

Description	Measure	Cost
Soil stripping and resoiling each	Per superficial yard	1½d (0.625p)
Field gates including posts, iron works and painting fixed complete	Each	£4 0s 0d (£4.00)
Bridges and large culverts of brick including pointing centres and foundations	Per cubic yard	£1 2s 6d (£1.12½)
Small Culverts of bricks including pointing centres and foundation viz Culverts of 1½ feet internal diameter single ring Culverts of 2 feet ditto Culverts of 3 feet ditto Culverts of 4 feet ditto	Per lineal yard	£0 7s 6d (£0.37½) £0 19s 0d (£0.95) £2 15s 0d (£2.75) £3 10s 0d (£3.50)
Upholding the works of the railway for two years after the completion including the removal of any slips in the embankments but exclusive of the upper works or permanent roads.	Per mile	£20 0s 0d (£20.00)
Stone slung course, quoins, pedestals and copings dressed and set.	Per cubic foot	£0 3s 6d (£0.375)

The contract through Leire is number 11 and was for a total length of 2 miles, 5 furlongs and 5 chains (4.323 kilometres). The contract stretched from the parish boundary with Broughton Astley to a short distance from Ullesthorpe station. The length of the track through the parish is 1 mile, 2 furlongs and 8 chains (2.172 kilometres) and incorporates bridges and a culvert. There are two bridges spanning agricultural land for farm access and one bridge passing over the road leading out of the village towards Broughton Astley and the other with the railway passing under the road, which leads out towards Frolesworth. The railway runs along embankments reaching heights of 40 feet (12.2 metres) and through a cutting as deep as 60 feet (18.3 metres).

To give some idea of the resources used for construction along the line the following is an engineer's return as reported in a newspaper dated 3rd May 1839.

Midland Counties Railway: – The following is the engineers return of the quantity of earth work executed and the number of men, horses and engines employed on the works of the Midland County Railway, which remain to be completed from 23rd March to 20th April 1839: - Earth work executed 374,085 cubic yards; number of men, 5,071; number of horses, 511; engines, three locomotive and one stationary. One contract on the line is finished.

A further extract from a newspaper report dated 6th December 1839 refers to progress on the line with a reference to Leire.

Midland Counties Railway: – Although the rain has occasioned considerable interruption to the making of the embankment on the left of the Humberstone Road, the work has gone on as usual toward Thurmaston, where the earth is removed by a steam engine instead of horses. The same mode is adopted near Leir and consequently, in both quarters the line is progressing.

The building of the railway had an impact on the community from tragedy to romance. The Burial Records for the parish give the following details.

Name	Occupation	Date of Burial	Age
John Johnson	Railroad	30 th January 1839	14
Henry Palmer (alias Green)	Railroad Labourer	4 th April 1839	21
Joseph Riley	Railroad	16 th April 1839	19
Thomas Wayman (alias Carter)	Railroad man	5 th December 1839	20