

<i>Town</i>	<i>Directory</i>	<i>Number of carriers</i>	<i>Journeys per week</i>
Nottingham	PO 1855	238	559
Leicester	PO 1855	258	489
Banbury	Rusher 1851	189	427
Birmingham	White 1850	114	327
Leeds	White 1847	132	326
Hull	White 1851	193	312
Manchester	Whellan 1853	80	281
Norwich	White 1854	135	263
Coventry	White 1850	100	258
Reading	Kelly 1848	100	233
Northampton	PO 1854	114	226
Bristol	Slater 1852-53	72	217
Exeter	White 1850	84	213
Bury St Edmunds	Wright 1844	98	204
Lincoln	White 1856	127	204
Maidstone	PO 1855	71	178
Worcester	PO 1850	95	170
Colchester	PO 1869	49	167
Bedford	PO 1854	79	161
Salisbury	PO 1850	94	160
Newcastle-upon-Tyne	PO 1858	98	159
York	White 1851	118	158
Newark	PO 1855	117	158
Newbury	PO 1854	79	146
Bath	Slater 1852-53	55	141
Derby	PO 1855	61	131
Cambridge	PO 1869	73	116
King's Lynn	White 1854	54	116
Guildford	PO 1855	39	112
Boston	White 1856	52	108
Chelmsford	PO 1869	49	107
Gloucester	PO 1856	45	106

Table 2: *The principal carrier towns c.1850, in order of number of journeys per week.*

seed potatoes ordered by the local squire from a nursery near Maidenhead and deposited by the coach from Henley. William Cotton Risley (1798-1869), vicar of Deddington, ordered chairs in Oxford for an archdiaconal visitation in 1842 that were delivered by carrier, and two