



Post Office Directory Extract 1875

Broad Town



Broad Town is an ecclesiastical parish, formed in 1846, out of Broad Hinton and Cliffe Pypard parishes, 1 mile north-west from the former.

Christ Church is a modern stone building, in the Early English style, and has a nave, 1 bell, and stained east window. The register dates from 1847. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £120, with residence and 2 acres of glebe, in the gift of the vicars of Broad Hinton and Cliffe Pypard alternately, and held by the Rev. William Hermann Schwabe, B.A., of Caius College, Cambridge.

Here is a school and school-house, built by the later Rev. A J W Morrison, vicar, who also erected the vicarage house from the designs of the Rev. F C Hingeston-Randolph, rector of Ringmore, Devon. Here is a Primitive Methodist Chapel.

The principal landowners are Brasenose College, Oxford, the trustees of the Broad Town charity, Viscount Bolingbroke, and H N Goddard, esq.

The soil is clay; subsoil, white stone. The chief crops are grass, wheat, oats and turnips.

The area is 2,216 acres; the population in 1871 was 578.

PILLAR LETTER BOX, Letters arrive at 7.15 am.; dispatched at 7.0 pm. through Wootton Bassett, which is the nearest money order office.

SCHOOL, William Leal, master.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Schwabe	William Hermann	Rev. B.A.	Vicar	

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Archer	David		Cooper	
Bathe	John		Grocer	
Brewer	William		Blacksmith	
Chesterman	Edwin		Farmer	
Gale	Thomas		Boot & shoe maker	Queen's Head
Henley	John Richard		Farmer	East farm
Hinton	James		Steward to lord Radnor	Cole's house
Miles	Christopher		Carpenter	
Miles	Henry		Carpenter	
Miles	William		Farmer	Broad Town lane
Neale	George		Shoe maker	
Reeves	Paul		Wheelwright	
Saunders	Washington		Farmer	Little Town
Simmonds	William		Shopkeeper	
Spencer	Hugh		Farmer	
Tuck	Stephen		Shoe maker	