



Crime News

- Game Trespass

*Bishopstone
1875*

Game trespass by William Lafford

SWINDON PLOICE COURT
Thursday

William Lafford, labourer, of Bishopstone, who did not appear, was charged with setting wires on land at Bishopstone, over which Mr. H. Kinneir, of Swindon, has the shooting. Robert Hinge, the game watcher, said he was in a green lane on the 7th instant, about 5 pm., when he saw defendant in a hedge of a field occupied by Mr Joseph Lawrence. He asked him what he was doing, when he said he thought a hare or something ran through there. It was very clear what ran there, it being a hare's run. He asked him (witness) to keep it secret, promising not to do it again. The next morning he went to the place again, where he found defendant at the same spot. There was a fox caught in another trap about fifty yards further down the hedge.

Mr. Tombs, who appeared to prosecute, said he had gone into the defendants antecedents, and was instructed to say Mr. Kenneir had no desire to press the charge. Fined 40s, and 16s costs. In default, one month's imprisonment.

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