



# Post Office Directory Extract 1855

## Ashton Keynes



**Ashton Keynes**, a township and parish in the Union of Cricklade and Wootton Bassett, Highworth Hundred, North Wilts, 4 miles west from Cricklade, 3 north of Minety station on the Cheltenham railway, and 88 from London. The living is a vicarage, with the chapelry of Leigh, in the diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, net income £324; the Rev. Charles Pitt, M.A., of Malmesbury, is the patron. The church is an ancient edifice, and dedicated to the Holy Cross, and contains several vestiges of the Norman style of architecture; it has a nave, with north and south transepts, two chancels, and a low square tower, containing 5 bells; the Rev. Samuel Bentley is the present incumbent. Adjoining the churchyard are the remains of a monastery, surrounded by a moat, converted into a farm-house. The village is pleasantly situated; the river Isis, or Thames, runs through it on one side of the road or street, and the bridges over it, leading to the houses, give it altogether a picturesque appearance. Here are the remains of four ancient stone crosses in different parts of the village, a Free school for boys and girls, and a charity, called Hawkin's and Chapman's charity, invested in land, now producing £55, £30 per annum of which is given to the second poor, and £15 for apprenticing a boy. Here are places of worship for two Dissenting congregations. The population, in 1851, was 1,056 in Ashton Keynes, besides 309 in Leigh chapelry, and the number of acres was 3,820.

North End and Wire Pool are 1 mile north; Broadway Corner, 1½ miles north; Rixon, 1 mile east; Leigh, 1 mile south-east; Cove Wood, 2 miles north; Buttislake, 2 miles south-by-east; Pound House, 1½ miles south-east. Back Street House is the residence of Robert Brown Esq.

**Post Office** - William Burnall, receiver. Letters arrive from Cirencester at 10 a.m. & are dispatched at 4 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Cricklade.

### Places of Worship:-

Holy Cross Church, Rev. Samuel Bentley, Curate  
Independent Chapel, Mr. John Jefferies, Resident preacher  
Primitive Methodist Chapel, Ministers various

**Free School** (for boys & girls) - Mrs. Elizabeth Dawes, mistress

**Carriers To Cirencester:-** James Mason, to the Old Crown Inn, Monday; Alfred Pollard, Monday & Friday.

### Residents and Gentry

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bentley	Samuel	Rev.		
Boulton	Robert	Mr.		
Brown	Robert	Esq.		Back Street House
Carter	John	Mr.		
Dickenson	Henry B. F.	Esq.		Ashton House
Hawkins	Charles Sidney	Esq.		Cove House

### Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Clarke &	Farmers	

		Winders		
Barratt	Henry		Smith & Farrier	
Blackford	Charlotte	Mrs.	Farmer	
Blandford	Edward		Grocer & Draper	
Boulton	Henry		Farmer	
Boulton	Obadiah		Farmer	
Boulton	William		Fellmonger & Glover	
Brain	Joseph		Shoemaker	
Brain	William		Shopkeeper	
Broad	Emanuel		Baker	
Burnall	William		Wheelwright	
Calloway	Samuel		Dairyman	
Carter	Edward		Carpenter	
Chapman	Joseph		Cattle Dealer	
Cove	Thomas		Slater & Plasterer	
Cove	Timothy		Slater & Plasterer	
Darter	Thomas		Carpenter	
Darter	William		Carpenter	
Dawes	Robert		Tailor	
Dowdeswell	Edward		Beer Retailer & Tallow Chandler	
Ellison	Henry		Farmer	
Endall	Thomas		Glover	
Fisher	William		Blacksmith	
Fry	Richard		Farmer	
Fry	Robert S.		Farmer & Coal Dealer	
Glass	John		Shoemaker	
Guest	George		Publican, Baker, Farmer & Maltster	New Inn
Habgood	William		Maltster & Miller	
Harris	Robert		Plumber & Glazier	
Hatt	John		Farmer	
Hawkins	Leonard		Farmer	
Hayward	William		Publican, Slater & Plaster	Horse & Jockey
Heavens	Richard		Butcher	
Heavens	William		Butcher	
Hewer	Jeremiah		Beer Retailer	
Hinks	John		Horse Dealer	
Howell	Harry		Farmer	
James	William		Veterinary Surgeon	
Jeffries	John		Boot & Shoemaker	
Longston	Henry		Dairyman	
Mason	John		Baker	
Mason	William		Stonemason	
Matthews	John		Blacksmith	
Millard	Charles		Horse Dealer	
Millard	Thomas		Horse Dealer	
Ody	George		Farmer	
Packer	Richard		Farmer	
Plumbe	John		Farmer	
Russell	Sampson Collins		Publican	White Hart Commercial Inn
Saunders	George H.		Tea Dealer	
Selby	John		Sawyer	
Selby	Thomas		Sawyer	
Stiles	John		Butcher	
Sutton	Edward		Schoolmaster	
Sutton	Frederick		Corn Dealer & Mealman	
Telling	Henry		Stonemason	

Telling	Mary Ann	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Telling	Richard		Butcher	
Telling	Thomas		Stonemason	
Telling	Thomas, Jnr.		Builder	
Titcombe	Richard		Farmer	
Turner	Edward		Potter	
Turner	Thomas		Brickmaker	
Wheatley	Thomas		Farmer	
Wheatley	William		Farmer	
Wilkins	James		Plumber & Glazier	
Wilkins	John		Grocer & Draper	
Wilkins	Richard		Saddler & Harness Maker	