SY2	Elstead Bridge	SU 905 438	R. Wey	R. Thames	5 (7)	G	3.6m	3.8m	13 th C?
SY3	Lower Eashing Bridges (E) (W)	SU 947 438	R. Wey	R. Thames	3	G	4.5m	4.1m	13 th C
					4	G	3.9m	3.75m	
SY4	Shere PH Bridge	TQ 084 480	Tillingbourne S.	R. Wey	3	Se	?	>1m	15 th C
SY5	Somerset Bridge	SU 922 439	R. Wey	R. Thames	3 + 1	G & Se	3.6m	>4m	13 th C
SY6	Tilford (N-E) Bridge	SU 874 434	R. Wey	R. Thames	6 + 1	G & Se	3.9m	3.6m	13 th C
SY7	Tilford (N-W) Bridge	SU 872 435	R. Wey	R. Thames	4 + 1	G	3.9m	3m	13 th C
SY8	Unstead Bridge	SU 993 454	R. Wey	R. Thames	5	G	4.5m	3.6m	13 th C
LN1	Clattern Bridge	TQ 179 691	R. Hogsmill	R. Thames	3	S-C	c3m	2.4m	1293
LN2	Hanwell Bridge	TQ 151 801	R. Brent	R. Thames	6	?	?	?	14 th C?
LN1M	Eltham Palace Moat Bridge	TQ 425 741	Wet		4	4-C	7.2m	c3m	15 th C
SX1	Durford Bridge	SU 783 233	R. West Rother	R. Arun	4	S-C	c3.5m	3.6m	15 th C
SX2	Fittleworth Bridge	TQ 010 183	R. West Rother	R. Arun	3	S-C & G	c5.2m	3.6m	16 th C
SX3	Habin Bridge	SU 808 229	R. West Rother	R. Arun	4	S-C	c4.2m	3.6m	16 th C
SX4	Iping Bridge	SU 853 229	R. West Rother	R. Arun	5	Se	?	3.6m	17 th C?
SX5	Linfold Bridge	TQ 024 259	R. Kird	R. Arun	2	S-C	?	c3m	17 th C
SX6	Stedham Bridge	SU 862 226	R. West Rother	R. Arun	6	Se	?	<4m	17 th C
SX7	Stopham Bridge	TQ 030 184	R. Arun		7	Se/S-C	3.9m	3.6m	1422
SX8	Trotton Bridge	SU 837 224	R. West Rother	R. Arun	5	S-C	5m	4.5m	15 th C
SX9	Wisborough Green Bridge	TQ 068 260	R. Arun		3	G/S-C	?	c3.5m	15 th + 18 th C
SX10	Woolbeding Bridge	SU 873 220	R. West Rother	R. Arun	4	Se	c4.1m	3.2m	15 th C
SX1M	Groombridge Place Brs. (3)	TQ 532 376	Wet		Various	Se	?	c3m	17 th C
SX2M	Herstmonceux Castle Br.	TQ 647 104	Wet		7	Se/S-C	5.8m	3m	17 th C
SX3M	Michelham Priory Moat Br.	TQ 558 094	Wet		1	Se	?	?	16 th C
HA1	Fordingbridge Old Bridge	SU 150 142	R. Avon (Hants)		7	G	c3.5m	c4.5m	1286
HA2	Hyde Abbey Brs. (Abbots)	SU 475 294	mill stream	R. Itchen	1	G	?	?	15 th C?
HA3	New Alresford Bridge	SU 588 329	R. Alre	R. Itchen	1	G	>2m	c3m	c1190
HA4	Redbridge Bridge	SU 370 137	R. Test		5	Se	c6.8m	c4m?	17 th C
HA5	Stony Bridge	SU 542 066	R. Meon		2	G	2.7m	c3.5m	14 th C & 1625
IW1M	Carisbrooke Castle Bridge	SZ 488 878	Dry		2	S-C	?	?	15 th C
OX1	Abingdon Bridge	SU 500 969	R. Thames		7 (14)	G	5m	c3m?	15 th C
OX2	Banbury Bridge	SP 460 406	Mill Stream	R. Cherwell	2(??)	G	c4.5m	?	13 th C arches
OX3	Burford Bridge	SP 252 125	R. Windrush	R. Thames	4	Se	c4m	4.5m	15 th C
OX4	Chiselhampton Bridge	SU 594 988	R. Thame	R. Thames	8	Se	c6m	5.3m	16 th / 17 th C
OX5	Culham Bridge	SU 500 958	R. Thames		5	4-C	5.7m	c3m	15 th C
OX6	Dyers Hill Bridge	SP 354 196	R. Evenlode	R. Thames	3	Se	?	?	Early 18 th C?
OX7	Enslow Bridge	SP 477 185	R. Cherwell	R. Thames	4	G?	?	c2.7m	c1500?
OX8	Godstow Bridge	SP 484 092	R. Thames		2	G (1)	3.6m	>3m	c1500
OX9	Ickford Bridge	SP 649 065	R. Thame	R. Thames	2 + 1	3-C, 4-C	c4.5m	c3.5m	16 th C
OX10	Lower Heyford Bridge	SP 479 248	R. Cherwell	R. Thames	4 + 6	G, Se	?	?	14 th C
OX11	New Bridge	SP 404 014	R. Thames		6	G	5.7m	4.5m	14 th C
OX12	Ock Bridge	SU 488 969	R. Ock	R. Thames	7	G/S-C	?	?	15 th C
OX13	Oxford Seven Arches Br.	SP 501 062	Osney Ditch	R. Thames	7	S-C	?	?	18 th C?
OX14	Radcot Bridge	SU 286 994	R. Thames		3	G/4-C	3.6m	3.6m	13 th C

