



Parish Officials - Distributors of the Poor Rate

The Vestry meeting nominated the new churchwardens around 26 December (feast of St. Stephen - up to 1604), and the Overseers etc in March/April the following year. Remember this would be using the Julian Calendar up to 1752

Note: A Sideman was responsible to greeting the congregation and overseeing the seating arrangements

Note: In 1639 the yard lands in Steeple Ashton, West Ashton, Henton and Paxcrofte are 149 yarde lands.

Source: *Wiltshire Notes & Queries, Volumes 6 & 7*

Year	Surname	Given Names	Title	Notes
1572	Ames	Jone		Provision for the poor
1623	Bennet	Edward		
1629	Blagden	William		
1622	Crooke	Roger		
1575	Holloway	Phillip		
1635	Jennings	More		
1629	Longe	John		
1632	Markes	John, Jnr.		
1629	Markes	Walter		
1635	Markes	William, Snr.		
1623	Marks	John		
1625	Marks	John		
1623	Martin	Henrie		
1625	Martin	Henry		
1605	Martin	Roger		
1632	Martyn	Edward		
1574	Silverthorne	William Jnr.		
1572	Smewe		Mother	Provision for the poor
1622	Stileman		Mr.	
1622	Stileman	William		
1629	Vennell	Georg		
1605	Webbe	George	Vicar	
1572	White	Annis		Provision for the poor

1576	White	George		
1574	White	William		