



Post Office Directory Extract 1875



Highworth

Highworth is a small market and union town and parish, with the tithings of Eastrop and Westrop, and hamlets of Broad Blunsdon, South Marston and Sevenhampton, in the Northern division of the county, hundred of the same name, Swindon county court district, Cricklade parliamentary borough, diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, archdeaconry of Bristol, and rural deanery of Cricklade, distant from London 76 miles, 6 from Farringdon, 6 from Swindon, and 7½ from Cricklade.

The town, in consequence of its elevated situation, near the Vale of White Horse, commands a fine view of the surrounding country, of which the scenery is both extensive and picturesque, and the neighbourhood is considered a very healthy spot. The want of railway accommodation is about to be met by the construction of what is termed a light railway, from Highworth to the Great Western main line at Swindon, for which a company has been formed.

The church of St Michael is a Perpendicular structure, with square tower containing 8 bells. On the south-eastern side is a chapel belonging to the ancient family of the Warnefords, and there are several very beautiful stained windows to the memory of influential individuals, among which is one to the late Prince Consort, which was placed at the expense of members of the Society of Odd Fellows. The register dates from 1719. The living is a vicarage, with the chapelry of Sevenhampton annexed, yearly value £575, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, and held by the Rev. James Charles Norman, M.A., of Magdalen College, Oxford.

There is a National (mixed) and Infant school, well supported, and a British school. The Independents, Wesleyans, Baptists and Primitives have each a chapel here. There are numerous charities in this parish, amounting to £300 yearly.

Highworth union comprises the following places, viz.:

Bishopstone	Blunsdon St Andrew	Broad Blunsdon
Castle Easton	Chisledon	Draycott
Foliatt	Eastrop	Fresdon
Hannington	Highworth	Little Hinton
Inglesham	Liddington	South Marston
Rodbourne Cheney	Sevenhampton	Stanton Fitzwarren
Stratton St Margaret	Swindon	Wanborough
Westrop	Wroughton	

The workhouse is at Stratton St Margaret.

Formerly the markets and fairs were well attended, and business to a considerable extent was carried on here, but the Great Western Railway has materially interfered with its business. The fairs are held August 13th for cattle, an October 11th for cattle and hiring servants. The monthly cattle market is held on the last Wednesday in the month, except the December market, which will always be on the first Wednesday after the eighth of the month. The weekly market is on Wednesday. The Societies of Odd Fellows and Foresters hold court here.

Henry Crowdy Crowdy, esq., is lord of the manor, and the chief landowners are the Earl Radnor, A D Hussey-Freke, esq., and Robert Hanbury, esq.

The soil is loam, stone brash and clay; subsoil, limestone.

The area is 10,089 acres; gross estimated rental, £27,286; rateable value, £23,970. The population was returned in 1871 at 3,708; namely

Highworth	624
Westrop	687

Eastrop	833
Fresdon	14
Sevenhampton	196
South Marston	410
Broad Blunsdon	943

Broad Blunsdon, a hamlet of this parish, has been formed into a separate ecclesiastical parish. See **Blunsdon St Leonard**.

South Marston, another hamlet of this parish, is also an ecclesiastical parish. See **Marston South**.

PARISH CLERK William Williams

POST & MONEY ORDER OFFICE, Telegraph, Savings Bank & Government Annuity & Insurance Office
 James John Smith Postmaster
 Letters arrive from London & all parts at 4.40 am.,; dispatched at 8.45 pm.;
 day mail dispatched at 7 am.; arrives 2.45 pm.; box closes at 8.45 pm.

INSURANCE AGENTS	Alliance Fire	J Salmon	
	County Fire & Provident Life	J S Baker	Market Place
	Law Fire & Provincial Life	H C Crowdy	Solicitor
	Norwich Fire & Life & Hail Storm	J C Salmon	Market Place
	Provincial Life	J Southwell	
	Royal	J B Smith	Swindon Street
	Scottish Commercial	G W H Salmon	
	Standard	H H Thompson	
	Sun	E Smith	Eastrop

PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS

Inland Revenue Office	King & Queen commercial inn	High Street
Inland Revenue	William H James, Supervisor	Westrop

PUBLIC OFFICERS

Clerk to Wilts & Berks Canal Company & to Commissioners of Land, Assessed, Property & Taxes
 Henry Crowdy Crowdy
 Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages & Agent to General Emigration Society
 John Cook Salmon
 Sub Distributor of Stamps James John Smith
 Town Crier William Darby Sheep Street
 Inspector of Nuisances Joseph Thomas
 Relieving Officer William James Morse