No.	BRIDGE	OS Location	River	Catchment	Arch No.	Arch Form	Arch Span	O W	BUILD DATE
OX15	Wallingford Bridge	SU 610 895	R. Thames		19	G/S-C/Se	4.5m	3.6m	13 th C
OX16	Wheatley Bridge	SP 612 052	R. Thame	R. Thames	5(8)	G/S-C	?	?	16 th C
OX2M	Broughton Castle Bridge	SP 418 383	Moat		2	Se	?	c3.5m	14 th C??
OX4M	Cornbury North Lodge Br.	SP 355 188	R. Evenlode	R. Thames	5	S-C	c6m	c7m	17/18 th
WL1	Bishopstone Clapper Br.	SU 084 264	R. Ebbles	R. Avon (H)	4	R	?	c0.5m	17 th C?
WL2	Bradford Barton Bridge	ST 823 605	R. Avon (Bristol)		4	G	<3m	3.5m	14 th C
WL3	Bradford Town Bridge	ST 826 609	R. Avon (Bristol)		9	G/S-C	5.4m	?	14 th C
WL4	Castle Coombe Roman Br.	ST 841 768	By Brook	R. Avon (Br.)	3	Se	?	c2m	17 th C?
WL5	Coombe Bissett PH Bridge	SU 109 264	R. Ebbles	R. Avon (H)	3	G	?	1.3m	13 th C?
WL6	Easton Gray Bridge	ST 878 873	R. Avon (Bristol)		5	G	?	1.9m	16 th C
WL7	Freshford Bridge	ST 791 600	R. Frome	R. Avon (Br.)	3	S-C	?	c3.7m	18 th C
WL8	Gumstool Bridge	SU 045 942	R. Thames		2	Se	?	5m	c1450
WL9	Homington Bridge	SU 124 261	R. Ebbles	R. Avon (H)	2	Se	?	?	17 th C
WL10	Lacock Bridge	ST 922 681	R. Avon (Bristol)		9	G	c4.5m	4.2m	15 th C
WL11	Odstock Bridge	SU 147 262	R. Ebbles	R. Avon (H)	2	Se	?	?	17 th C
WL12	Salisbury Crane Bridge	SU 141 298	R. Avon (Hants.)		4	Se	?	c2m	15 th C
WL13	Salisbury Harnham Bridge	SU 144 290	R. Avon (Hants.)		6 + 2	G & Se	4.8m	4.5m?	1244
WL14	Salisbury Milford Bridge	SU 158 298	R. Bourne	R. Avon (H)	2 + 2	G/Se	2.7m	4.8m	15 th C
WL15	Staverton Bridge	ST 856 610	R. Avon (Bristol)		4	G (2)	?	?	15 th C
WL16	Stokeford Bridge	ST 782 612	R. Avon (Bristol)		4	Se	c6.8m	3m	18 th C

