



## Great Bedwyn

### Tithe Apportionments

#### The Tithe Commutation Act, 1836

The Tithe Commutation Act, 1836 in no way interfered with the rights of tithe-owners to receive and the obligations of landowners to pay tithes, nor with the differing burdens of tithes with which lands might be encumbered, but, by abolishing nearly all payment in kind and providing for an approved valuation of the tithes arising from all lands, annually and officially adjusted, was intended to put an end to the confusion and dissension attending the payment and receipt of the tithes. Under the Act a rent-charge in place of tithes was assessed for every parish in which tithes had not already been statutorily extinguished or commuted to a corn-rent. The respective numbers of bushels of wheat, barley, and oats which each third of that sum could have bought immediately after the Act was passed were calculated. Thereafter rent-charges equal to the value of those numbers of bushels, at the prices officially announced every January based on the average prices in the seven preceding years, were to be paid annually in place of tithes. The initial rent-charge for each parish was to be agreed between the owners of at least two-thirds by value of the land and of the great and small tithes at meetings which could be called by the owners of a quarter by value of the tithes or of the land subject to tithes.

#### Great Bedwyn (9,865 acres)

Agreement 8 April 1847, confirmed 25 June 1850.

Tithe rent-charge £394 to trustees of Charles Brudenell-Bruce, Marquess of Ailesbury; £212, including a charge for the vicarial tithes on Wilton, to the vicar (John Ward). On all lands, except those belonging to the trustees of the Marquess of Ailesbury, tithes extinguished; glebe, 2 acres., tithe-free. Arable 5,989 acres. Meadow 1,872 acres. Down 880 acres. Wood 733 acres. Canal, houses, roads, and waste 391 acres.

Trustees of Edward Tanner 1,701 acres.; Marquess of Ailesbury 764 acres.; executors of the late J. B. H. Tanner 1,697 acres. Glebe 2 acres. Occupiers John Miles 885 acres.; William Hawkins 775 acres.; William Sheppard 403 acres.; Thomas Potter 263 acres.; Anne Edwards 128 acres.