

Historical Context

- ◆ Muskham Vale was the major north/south crossing of the River Trent.
- ◆ The River Trent [Trespasser] changed its course(s) during floods and the crossing point shifted.
- ◆ The shift appears to be downstream; from South Muskham [Muscha], then Mill Lane/Crab Lane, then **Trent Ford Road** [14th C].
- ◆ The River Trent was the division between North & South.
- ◆ Hold the River Trent crossing and you protected the South from Northern Invaders.
- ◆ The River Trent flowed east from Nottingham area and turned North at Newark.
- ◆ The River Witham flowed parallel to Trent, leaving a “narrow” dry route to North Lincs.
- ◆ Muskham Vale offered a “safe” crossing.



Trent Ford Road

also known as:
Holme Lane
Shady Lane

Muskham Cross

Muskham Cross is recorded as 14th Century. There is a matching cross in **Holme** and both are believed to be signposts to the ford.

Trent Ford Road 1735



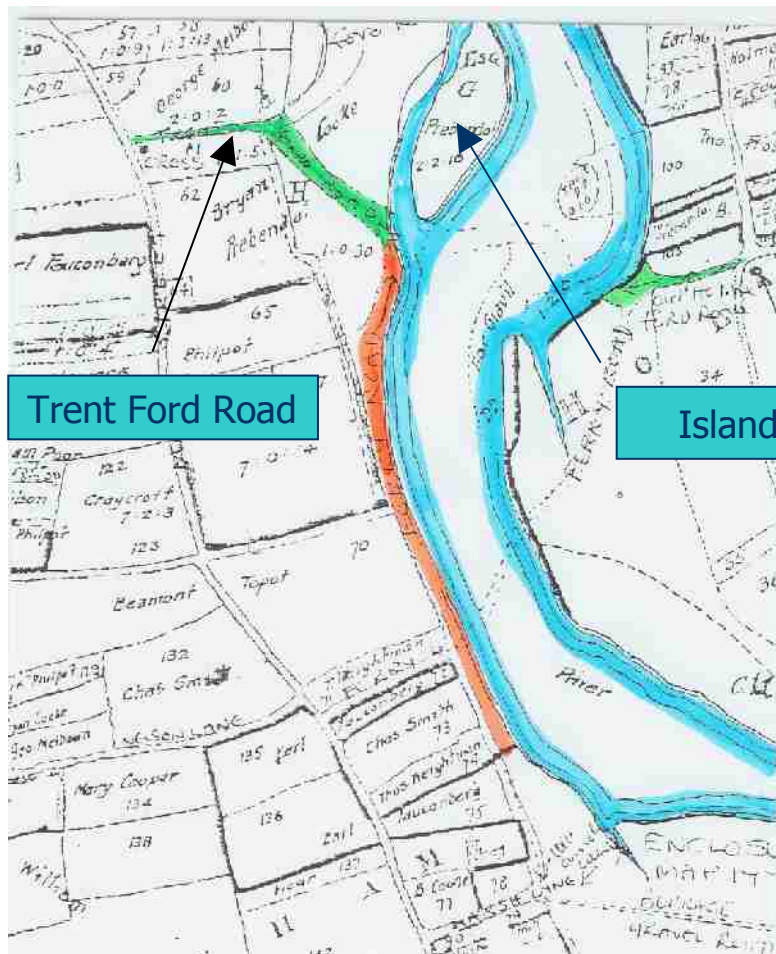
Islands

Trent Ford Road

**Old River Channels
"Paleochannels"**

Trent Ford Road Past and Present

Trent Ford Road 1772



Trent Ford Road

Island

Trent Ford Road in July 2009



The *Main Street* entrance to *Trent Ford Road* lies at the north end of North Muskham on the right-hand side just before the road forks left over the A1.



The *Main Street* entrance to *Trent Ford Road* with *The Shades* (a listed building) shown in the background.

Trent Ford Road Past and Present



The historic *Muskham Cross* monument with *Trent Ford Road* foreground and *The Shades* background.



The route of *Trent Ford Road* leading through to *Dickinson Way*, the lake and the recently opened riverside walk.

Trent Ford Road Past and Present



The entrance to *Trent Ford Road* as seen from *Dickinson Way*.



A view across the lake with the *River Trent* beyond as seen from the *Dickinson Way* end of *Trent Ford Road*.

Turning left out of *Trent Ford Road* and crossing the road leads to the path that goes around the lake and a pleasant riverside walk to the south end of the village, the *Ferry* pub, *St Wilfrid's* church and *South Muskham* village beyond.