Table S2: Bridge Characteristics

KEY: Column Headings reading from the left

No. & Bridge as in Table S1

Fabric, the building material, A ≡ ashlar, CR ≡ Coursed Rubble, R ≡ Random Rubble, B ≡ Brick, W ≡ Wood; if two types are present in significant proportions, it is shown A/CR.

Profile, as seen from upstream or downstream, where possible referring to the original bridge, F ≡ Flat, P ≡ Rising to a central Peak, H ≡ Humped, C ≡ Gently curved.

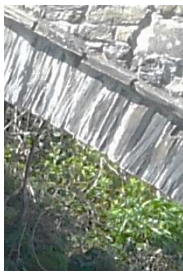
Refuges, total number, referring if possible to the original bridge; NA entered for single-arch bridges

Arch Rings with nomenclature **W/X/Y/Z** where **W** ≡ number of arch rings, **X** is an indicator for chamfering ≡ C, or not ≡ U, **Y** describes the arrangement of the arch rings with categories F ≡ Flush, R ≡ Recessed, H ≡ Hood Mould, above, 2O ≡ Arch Rings in two orders, etc., and **Z** indicates the finish on the individual voussoirs in the arch rings with R ≡ Rough, unshaped, S ≡ Shaped, D ≡ Dressed, finely machined. 3 examples are given below.

3/C/2O/D

1/U/H/S

1/U/F/R



Soffits and Ribs Features, number of ribs, and whether they are chamfered ≡ C (as above, left), or not ≡ U

Pier Width, subjective estimate, B ≡ Broad, U ≡ Unexceptional, S ≡ Slender, C ≡ Pierced Causeway, & NA for a bridge with 1 arch

Parapet Features, entries only if non-standard, R ≡ Railings, C ≡ Corbelled Out, S ≡ Splayed Out at ends, Low, None.

W <-- >, entries indicate whether the bridge has been widened, No, Yes (but how unknown), U ≡ Upstream Face, D ≡ Downstream Face, B ≡ Both Faces

Date as in Table S1

Shading in the relevant columns means chamfered arch rings, xxxx, hood moulds, xxxx, and ribs, xxxx. In cases where chamfering and hood moulds are present, I have added ** to the former

