



# Post Office Directory Extract 1875



## Boscombe

**Boscombe** is a parish and village, in the Southern division of the county, hundred and union of Amesbury, Salisbury county court district, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, and rural deanery of Amesbury, 4 miles south-east from Amesbury, 8 north-east from Salisbury, and 103 from London.

The church of St. Andrew is a small, ancient structure, consisting of nave and north transept. The register dates from 1604. The living is a rectory, yearly value £270, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held by the Rev. Thomas Taylor, M.A., of St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

There are four almshouses, for two widows and two widowers, founded by Mr. Kent in 1638, and endowed with £24 per annum.

Richard Hooker was rector of this parish when he wrote the first four books of his "Ecclesiastical Polity."

George Matcham, Esq., is lord of the manor and principal landowner.

The soil is light and chalky; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats.

The area is 1,692 acres; rateable value, £1,781; and the population in 1871 was 132.

PARISH CLERK, Thomas Edmonds.

POST OFFICE, John Maffey, receiver. Letters arrive from Salisbury at 7 a.m.; box closes at 6 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Amesbury.

### Private Resident

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Taylor	Thomas	Rev. M.A.		Rectory

### Commercial

Butler	John James		Farmer	East farm
Cusse	Edward		Registrar of births & deaths & relieving officer	
Maffey	John		Shopkeeper & post office	
Mouland	John		Blacksmith	
Simpkins	John Clift		Farmer	West farm