



Post Office Directory Extract 1855



Alvediston

Alvediston - a township and parish in the Hundred of Chalk, 14 miles west of Salisbury, 7 east of Shaftesbury, and 8½ south-east of Hindon, in the Tisbury Union, Hindon division, Salisbury Bishopric, South Wilts. Alvediston is difficult to access by carriage as it lies for the most part in a deep bottom or hollow, on the left of the turnpike road leading from Salisbury to Shaftesbury, from which the usual mode of approach by pedestrians is the ascent by means of foot holes, in the almost perpendicular northern side of White Sheet Hill; the great exertion consequent upon which is compensated by the beautiful commanding view of the surrounding country obtained, before making a nearly sudden descent on the opposite side of the hill into Alvediston below. In this neighbourhood begins a lofty down, known as the White Sheet Hill, extending till it nearly reaches the city of Salisbury, a distance of 15 miles. On the summit of this hill, and along the whole of its length, formerly ran the turnpike road to Salisbury and London. The living of Alvediston is a vicarage, incorporated with Broad Chalk and Bower Chalk, in the patronage of Kings College, Cambridge. The great or rectorial tithes are taken by the College; the value of Alvediston alone is £400 yearly; the value of the smaller, or vicarial, tithes for Alvediston, taken separately, is £80 annually; the incumbent is the Rev. Stephen Hawtrey, M.A., who is not a resident in the parish. The church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, an antiquated structure, has a nave, chancel, and a tower containing 3 bells; the font is of great antiquity, said to be Norman. The population, in 1851, was 278; there are 2,564 acres of corn and down land. The Earl of Pembroke is lord of the manor.

Northampton, or Norington, is 1 mile west; Trough, half a mile south-west; Elcombe, half a mile south; Manwood, 1½ miles south. Near this latter place is a barrow.

Carrier - William Mullins, to Salisbury, Tuesday; Shaftesbury, Saturday, returning same days.

Letters are received through Swallowcliff, via Salisbury. The nearest money order office is Shaftesbury

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brown	George		Farmer	
Combes	John		Parish Clerk	
Mathews	Henry		Smith	
Mullins	William		Shopkeeper & carrier	
Parham	James	Esq		
Rogers	Joseph	Mrs.	Farmer	