



## **Wiltshire Constabulary 1858**

The County Constabulary covered 799, 033 acres (not including the City of Salisbury who had their own independent force). The population that the force was responsible for policing was 242,564. The total value of the force and assets were £1,130,925. The total force strength was 201.

Bradford and Trowbridge Division covered 35,318 acres. With a population responsibility of 31,479, the value of the division was £119,522. Strength 18. Stations within the division were:- Atworth, Bradford-on-Avon, Broughton Gifford, Hilperton, Holt, Melksham, Semington, Southwick (North Bradley), South Wraxall, Trowbridge and Winsley

Chippenham Division covered 82,316 acres. With a population responsibility of 30,824, the value of the division was £148,229. Strength 23. Stations within the division were:- Biddestone, Box, Bremhill, Calne, Castle Combe, Cherhill, Chippenham, Christine Malford, Colerne, Corsham, Corsham Side, Grittleton, Hilmarton, Kington St. Michael, Lacock, Langley Burrell, North Wraxall, Sutton Benger.

Devizes Division covered 78,541 acres. With a population responsibility of 25,132, the value of the division was £113,007. Strength 25 including the Headquarters. Stations within the division were:- All Cannings, Bishops Cannings, Bromham, Devizes, Heddington, Keevil, Littleton, Marden, Market Lavington, Potterne, Poulshot, Rowde, Great Cheverell, Sandy Lane (Bromham), Seend, Steeple Ashton, Tilshead, Wedhampton (Bishop Cannings), Urchfont, Tinhead (Edington)

Hindon Division covered 75,115 acres. With a population responsibility of 17,977, the value of the division was £85,592. Strength 16. Stations within the division were:- Alvediston, Berwick St. John, Chilmark, Donhead St. Mary, Dinton, East Knoyle, East Tisbury, Fovant, Hindon, Mere, Newtown, Semley, Wylde

Malmesbury Division covered 63,490 acres. With a population responsibility of 20,428, the value of the division was £96,667. Strength 15. Stations within the division were:- Ashton Keynes, Brinkworth, Crudwell, Hullavington, Kemble, Lea, Malmesbury, Minety, Newnton, Sherston, Somerford

Marlborough Division covered 149,582 acres. With a population responsibility of 27,974, the value of the division was £166,850. Strength 29. Stations within the division were:- Aldbourne, Beckhampton, Bottlesford, Broad Hinton, Burbage, Chilton, Chute, Collingbourne, Easton, Enford, Fifield, Figheldean, Froxfield, Great Bedwyn, Hand, Ludgershall, Marlborough, Mildenhall, Netheravon, Ogbourne St. George, Pewsey, Ramsbury, Upavon

Salisbury Division covered 144,324 acres. With a population responsibility of 35,529, the value of the division was £160,449. Strength 30. Stations within the division were:- Amesbury, Barford St. Martin, Broad Chalke, Coombe Bissett, Damerham, Downton, Durrington, Fisherton, Laverstock, Martin, Newton Stapleford, Newton Tony, Plaitford, Quidhampton, Redlynch, Shrewton, South

Newton, Steeple Langford, Stratford-sub-Castle, Whaddon, West Grimstead, Whiteparish, Wilton, Winterbourne Earls, Winterslow, Woodford

Swindon Division covered 99,670 acres. With a population responsibility of 28,117, the value of the division was £150,718. Strength 22. Stations within the division were:- Bishopstone, Blunsdon, Bushton, Castle Eaton, Chiseldon, Cricklade, Highworth, Hoole, Lyneham, New Swindon, Purton, Stratton St. Margaret, Swindon, Wanborough, Wootton Bassett, Wroughton

Warminster Division covered 70,677 acres. With a population responsibility of 25,104, the value of the division was £89,891. Strength 22. Stations within the division were:- Boyton, Brixton Deverill, Chapmanslade, Chitterne, Codford St. Peter, Corsley Magna, Crockerton, Heytesbury, Horningsham, Imber, Maiden Bradley, Norton Bavant, Sutton Magna, Warminster, Warminster Common, Westbury, Westbury Leigh, Yarnbrook

Boroughs including Calne, Chippenham, Devizes and Marlborough are consolidated with the County Force.

Salisbury City covered 620 acres. With a population responsibility of 11,657, the value of the division was £28,000. Strength 11.

| <b>Surname</b> | <b>Given Names</b> | <b>Position Held</b> | <b>Division</b>                | <b>Location</b> | <b>Notes</b>               |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Abbott         | John               | Superintendent       | Warminster Division            | Warminster      |                            |
| Barber         | Richard            | Head Constable       | Salisbury City Force           | Salisbury       |                            |
| Bush           | Francis            | Inspector            | Marlborough Division           | Marlborough     |                            |
| Dann           | Edward             | Inspector            | Marlborough Division           | Pewsey          |                            |
| Emery          | Thomas             | Inspector            | Devizes Division               | Bromham         |                            |
| Erangey        | Thomas             | Superintendent       | Malmesbury Division            | Malmesbury      |                            |
| Foley          | John               | Superintendent       | Bradford & Trowbridge Division | Trowbridge      |                            |
| Forster        | James William      | Clerk                | Headquarters, Devizes Division | Heddington      |                            |
| Harris         | John               | Superintendent       | Hindon Division                | Hindon          |                            |
| Haynes         | Henry              | Superintendent       | Swindon Division               | Swindon         |                            |
| Hill           | George             | Inspector            | Devizes Division               | Devizes         |                            |
| Maggs          | James              | Inspector            | Devizes Division               | Steeple Ashton  |                            |
| Matthews       | George             | Superintendent       | Salisbury Division             | Fisherton       |                            |
| Meredith       | Samuel             | Chief Constable      | Headquarters, Devizes Division | Heddington      | Former Captain, Royal Navy |
| Merrett        | Charles            | Inspector            | Bradford & Trowbridge Division | Melksham        |                            |
| Mould          | James              | Inspector            | Marlborough Division           | Collingbourne   |                            |

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|-----------|---------|----------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Passmore  | John    | Inspector      | Swindon Division               | Cricklade        |  |
| Perrett   | John    | Inspector      | Hindon Division                | Mere             |  |
| Pitney    | Samuel  | Inspector      | Bradford & Trowbridge Division | Bradford-on-Avon |  |
| Prosser   | Jesse   | Inspector      | Salisbury Division             | Wilton           |  |
| Staples   | William | Inspector      | Warminster Division            | Westbury         |  |
| Stretton  | Thomas  | Superintendent | Marlborough Division           | Marlborough      |  |
| Wiltshire | Levi    | Inspector      | Chippenham Division            | Calne            |  |
| Wolfe     | Francis | Superintendent | Devizes Division               | Devizes          |  |
| Wright    | James   | Superintendent | Chippenham Division            | Chippenham       |  |