

# Post Office Directory of Wiltshire 1855

## Potterne extract

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Potterne is a township, parish, and village in the Hundred of Potterne and Cannings, Salisbury bishopric, the division and Union of Devizes, 2 miles south of that town, and 21 north of Salisbury, situated in a small but sheltered valley. The land, gently rising and falling on every side, is covered with plantations, cultivated fields, and greensward; the picturesque beauty of the place, the mildness in the air, and the close proximity to Devizes, constitute it a delightful country retreat. The village consists chiefly of one main street, running north and south, on the turnpike road from Devizes to Market Lavington and Sarum. Here is an antique house, denominated the Porch, formerly used as a roadside Inn, and called the "White Horse" from the style and magnitude of the building, it is evident that it was formerly the residence of some ancient family of distinction. The parish contains 3,023 acres of land, principally devoted to pasturage, and a population of 1,778, whereof 1,261 in Potterne tithing.

The church, a cruciform structure in the Norman style, very ancient, and built in the 13th century, was repaired and restored inside in 1833. The tower, rising from the intersection of the building, is square, very large, turreted, embattled, ornamented with pinnacles, and contains 6 bells. the living is a vicarage, in the gift of the Bishop of Sarum, valued at £725, with 25 acres of glebe land; the Rev. Joseph Medicott, B.A., is the incumbent; the curate is the Rev. William Penny, M.A. Eastwell House, the residence of Geo. F. Parry Esq.' and the Manor House, the residence of Colonel Henry Stephen Olivier, are in this parish. There are charities of the annual value of £44. In 1831, the Rev. George Edmonstone, formerly vicar of the parish, built a National School, and endowed it with £10 yearly for ever. Here are two Wesleyan chapels, and one Baptist. The Bishop of Salisbury is the lord of the manor.

### Gentry

Armstrong, Mr John  
Edmonstone, Rev. George  
James, John, esq.  
Knight, Mr Stephen F.  
Lye, James John, esq  
Medicott, Rev. Joseph, B.A [*vicar*]  
Miffing, Mrs Mary  
Olivier, Col. Henry Stephens  
Parry, Geo. F. esq Eastwell House  
Penny, Rev. William, M.A.  
Rooke, Mr William  
Willam, John W. esq

### Traders

Axford, Robert, Farmer  
Banks, George, Farmer  
Belcher, Laurence, Farmer  
Biggs, Frederick , Farmer  
Butcher, John, Relieving Officer & Registrar of births & deaths  
Burt, Ann, Butcher

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Butcher, Mary, Shopkeeper  
Coleman, Samuel, "Crown"  
Coleman, William, Beer Retailer  
Curnick, William, Farmer  
Dowse, John, Farmer  
Draper, Samuel, Shoemaker  
Dunford, John, Blacksmith  
Few, Thomas, Grocer  
Fielding, Thomas, Farmer  
Franklin, John, Bricklayer  
Giddings, John, Farmer  
Glass, John, Farmer  
Glass, Mary (Mrs), Farmer  
Glass, Robert, Miller, Five Lanes Mill  
Godden, Elizabeth (Mrs), Farmer  
Hampton, Wm, Carpenter, Potterne Wick  
Hampton, William, Farmer  
Hawkins, James, Farmer  
Hawkins, William, Farmer  
Herring, Hezekiah, Farmer  
Hewer, Chas, Miller, Drew's Pond Mill  
Hibberd, John, "George & Dragon"  
Hibberd, Moses, Farmer  
Howell, Benjamin, Tailor  
Hyatt, Jacob, Farmer  
Knee, Simon, Farmer  
Lavington, Thomas, Farmer  
Lenard, Benjamin, C. Plumber, Painter etc  
Marshman, Samuel, Baker & Grocer  
Martin, Isaac, Farmer  
Merrett, Thomas, "Bell"  
North, James, Farmer  
North, John, Miller, Wisley Mill  
Pearce, Jacob, Blacksmith  
Prince' Elizabeth (Miss), Dressmaker  
Puctor, Charles, Carpenter  
Sinclair, Mary (Miss), Preparatory School  
Sprules, George, Carpenter  
Sprules, William, Carpenter & Parish Clerk  
Stevens, Stephen, Miller, Potterne Mill  
Trimbling, Abner, Farmer  
Warman, William, Baker & Grocer  
Watts, James, Bricklayer  
Watts, Mary (Mrs), "Kings Arms" & Postmistress  
Weeks, Robert, Farmer  
Weeks, Thomas, Farmer

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Weeks, James, Miller, Rangebourne Mill  
Wilkins, John, Farmer  
Wiltshire, John, Farmer