SCHOOLS

British, Brewer Street	Miss Eliza Loxton	Mistress
National (boys)	John Jenkins	Master
National, Eastrop	Miss Ann Evans	Mistress

CARRIERS To

Abingdon	Hazel	Every Wednesday
Cirencester	Thomas	Every Monday
Cricklade	Clarke	Every Wednesday
Farringdon	Hazel	Every Wednesday
	Thomas	Tuesday
Kempsford	Collett	Every Wednesday
Oxford	Hazel	to Farringdon & thence to Oxford
Swindon	Hinton	Every Monday
	Willis	Every Monday
Wantage	Hazel	Every Wednesday
Kent's waggon to & from Shrivenham		Every day (Sunday excepted) to meet up & down trains.

BUSINESSES	County of Gloucester Bank (branch) Draw on London & Westminster bank, London.	W B Wearing	Manager	
	Gas Works	Robert Jeffries	Proprietor	
	North Wilts Banking Co. (branch) Draw on Dimsdale, Fowler & Co.	Robert S Edmonds	Manager	
	Oriental Fibre Mat & matting Co	T A Smith	Manager	Brewery St

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Alexander	George	FSA, J.P.		Westrop House
Crowdy	Henry Crowdy			Cricklade Street
Dore		Miss		High Street
Dore		Misses		Westrop Terrace
Garn	Samuel			Sheep Street
Haines	Rebecca	Mrs		High Street
Hanbidge	Francis Henry			Westrop
Hanbury	Edgar	J.P.		Eastrop Grange
Harris	Jane	Mrs		High Street
Harris	Maria	Mrs		Westrop
Hulbert	Thomas			Westrop
Jennor		Mrs		High Street
Kennard	Thomas Atherton			High Street
Lea	John			Westrop
Norman	James Charles	Rev., M.A.	Vicar	West Hill House
Painter	John Thomas Ham	Rev.	Congregational	High Street
Palmer		Miss		High Street
Ricketts	Martha	Miss		High Street
Smith	Ann	Mrs		High Street
Smith		Miss		Swindon Street
Smith	Thomas Angell			Hill View

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Ackling	Thomas		Sack & mat maker	Westrop
Adams	John		Grocer & baker	Swindon Street
Alexander	Albert			<i>Rifleman's Arms, Market Place</i>
Archer	John		Chimney sweep	Westrop
Austin	Thomas		Baker	Westrop
Ayliff	Thomas		Blacksmith	Westrop
Bailey	Alfred			<i>Freke Arms, Swanborough</i>
Baker	George		Baker	High Street
Baker	James Shaylor		Baker	Sheep Street
Baker	John Charles		China & glass dealer & watchmaker	High Street
Baker	Phineas		Saddler & harness maker	High Street
Ballard	Edwin		Chemist & druggist	Sheep Street
Barnes	John		Plumber	Swindon Street
Barrett	Charles		Blacksmith	Eastrop
Barrett	Joseph		Builder	Westrop
Banghan	William		Beer retailer	Eastrop
Bennett	Henry		Saddler & harness maker	High Street
Bennett	Sarah	Miss	Dressmaker	High Street
Boulton	Robert		Boot maker	Sheep Street
Compton	Henry		Draper & outfitter	Compton House, High Street

