



Post Office Directory Extract 1855



Broad Hinton with Broad Town

Broad Hinton is a township, parish, and extensive and widely scattered village in Marlborough Union, partly in the Hundred of Silkey, and partly in the Kingsbridge, Cricklade parliamentary borough, North Wilts, distant 8 miles north-west of Marlborough, 5 south-east from Wootton Bassett, 6½ south-west from Swindon, and 89 from London, surrounded for many miles by open downs. The church is an ancient edifice, with square embattled tower; the interior was repaired about 1850. The living is a vicarage, value about £500, in the patronage of the Master of St. Nicholas Hospital, Salisbury, and enjoyed by the Rev. William Cookson, M.A. The population is 714; and the acreage, 3,659. There is a small school, endowed with £20 per annum by the late lord of the manor, Thomas Bennet, Esq.

Broad Town is a hamlet and ecclesiastical district, 1 mile north-west. The ecclesiastical district contains a population of 246 in Broad Hinton parish, and 193 in Cliffe Pypard. There is a church. The living is an incumbency, in the patronage of Broad Hinton and Cliffe Pypard; absolute value, £50 per annum.

Uffcott is another hamlet; Elm Cross is quarter of a mile east; The Win, half a mile north-east; Manor Copse quarter of a mile north; Conegar and Cockroost, half a mile north; Sand Furlong, 1 mile north; Bincknoll, 1½ miles north; Bassett Down, and Quiddington, 2 miles north-by-east; Little Town and Cobler's Hall, 1½ miles north; Honey Hill, 2 miles north; Cotmarsh, 3 miles north

Post Office - Mrs. Mary Hunt, receiver. Letters arrive by foot post from Swindon at ½ past 9 a.m.; dispatched thereto at ¼ to 6 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Wootton Bassett.

Church - Rev. William Cookson, M.A., vicar; Rev. John Thomson, M.A., curate.

Endowed School - John Daly, master; Mrs. Mary Ann Daly, mistress

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brown	William	Esq.		Rectory
Farley	William	Reverend, M.A.		Broad Town
Rodbourn		Mrs.		
Thomson	John	Reverend, M.A.	Curate	
Willis	Ann	Mrs.		Broad Town

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Banks	James S.		Blacksmith	
Brown	John Washbourne		Farmer	Uffcot
Brown	Susannah	Mrs.	Farmer	Little Town
Daly	John		Master of Endowed School	
Eatwell	Francis		Carpenter	
Eatwell	Henry		Parish Clerk	
Eatwell	John		Carpenter & Shopkeeper	
Gale	Richard		Farmer	Broad Town

Gale	Thomas		Farmer	Broad Town
Gale	Thomas		Publican & Boot and Shoemaker	Queens Head, Broad Town
Hacker	Benjamin		Baker & Shopkeeper	
Huish	Soloman		Stone Mason	
Humphries	George		Farmer	
Humphries	Isaac		Farmer	
Humphries	Samuel		Farmer	Broad Town
Hunter	John		Stonemason	Uffcot
Lewis	Jasper		Farmer	Broad Town
Lewis	John		Farmer	Broad Town
Lyore	James		Agricultural Machine Manufacturer	
Miller	George		Vestry Clerk	
Offer	Thomas		Shopkeeper	
Price	William		Farmer	Cotmarsh
Seager	Edward		Farmer	Cotmarsh
Smith	John		Farmer	
Smith	Samuel Hale		Farmer	
Stratton	Richard		Farmer	
Tuck	Henry		Shopkeeper	Broad Town
Tuck	Isaac		Boot & Shoemaker	Broad Town
Turner	Thomas		Shoemaker & Shopkeeper	
Wilt	Henry		Publican	Bell Inn
Witt	Robert		Boot & Shoemaker & Shopkeeper	
Woodwards	Abraham		Farmer	Broad Town