No.	Bridge	Fabric	Profile	No. of Refuges	Arch Ring Features	Soffits & Ribs Features	Pier Width	Parapet Features	<--> W	Build Date
KE1	Aylesford Bridge	CR/R	P	8	3/C/2O/S	0	B		No	14 th C
KE2	East Farleigh Bridge	CR/R	F	0	2/C/F/S	4C	B		No	14 th C
KE3	Eynsford Bridge	R	H	2	1/U/F/S	0	B		No	17 th C
KE4	Godmersham Bridge	R/B	F	0	1/C/F/D	0	U		No?	1692
KE5	Hadmans Bridge	CR	F	0	2/U/F/S	2U	U		No	15 th C
KE6	Hawkenbury Bridge	CR/B	F	0	2/U/F/S	0	C		D	15 th C arch
KE7	Herstfield Bridge	R	F	0	2/C/F/D	0	C	R	No	15 th C
KE8	Kings Bridge	?	F	0	?	?	?		?	18 th C/ Med?
KE9	Laddingford Bridge	R/B	F	0	1/C/F/D	0	S		No	14 th C
KE10	Len Bridge	CR	F	0	1/U/F/S	0	U	?	?	14 th C
KE11	Plaxtol Bridge	A?	?	0	?	0	U	R	D	16 th C?
KE12	Sandwich Bridges (1) (2)	R	F	NA	2/U/F/S	0	NA		D	14 th C
		B	F	0	2/U/F/B	0	U		No	17 th C
KE13	Stephen's Bridge	R	C	1	2/C/F/D	0	U		No	17 th C?
KE14	Teston Bridge	CR	C	10	2/C/F/D	0	B		No	c1500
KE15	Twyford Bridge	R/B	F	6	2/U/F/R	0	B		No	15 th C
KE16	Wye Bridge	CR	F	1	2/U/F/S	0	U	R	U	1638
KE17	Yalding Town Bridge	R	F	2	1/U/F/R	0	C		U	15 th C
KE1M	Ightham Mote Bridge	CR	F	0	1/U/F/S	0	B		No	16 th C
SY1	Chiddingfold Bridge	R	F	0	1/U/F/D	0	U	R	D	15 th C?
SY2	Elstead Bridge	R	F	0	2/U/F/S	0	U		No	13 th C
SY3	Lower Eashing Bridges (E) (W)	R	F	0	2/U/F/R, &	0	U	R	No	13 th C
		R	F	0	1/U/F/R	0	U	R	No	
SY4	Shere PH Bridge	R/B	H	0	1/U/F/R	0	U	Low	No	15 th C
SY5	Somerset Bridge	R/B	P	0	1/U/F/R	0	B	Low	No	13 th C
SY6	Tilford (N-E) Bridge	R	C	0	1/U/F/S	0	U	R	U	13 th C
SY7	Tilford (N-W) Bridge	R	C	0	2/U/F/S	0	U	R	No	13 th C
SY8	Unstead Bridge	R	C	0	2/U/F/S	0	U	R	No	13 th C
LN1	Clattern Bridge	R	?	0	2/U/F/D	0	B		U	1293
LN2	Hanwell Bridge	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	14 th C?
LN1M	Eltham Palace Moat Br.	CR	F	0	3/C/3O/D	4U	U		No	15 th C
SX1	Durford Bridge	R	C	0	1/C/F/R	1C + 2U	U		No	15 th C
SX2	Fittleworth Bridge	A	F	2	2/U/F/D	0	U		No	16 th C
SX3	Habin Bridge	CR/A	C	0	2/C/2O/D	3U	U		No	16 th C
SX4	Iping Bridge	CR	C	0	2/U/2O/S	3U	U/C		No	17 th C?
SX5	Linfold Bridge	CR	F	0	1/U/F/R	0	S		No?	17 th C
SX6	Stedham Bridge	CR/B	C	0	2/U/F/S	0	C		No	17 th C
SX7	Stopham Bridge	CR	C	12	1/U/F/S	0	B		No	1422
SX8	Trotton Bridge	CR	F	0 (8?)	1/C/F/S	5C	B		No	15 th C

