



# Post Office Directory Extract 1875



## Alderbury

**Alderbury** is a parish and village, giving name to the hundred and union in which it is situated, in the Southern division of the county, Salisbury county court district, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, and rural deanery of Amesbury, 3 miles south-east from Salisbury, and 87 from London, on the Southampton road, situate at the east of the Avon.

The ancient church of St. Mary was pulled down in 1857, and a handsome church of flint with stone dressings, erected on the site; it is a cruciform edifice, in the Early English style, with a cross surmounting each gable, and a lofty spire; it has a chancel, nave, north aisle, and transepts; there are two fine stained windows, that in the transept being the gift of Sir Frederick H Bathurst, bart., and the other in the nave, was given by a former vicar. The register dates from 1673. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £300, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held by the Rev. Robert Sparke Hutchings, M.A., of Christ Church, Oxford.

The following is a list of the places in Alderbury Union:-

Alderbury	Britford	Clarendon Park	Coombe Bissett
Downton	Earldoms	East Grimstead	Fisherton Anger
Homington	Landford	Langley Wood	Laverstock
Milford	Nunton & Bodenham	Odstock	Old Sarum or Old Castle
Pitton & Farley	Standlynch	Salisbury - The Close & Canons of the Cathedral Church	
Stratford Sub Castle (Stratford-under-the-Castle)		Stratford Tony (Stratford St. Anthony)	
West Grimstead	West Harnham	Whiteparish	Winterslow

Thistlewaite's charity of £7 yearly is for distribution.

Alderbury House is the seat of G. M. Fort, Esq., J.P. Earl of Radnor, who is the lord of the manor, Sir Frederick H. H. Bathurst, bart., and G. M. Fort, Esq., are the chief landowners.

The soil is gravel; subsoil, gravel and sand. The chief crops are wheat, barley and turnips.

The parish contains 2,160 acres; gross estimated rental, £3,353; rateable value, £3,020; the population in 1871 was 658.

### Gentry

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Fort	George M.	J.P.		Alderbury House
Hutchings	Richard Sparke	Rev.	Vicar	

### Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Dowty	George		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Dowty	William		Blacksmith	
Durdle	George		Dairyman	
Lewis	Abraham		Tailor	
Lewis	John		Tailor & Post Office	
Light	Mark		Farmer & Woodman	Shoot End
Northeast	Alfred		Publican	Green Dragon
Prewet	George		Wheelwright	
Taunton	John		Farmer	
Taylor	Samuel		Gardener	
Waterman	William		Shopkeeper	

**Clarendon Park**, formerly extra-parochial, is a liberty, about a mile eastward from Alderbury. Here stood a royal palace, which was a frequent residence of the English kings, and was visited by Queen Elizabeth. Henry II, assembled a Parliament here in 1163, which enacted the celebrated "Constitutions of Clarendon," to restrain the encroachment of the Court of Rome; the only remains of the palace are part of a wall overgrown with ivy. About a mile from the ruins is Clarendon Park, the seat of Sir Frederick Hutchinson Hervey Bathurst, bart. Near it formerly stood an Augustine priory, founded by Henry II.

Area, 4,103 acres; gross estimated rental, £3,392; rateable value, £3,144; population, 193.

### Gentry

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bathurst	Frederick Huchinson Hervey	Sir, bart., J.P.		Clarendon Park

### Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Golding	Henry		Farmer	
Hares	Edward		Farmer	
Parham	James		Farmer	
Parsons	Joseph		Farmers	
Parsons	Thomas		Farmers	
Parsons	Charles		Farm Bailiff To Sir H. H. Bathurst, Bart.	
Parsons	James		Farmer	
Read	Thomas		Farmer	

**Waddon** is a hamlet, 1 mile south-east from Alderbury. Parish Clerk, Edwin Prewett

**Post Office** - John Lewis, receiver. Letters arrive from Salisbury at 7 a.m.; dispatched at 6 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Salisbury.

National School, Richard Knight, master;  
Mrs. Mary Anna Knight, mistress.

### Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bailey	George		Publican	Three Crowns
Coombes	Henry		Dairyman	
Parsons	Stephen		Farmer	
Pollard	Henry		Blacksmith	