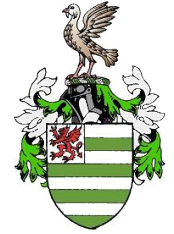




Swindon & District Directory Extract 1928



Blunsdon St. Andrew

Blunsdon St. Andrew, generally known as Little Blunsdon, is an ancient ecclesiastical parish, and is 4 miles from Highworth, 4½ from Swindon, and 1½ from Stratton Station, G.W.R., in the Swindon Division of Wilts, Petty Sessional Division and County Court District of Swindon, Union of Swindon and Highworth, and Diocese of Bristol. There is a station on the Great Western Railway near the village. The tithing of Blunsdon St. Leonard (or Broad Blunsdon) was united with Blunsdon St. Andrew in 1884, and together they form one civil parish under the name of Blunsdon St. Andrew. The register of the Church of St. Leonard dates from 1679, and the living is a rectory of the net annual value of £270, with 3½ acres of glebe and residence, in gift of the Bishop of Bristol. The Church of St. Andrew (Little Blunsdon) has a register dating from 1650, and the living, a rectory of the net value of £170 per annum, without residence, is at present held in plurality by the Rector of Broad Blunsdon. There are Primitive Methodists Particular Baptist and Wesleyan Chapels, and a good public elementary school accommodating 220 children. The churchyard is closed, and the cemetery is under the control of a Burial Board of six members. Mr. H. C. Sutton, the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester, Mr. T. A. Sutton, and Mr. J. Russell are the principal landowners. There is a Telegraph, Money Order and Savings Bank Office, also public telephone. Letters are received through Swindon at 6 a.m. and 2.50 p.m., and are despatched at 12.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. weekdays, and 5 p.m. on Sundays. Area 3,784 acres; rateable value, £5,206; population in 1921, 866. At Bury Town are the remains of a Roman encampment. HYDE is a hamlet 2 miles south east.

RECTOR – Rev. H. E. Robeson, M.A.

POSTMISTRESS – Miss Strange

SCHOOL MASTER – J. H. R. Skyrme

RELIEVING OFFICER AND REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS – V. H. Vowles (Stratton).

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Akers	J.			St. Leonards Farm
Andrews	G. B.			Kingsdown Lane
Archer	G.			Holmfirth, Broad Bush
Ball	E.		Parish Clerk & Sexton	
Ball	Jesse			Hyde Road
Bassett	S. T.		Game Keeper	The Beeches
Beesley		Mrs.		Hunt's Hill
Bowly	J.			Tadpole Farm
Carter	J.			Lower Widhill
Collins	F.		Groom	Blunsdon House Lodge
Cundell		Mrs.		Deacon's Court
Dennis	C.			Grove House
Eddolls	P.			Upper Widhill Farm
Evans	A.			Klaml House, Kingsdown Lane
Freeth	E.			Fowler's Farm
Giles	R.			Oxleaze Farm
Hall		Misses		The Steps
Hardinge	B.	Miss		West Hill House
Hardinge	C. M.	Miss	Assistant Schoolmistress	West Hill House
Harford	A.			St. Leonard's Lodge
Harris	P.			Chapel Hill
Hart	J.			Hyde Road
Heigham	G. T.			Manor Farm
Hoddinott	D.			Blunsdon Abbey Farm

Howes	J.			Kingsdown Lane
Legg		Mrs.		Elephant Cottage, Blunston Lane
Legg	J.			Swindon Road
Levinge	R. A.	Capt.		Little Coster Cottage
Lewis	F.			The Limes
Martin	J.		Retired Mason	Hunt's Hill
Martin	L.			Breage Villa, Swindon Road
Martin	L. S.	Mrs.	Assistant Schoolmistress	Breage Villa, Swindon Road
Masters	J. T. C.			Burcot House
Morse	G.	Miss		Craig-Y-Nos
Munday		Mrs.		Hyde Cottage
Norris	A.	Mrs.		Hunt's Hill
Parsons		Col.		Holdcroft
Pearce	A. C.			Broad Bush
Ponting	W.			Grove Farm
Portlock	G. W.		Postman	West View
Reade	H. J.			Lower Village
Roberts	H.			Newlands Farm
Robeson	H. E.	Rev., M.A.		St. Leonard's Rectory
Robson	B.			"Hill Cot"
Russell	J. W.			Lower Burytown Farm
Sayers		Messrs.		Groundwell Farm
Sheppard	A.		District Nurse	Hunt's Hill
Shurey	R.			Broad Blunston
Skyrme	J. H. R.		Correspondent For "North Wilts Herald"	Prestbury Cottage
Sutton	C.			Blunston Hill
Sutton	T. A.			Blunston House
Taylor	J.			Home Farm
Thompson	G. H.			Police Station
Titley		Mrs.		High Street
Watts		Mrs.		Malthouse Farm
Wilkins	D.	Mrs.		Broad Bush

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Bird & Sons	Hauliers	Hatches Farm
		Wiggins Bros.	Farmers	Lower Widhill Farm
Austin	W. J.		Carpenter	Lucerne
Ball	J.		Haulier & Coal Merchant	
Barnard	W.		Gardener	The Beeches, Little Blunston
Bathe	J.		Market Gardener	Kingsdown Lane
Davis	C.		Mason	Hyde Road
Davis	E.		Mason	Kingsdown Lane
Dawson	A. L.		Bootmaker	Blunston Hill
Dennis	A.		Milk Seller	
Ferris	H.		Motor Agent	The Mount
Foreman	H.		Market Gardener	
Gary	V. T.		Carpenter	
Greenaway	C. A.		Grocer	Near Post Office
Hale	R.		Market Gardener	Lower Blunston
Hancock	G.		Hay Tier	Lower Village
Harding	F.	Mrs.		Hand & Heart Inn
Harman	J.		Farmer	Hyde Farm
Heath	W. H.		Market Gardener	Broad Bush
Holloway	S. W.		Thatcher	Hunt's Hill
Hunt-Titcombe	W.			Cold Harbour Inn
Jones	G	& Sons	Farmers	Upper Burytown Farm
Jones	R. T.		Market Gardener	Hunt's Hill
Lancaster	G.		Baker	Kingsdown Lane

Ockwell	F.		Mason	Hunt's Hill
Portlock	W.		Blacksmith	
Purbrick	E, A.		Market Gardener	Hyde Road
Scutts	M.		Market Gardener	Kingsdown Lane
Skinner	Chas.		Market Gardener	West View, Kingsdown Lane
Skinner	G.		Market Gardener	Broad Bush
Smith		Mrs.	Cattle Dealer	Large's Farm
Smith	G.		Motor Car Proprietor	Broad Bush
Strange		Misses	Post Office & Grocer's	
Townsend	E.		Market Gardener	Brickhill
Townsend	E. W.		Market Gardener	Broad Bush
Townsend	G.		Market Gardener	Kingsdown Lane
Townsend	W.		Market Gardener	Swindon Road
Tuck	R.		Market Gardener	Kingsdown Lane
Wells	L. S.		Chauffeur	Abbey Gardens
West	A	& Sons	Market Gardeners	Broad Bush
Wilkins	T.	& Sons.	Market Gardeners	Broad Bush
Willis		Mrs.	Market Gardener & Agent For The "North Wilts Herald"	Lower Blunsdon