



Bradford on Avon - Midnight Poaching

At the Town Hall, on Monday, before Mr. S. Moulton, four labourers, of Atworth, named William Sheppard, Edward Sheppard, Flower Sanger, and Alfred Allen, were brought up, charged with night poaching, on land in the occupation of Mr. C. J. T. Connolly.

Suspicion was entertained of the prisoners, and on the night of the 22nd November, a watch was set by the police and William Hampton, the keeper. They saw William Sheppard shoot a pheasant, and apprehended him. They afterwards traced others to their home, where they apprehended them, and took them to the Bradford lock-up. On the way the prisoners expressed sorrow for their conduct. They were all committed for trial at the assizes, but were admitted to bail.

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