



Crime and Punishment

Odstock
1850-1899

1850

On Tuesday, the 26th ult., Henry Brown, rat catcher, of Odstock, was committed for trial at the next Wilts Assizes, but afterwards bailed, for stealing hay from a rick, on the farm of Mr James Blake, Jun., at West Harnham, near this city, on the previous Saturday evening. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal 2 March 1850**

1853

City Petty Sessions Monday James Brown was charged with trespassing in pursuit of game at Odstock, on the lands of his master, Mr E P Squarey. One of Lord Folkstone's keepers was watching Odstock avenue, on the 9th inst., when he saw defendant and a man in company; the man fired a gun, and on seeing witness they both ran away. He followed, and saw defendant with a hare in his hand, which he picked as soon as it was shot. On coming up with him, he threw it down and ran away. The defence was that he was walking on the footpath, and seeing the hare lying dead he picked it up. Fined 5s. and costs, or in default seven days' imprisonment. (Lord Folkestone did not sit during the hearing of this case).

Salisbury and Winchester Journal 19 February 1853

1855

Salisbury Police Courts - James Brown, of Odstock, was after two previous convictions, fined £5, or in default three month's imprisonment, for using wires to take hares. **Hampshire Advertiser 8 December 1855**

1871

Salisbury, County Petty Assizes Henry Chant and Henry Weeks, two gipsies, were sentenced to six months imprisonment each for stealing a coat, value 5s, the property of Henry Penny, at Odstock. **Western Gazette 3 November 1871**

1875

Salisbury County Petty Assizes Arnold Moody and Paul Moody, father and son, were charged with using wires for the taking of game at Odstock, on land belonging to the Earl of Radnor. The younger prisoner only appeared, but as the prosecutor did not wish to press the charge against the lad, he was discharged, a warrant being issued for the apprehension of the elder Moody. **Western Gazette 30 July 1875**