

## Clint Lane

It has been suggested in a few publications that Clint lane was once called Watery Lane due to the number of wells that are located at the houses along the road, and indeed this is still suggested by some of the locals and is stated as a fact, (not a suggestion) in some documentation e.g. Wikipedia. However, I believe I have proved this to be incorrect. (see Watery Lane)

Talking of facts, on the 1771 inclosure map held at the Lincolnshire Archives, Lincoln, the name South Street has been written on what we now know as Clint Lane, and this to me is much more logical, sitting at the southern end of the village, and fits in nicely with North Lane at the northern end. But we must now ask ourselves for an explanation as to where the name Clint Lane comes from.

I believe it is actually fairly simple and we only have to look at the landscape of the land where Clint Lane stands and also at the definition of "Clint" in a Geological Dictionary.

Looking at the OS map, Clint Lane lies along the edge of the valley, looking northwards over what was Watery lane, it is also on the cliff edge formed of limestone.

Looking in a geology dictionary a "clint" is defined as **"Joint-bounded surface unit of a hard, almost horizontally bedded limestone. The diameter varies typically from 1 to 2 m. It may be shallowly dissected by smooth gutters, or runnels, called grikes. It is a repeating component of a limestone pavement (an extensive bedding-plane surface exposed by erosion)."** It wouldn't have taken much for the locals to fill in the gaps in between (Grikes) to make a reasonable roadway.

To me this makes much more sense for the origin of the street name.

**Any better ideas please let me know.**