Croome	Anne	Mrs	Tailoress	Westrop Street
Crowdy	Henry Crowdy		Solicitor	Cricklade Street
Curtis	George		Grocer & tea dealer	Market Place
Curtis	William		Stone & monumental mason	High Street
Darby	William		Town crier	Sheep Street
Dixon	Frederick		Linen draper	High Street
Draper	Robert		Cab proprietor	Westrop
Drew	Dinah	Mrs	Carpenter	Swindon Street
Drew	John		Boot maker	Swindon Street
Drew	William		Builder & contractor	High Street
Dunn	William		Beer retailer	Eastrop
Easley	James		Boot maker	Swindon Street
Easley	Thomas		Shoe maker	Westrop
Edmonds	Charles		Farmer	Fresden
Embling	Fanny	Mrs	Greengrocer	Westrop
Embling	James		Tailor	High Street
Fawkes	Annie Elizabeth	Mrs	Plumber	Swindon Street
Fuce	John		Grocer & tea dealer	High Street
Godwin	William		Draper & clothier	Market Place
Gorton	Charles		Farmer	Crouch
Goulding	Edgar Salmon		Draper	High Street
Haggard	James		Whitesmith	High Street
Hall	John		Corn merchant & maltsters	High Street
Harris & Seymour			Grocers	High Street
Harris	Walter		Baker	Westrop
Hewer	Henry		Farmer	Westrop
Hewer	Ursula	Miss	Farmer	Northleaze
Higgs	Amanda	Miss	Day school	Swindon Street
Hill	Henry			<i>The Bull Inn, High Street</i>
Hill	Joseph		Ironmonger	High Street
Hill	Joseph		Seedsman & florist	High Street
Hill	Thomas		Wheelwright	Brewery Street
Hulbert		& Co.	Brewers	
Hunter	George		Hay dealer	Brewery Street
Jacobs	John		Builder	Shrivenham Road
James	William Henry		Inland Revenue supervisor See Public Officers	Westrop
Jarvis	Robert		Blacksmith	Brewery street
Jeffries	Edmund James		Coal dealer	Eastrop
Jeffries	Edward		Shoe maker	Eastrop
Jeffries	Elizabeth	Mrs	Marine store dealer	Eastrop
Kennard	Thomas Atherton		Surgeon	High Street
Kilmister	Jams		Beer retailer	Westrop
Knapp	Thomas		Bricklayer	High Street
Lavington	William Prosser		Basket maker	Market Place
Lay	Jacob		Plumber	High Street
Lea	Thomas		Tailor	Eastrop
Legg	Matthew		Boot & shoe maker	Westrop
Litten	James		Farmer	Pentylands
Lockey	Thomas		Beer retailer	Swindon Street
Mapson	Joseph		Watch & clock maker	High Street
Marsh	Henry		Commercial traveller	Westrop Terrace
Mills	John		Horse dealer	Westrop Terrace
Morse	William James		Relieving officer See Public Officers	Eastrop
Newman	Henry		Beer retailer	Swindon Street
Newport	David		Baker	Swindon street
Pedley	William		Builder	Sheep Street
Pedley	William	Jun.	Farmer	Westrop farm
Poole	John		Shopkeeper	Westrop

Prince	Thomas		Boot & shoe maker	Sheep Street
Pruce	Henry		Hairdresser	
Pullen	William		Boot & shoe maker	High Street
Reason	Francis		Farmer (at Cricklade)	<i>Saracen's Head Commercial Inn, High Street</i>
Reynolds	Emma	Mrs	Milliner & dressmaker	High Street
Reynolds	John		Draper & stationer	High Street
Richens	Charles		Haulier	Cherry Orchard
Richens	Henry		Beer retailer	Sheep Street
Rixon	Charles		Coal merchant & farmer	Westrop
Rouse	Joseph		Rope maker	High Street
Salmon	George William Hedges		Auctioneer	Market Place
Salmon	John Cook		See Public Officers	Market Place
Selwood	Charles		Builder	Eastrop
Smith	Edward		See Insurance Agents	Swindon Street
Smith	George			<i>George & Crown, Eastrop</i>
Smith	Henry Howse		Brewer	Sheep Street
Smith	James John		Bookseller, stationer & printer	High Street
Smith	Jane	Mrs	Maltster & farmer	Brewery Street
Smith	John		Baker	Swindon Street
Smith	John Berriman		Farmer & coal merchant	Eastrop & Swindon Street
Smith	Lydia	Mrs	Shopkeeper	Westrop
Smith	Thomas		Farmer	Eastrop
Smith	William		Beer retailer	Westrop
Southwall	John		Boarding & day school, house agent, accountant & land surveyor	Vicarage House
Spindles	William	& Son	Ironmongers	High Street
Stanley	George		Butcher	Westrop
Thomas	Hannah Elizabeth		Preparatory school	Westrop
Thomas	Joseph Charles		Builder & contractor	Swindon Street
Tovey	Henry		Boot maker	Swindon Street
Trueman & Pocock			Blacksmiths	Market Place
Wakefield	John		Baker	Swindon Street
Wheeler	William		Carpenter	Vicarage Lane
White	George		Printer	Westrop
White	Jane	Mrs	Confectioner	Swindon Street
Williams	Robert Saunders		Butcher	High Street
Williams	Thomas		Tailor	Eastrop
Williams	William		Cooper	Westrop
Williams	William		Plumber & glazier	Westrop
Willis	Arthur		Grocer	High Street
Willis	John Ambrose			<i>Fishes Inn, Swindon Street</i>
Willoughby	Clarence		Turner & cooper	Sheep Street
Willoughby	George			<i>Red Lion Inn, Sheep Street</i>
Winning	Henry		Photographer	Westrop
Woolford	Robert		Carpenter	Sheep Street
Yates	William			<i>Cross Keys, High Street</i>
Yeates	Mary Ann	Mrs	Butcher	High Street