



Chippenham Then & Now

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An absorbing collection of archive images, showcasing the changing face of the town

Once described by Edward Hutton as 'one of the sleepest places in England', the market town of Chippenham has seen some drastic changes over the last two hundred years. The town's now thriving population is at its highest-ever level, its beautiful historic buildings are in more demand than ever, and new industries, buildings and road appear all the time, forever changing the town's landscape.

Chronicling the changing appearance of the town and unveiling a wealth of historic detail, author *Mike Stone* delves into Chippenham's evolving landscape, using evocative archive images to illustrate how the town has changed over the years. From the largely unchanged Market Place to the nearly unrecognisable Cattle Market, *Chippenham Then & Now* will evoke nostalgic memories and is sure to captivate local residents and history enthusiasts alike.

- 90 archive and modern images compared, depicting the changing face of Chippenham.
- Including detailed captions about the changes in the area, Mike Stone compares streets, buildings and people at work – capturing life how it once was and it today.
- Witness the people of the past juxtaposed against their twenty-first century descendants.
- Part of The History Press' brand new *Then & Now* series, produced in hardback and in full colour.

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