

## VEHICLE TAXATION HISTORY.

"Carriage Licences" were introduced under the Locomotive Acts 1861- 65 and became law well before the first motor car appeared in 1894.

In 1889 The annual Carriage Licence for one carriage, cost £2/2s/0d ~ two pounds, two shillings and no pence (Two pounds and ten pence in modern money). The licence showed the person's name, Parish and County. It expired on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December each year and enabled you to "keep" one carriage of four or more wheels and fitted to be drawn by two or more horse or mules, or to be drawn or propelled by mechanical power etc etc."

They were printed on cream coloured paper that was tissue thin, which is probably why so very few have survived.

Number plates were compulsory from 1903 and from the 1st January 1904, all cars had to be registered annually with the County or Borough Council. The annual cost was 20/- ~ twenty Shillings and no pence (One pound in modern money).