



# Post Office Directory Extract 1859



## Alton Priors

**ALTON PRIORS** is a township, small village, and chapelry, in the parish of Overton, hundred of Elstub and Everley, Pewsey union, South Wilts, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Wilts, and deanery of Avebury, situated near the Kennet and Avon canal, 7 miles east of Devizes, 8 south-west from Marlborough, and 4 north-west from Pewsey. The living is a vicarage annexed to those of Overton and Fyfield, joint annual value £319, in the gift of the Duke of Marlborough, and held by the Rev. William J. B. Angell. The area of the parish is 2,530 acres, and the population 253.

**WEST STOWELL** is a tithing; Honey-street is half a mile south. On the downs, to the north, are barrows, on the side of one of which has been formed a singular figure of a white horse, which, from its immense proportions, is a conspicuous object for many miles. It is more than a stone's throw from head to tail, and although when close to the object no resemblance to the animal can be traced, yet, when at a distance, and the further you recede from it, the shape becomes perfect.

Letters received through Pewsey, which is also the nearest money order office.

### Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Tanner	John	Esq.		Stowell House

### Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Giddings	Charles		Farmer	West Stowell
Simpkins	James George		Farmer	
Tasker	Thomas		Grocer	