



Post Office Directory Extract 1875



Berwick Bassett

Berwick Bassett (or Barwick Bassett) is a township and parish, in the Northern division of the county, Calne hundred, Marlborough union and county court district, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Wilts, and rural deanery of Avebury, 9 miles north-west from Marlborough, and 7 south from Wootton Bassett station.

The church of St. Nicholas is a stone structure, in the Early English style, has been repaired and re-seated, the chancel and cupola with 3 bells, being entirely new; in the east window is some stained glass; here is also a very ancient font, and handsome carved oak rood-screen. The register dates from 1674. The living is a vicarage, united with Winterbourne Monkton, yearly value £300, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held by the Rev. William Philip Strong Bingham, M.A., of Christ Church, Oxford.

There is a National school.

The trustees of Sir Henry Meux, bart., who are lords of the manor, and Lady Holland, are the principal landowners.

The soil is loam; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, oats and beans.

The area is 1,358 acres; gross estimated rental £1,642; rateable value, £1,500; and the population in 1871 was 138.

PARISH CLERK, George Davis.

LETTERS are forwarded by foot post from Swindon. The nearest money order office is at Wroughton.

NATIONAL SCHOOL, Mrs. Slater, mistress.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bingham	William Philip Strong	Rev. M.A.		Vicarage

Commercial

Couzens	John		Baker, Shopkeeper & beer retailer	
Mills	David		Blacksmith	
Stratton	Henry		Farmer	
Tanner	Francis		Farmer	