

Units used in the Trumpington Inclosure Award

All units in 1809 were of the old “statute measure” for length and area, and “£ s d” for currency.

The relations between these various units (as used in the Award) are as follows:

Area

1 acre = 4 roods. An acre is 4840 square yards.

1 rood = 40 perches. A perch is therefore the area covered by a square of side $5\frac{1}{2}$ yards, the same measure being still used today as a “pole” when measuring the size of an allotment garden plot (a full plot being 10 poles or $\frac{1}{16}$ acre).

Length

1 chain = 100 links. A chain is 22 yards, or 66 feet. 80 chains make a mile.

Currency

£1 = 1 pound = 20s. = 20 shillings

1s. = 12d. = 12 (old) pence.