No.	Bridge	Fabric	Profile	No. of Refuges	Arch Ring Features	Soffits & Ribs Features	Pier Width	Parapet Features	<--> W	Build Date
SX9	Wisborough Green Bridge	R	F	0	1/C/F/S?	0	U		B	15 th + 18 th C
SX10	Woolbeding Bridge	CR	F	0	1/C/F/S	3C	B		No	15 th C
SX1M	Groombridge Place Brs. (3)	R/B	F	0	Various	0	U		No	17 th C
SX2M	Herstmonceux Castle Br.	B	F	4	1/U/F/B	3U	U		No	17 th C
SX3M	Michelham Priory Moat Br.	CR	F	NA	1/U/F/S	0	NA		No	16 th C
HA1	Fordingbridge Old Bridge	CR	F	0	2/C/F/D	0	B		B	1286
HA2	Hyde Abbey Bridges (Abbots)	R	H	NA	1/U/F/D	0	NA	None	No	15 th C?
HA3	New Alresford Bridge	R	F	NA	3/C/2O/D	0	NA		U	c1190
HA4	Redbridge Bridge	A	F	4	2/U/F/D	1 arch?	B		U	17 th C
HA5	Stony Bridge	R	C	0	1/C/F/D	0	U		No	14 th C & 1625
IW1M	Carisbrooke Castle Bridge	CR/B	F	0	1/U/F/S	0	U		No	15 th C
OX1	Abingdon Bridge	R	F	0	2/C/2O/D	3C	B		U	15 th C
OX2	Banbury Bridge	R	?	?	1/U/F/D	3/4C	B	?	B	13 th C arches
OX3	Burford Bridge	CR	F	6	2/C/2O/D	?C	B		No?	15 th C
OX4	Chiselhampton Bridge	R	F	5	2/U/F/D	0	C		D	16 th /17 th C
OX5	Culham Bridge	R	F	1	2/U&C/F/R	4C(1)	C		U	15 th C
OX6	Dyers Hill Bridge	CR	F	0	2/U/2O/D	0	U		D	18 th C?
OX7	Enslow Bridge	R	F	0	?C/?/D	0	C		B	c1500?
OX8	Godstow Bridge	R	F	0	1/U/F/S	0	U		No	1 arch, c1500
OX9	Ickford Bridge	CR	P	2	2/U/F/S	0	U		No	16 th C
OX10	Lower Heyford Bridge	CR	F	0	2/C/F/R	5C	C		U	14 th C
OX11	New Bridge	CR	C	5	1/U/F/S	2C + 2U	U		No	14 th C
OX12	Ock Bridge	R	F	0	1/U/F/D	1 arch?	C		U	15 th C
OX13	Oxford Seven Arches Bridge	R	C	0	1/U/F/D	0	U		D	18 th C?
OX14	Radcot Bridge	CR	P	0	1/U/F/D	4U	U		No	13 th C
OX15	Wallingford Bridge	R	F	?	?	4C(2)	U		U	13 th C
OX16	Wheatley Bridge	R	?	?	?	0	?		B	16 th C
OX2M	Broughton Castle Bridge	A	F	0	1/U/F/D	0	U		No?	14 th C??
OX4M	Cornbury North Lodge Br.	A	F	0	1/U/R/D	?	U		?	17/18 th
WL1	Bishopstone Clapper Bridge	NA	F	NA	NA	NA	S	None	No	17 th C?
WL2	Bradford Barton Bridge	CR	F	0	2/U/2O/D	0	B	R	No	14 th C
WL3	Bradford Town Bridge	CR	F	0	1/U/F/D	4U	B		D	14 th C
WL4	Castle Coombe Roman Br.	R	F	0	1/U/F/S	0	U	1 face	No	17 th C?
WL5	Coombe Bissett PH Bridge	CR	F	0	2/C/F/D	0	U	None/R	U	13 th C?
WL6	Easton Gray Bridge	CR	F	0	1/U/F/S	0	B		U	16 th C
WL7	Freshford Bridge	CR	P	0	1/U/F/S	0	U		No	18 th C
WL8	Gumstool Bridge	A	F	0	1/U/F/D	0	U	Low	B	c1450
WL9	Homington Bridge	R	F	0	1/C/F/D	0	U		U	17 th C
WL10	Lacock Bridge	A	F	0	2/U/2O/D	0	U		No	15 th C
WL11	Odstock Bridge	R/B	F	0	?	0	U		B	17 th C
WL12	Salisbury Crane Bridge	A	F	0	2/C/2O/D	0	B		B	15 th C
WL13	Salisbury Harnham Bridge	A	F	0	2/U/2O/D	0	U		B	1244
WL14	Salisbury Milford Bridge	CR	F	0	2/U/2O/S	0	C		No	15 th C
WL15	Staverton Bridge	CR	F	0	2/U/2O/D	U	U		D	15 th C?
WL16	Stokeford Bridge	CR	F	3	1/U/R/D	0	B		D	18 th C

