



Post Office Directory Extract 1875

Blunsdon St. Andrew



Blunsdon St. Andrew (or Little Blunsdon) is a parish, within the parliamentary borough of Cricklade, in the Northern division of the county, hundred and union of Highworth, county court district of Swindon, diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, archdeaconry of Bristol, and rural deanery of Cricklade, 4 miles west from Highworth, 4½ north from Swindon, and 81 from London.

The church of St. Andrew, in the Early English style, is a small structure, and consists of chancel, nave, south aisle, with bell turret at the west end with 2 bells; the whole has been completely restored, re-seated, and the windows filled with stained glass. The register dates from 1560. The living is a rectory, yearly value £305, in the gift of H Calley, Esq., and held by the Rev. John Henry Calley, B.A., of Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

There is a foundation school in the neighbouring parish of Redbourne Cheney, to which eight children from the parish are eligible.

Blunsdon Abbey is a handsome Gothic building, and has been erected from designs by E Mantell, of London; it is the seat of John Lyall, Esq., who is lord of the manor, and owns the principal part of the parish.

The soil is Clay and stone brash. The chief crops are grass, wheat, barley, beans and roots.

The area is 1,422 acres; gross estimated rental, £2,567; rateable value, £2,085; and the population in 1871 was 121.

PARISH CLERK, John Austin.

LETTERS from Highworth through Broad Blunsdon. The nearest money order office is at Highworth.

Private Resident

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Lyall	John			Blunsdon Abbey

Commercial

Edmonds	William		Farmer	Groundwell
Plummer	Richard		Farmer	Manor farm
Sutton	John		Farmer	Tadpole farm
Whatley	Samuel		Farmer	Grove farm