

The Water in the Street

Wendron Tin Watercourses and Helston
Coinagehall Street kennels. By Carla V Eddy

In 1201 King John made a charter to allow the water from the river Cober to be diverted into manmade watercourses for the purpose of use by the tin industry. A charter in 1305 served tanners with the same industrial use.

What I have found is in 1284 the monks of Rewley Abbey of the Cistercian order having the technical knowledge of waterwheels & making watercourses of the time were awarded the Tithe of Wendron it maybe this was payment for building watercourses in Wendron. The list of reverends including mentioning the Rewley monks is displayed in Wendron church.

The watercourse travels from in the valley behind Wendron church and into Coinagehall Street. This water drove a tin stamps at Coverack Bridges and a photo can be seen in The Tin Streams of Wendron by Justin Brooke. This watercourse is 3000 metres long and travels on a Cornish hedge structure to keep the level across on the land of Franchis farm and then onto Trelubbas Wartha on to Water-Ma-Trout and then Helston kennels in the roadside Coinagehall Street then the water returns to the Cober river.