As compared with previous listings, the following 12 bridges have been omitted for the reasons given;

Risebridge Bridge, Kent, unlikely to exist in old form

Dover Castle Bridge, Kent, replaced

Leeds Castle Bridge, Kent, highly unlikely to be pre-1700

Westgate Bridge, Kent, inaccessible and collapsed

Abbey Mill Bridge, Surrey, not accessible in old folk's home grounds

Frencham Mill Bridge, Surrey, now a modern bridge

Leatherhead Bridge, Surrey, nothing earlier than 18th century visible

Brewhurst Bridge, Sussex, no old elements remaining

Hurley Chapter House Bridge, Berks, not accessible, nor mentioned in recent accounts of the property

Sherston Bridge, Wilts, 18th century bridge

Chippenham Bridge, Wilts, replaced by modern bridge

Midford Brook Bridges, Wilts, 18th century bridges

Table SE3. Status of Bridge Visits, & Dating Summary

COUNTIES	No. OF BRIDGES	No. VISITED	PRE-1600	PRE-1500	PRE-1400	PRE-1300
Kent, Surrey, & London	29	28	25	23	14	7
Sussex & Hampshire	19	18	13	10	3	2
Oxfordshire & Wiltshire	34	34	26	22	10	5
Totals	82	80	64	55	27	14

Notes:

1. I have identified 82 old bridges in the South of England and the Thames Valley on the basis that they incorporate significant parts, such as one or more arches, which date from before 1700; I have visited 80 of them, (97%). As can be seen from Table SE3, considering all the bridges whether visited or not, 18 of the bridges had their origins in the 17th century, 9 in the 16th century, 28 in the 15th century, 13 in the 14th century, and 14 earlier than that. The number of pre-1300 bridges owes much to the collection of 7 bridges along the River Wey, built under the aegis of Waverley Abbey, which were unique for their time. The large number of survivals dating from the 15th century, three times as many as from the following century, and seemingly spread fairly uniformly over the region, is not easy to explain, though there are similar if less pronounced patterns elsewhere in the country.

2. From Table SE2, it can be seen that of the 81 bridges for which a judgement can be made, 42 (52%) were built in large part of ashlar, or coursed rubble or a combination of the two. 12 bridges incorporate a substantial amount of brick, whether as patching or as distinct elements like arch soffits.

3. From Table SE1, it can be seen that 33 bridges have one or more pointed (Gothic) arches, and none originated as late as the 17th century, but the great majority, 30, date back to the 15th century or earlier. As in other regions there is no link between very early build dates and the semi-circular arch form.

4. From Table SE1, it can be seen that only 2 bridges are recorded as having arches of span greater than 7.5m; both were built prior to 1500. It may be that there are a few more bridges in this category for which the

relevant information is unavailable, but there cannot be sufficient to alter the fact that in this region, wide spans are far more rare than elsewhere.

5. In Table SE2, I have highlighted the existence of one or more chamfered arch rings, and of chamfered ribs, which along with the Gothic arch shape have proved to be good markers of particularly old bridges, say pre-1500, in other regions. There are 24 bridges with chamfered arch rings, of which only 4 were built later than the 15th century, and 11 with chamfered ribs, none built later than the 15th century; (there are also 10 with unchamfered ribs, with some bridges having a mix).

6. Hood moulds are not found on any bridge in this region.