

ATWORTH

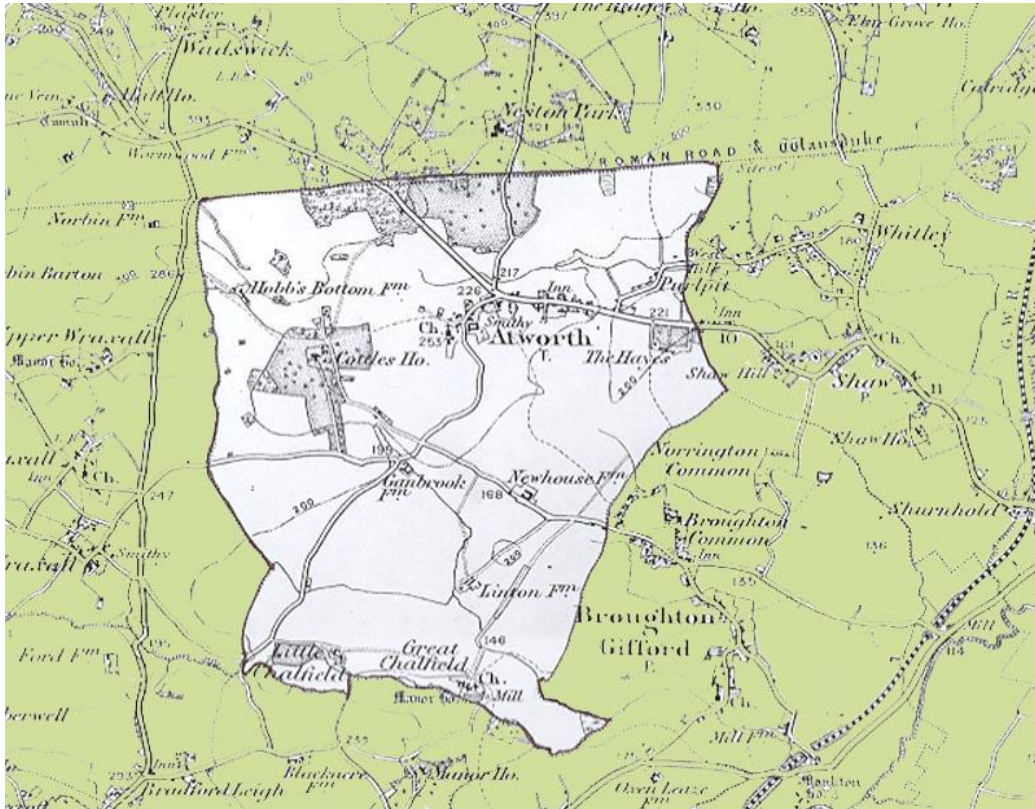
History

Atworth is a chapelry in the parish of Bradford on Avon in the county of Wiltshire. It is 3 miles N.W of Melksham, 3 miles S of Corsham and 5 miles N.E of Bradford. The modern day parish is bounded by South Wraxall to the West, Box and Corsham to the North, Melksham Without and Broughton Gifford to the East, and Holt to the South

Atworth village has existed for over a thousand years and was referred to by King Athelred II in a charter dated 1001 which granted permission to the Abess of Shaftesbury to build a chapel at Atworth. The building was completed about 1070, and also mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086.

Atworth village was originally near St Michael's church and spread into three parts by the end of the 15th century – Attewarde Magna, Greater Atworth (Area by the Old Post Office), Mechel Attewarde, Middle Atworth (The Bradford Road area) and Attewarde Parva or Cottles Attewarde (Little Atworth, or the area of Cottles)

In medieval times there were three manor houses of which **Cottles House** is the only one which exists now. Cottles House was built by Robert Cotel about 1102, and is now Stonar School which is a private school for girls. **The Manor of Atworth** which was possibly the forerunner of the present day Manor Farm. The other manor house originated in the estate of Agnes Bournton in 1431, but very little is known of its whereabouts or even its existence.



Village Name

There are a couple thoughts on how the village originally got its name. One thought is that it was named after a Saxon farmer called Aetta who lived there in the 13th century. Another version is that the 'At' in the name originates from oat which may have been abundant in the area, and 'Worth' means locality or homestead.

Although Atworth is only a village, its name has varied over the years as detailed below. The information is likely to be useful for genealogy purposes

1249 Attenwith

1354 Atterarde

1427 Atewurth

1451 Ateforde, Attewarde, Ateworthe

1637 Atford, Atworth

1773 Atford, Atworth

1858 Atworth only

Population

1377 Record of the Poll Tax shows 57 persons living in the village

1428 included in the list of parishes with less than 10 households

2001 census recorded a population of 1,280 inhabitants

Trades

The occupations of villagers were mainly agricultural with the accompanying trades of blacksmith and reeve. There were also open quarries to the north of the village which would also have employed some of the villagers

Listed Buildings

The Hayes	Grade II	Hobbs Bottom Farmhouse	Grade II
		Lenton Farm	Grade II
Church of St Michael & All Angels	Grade II*	Church of All Saints	Grade I
Four unidentified monuments in the churchyard on Southside of Path and 11 & 18 m East of Tow	Grade II	Four Monuments in the Churchyard between 12 & 17 M North of Tower of Church of St Michael & All Angels, Church Street	Grade II
Three unidentified monuments in the churchyard between 1 & 5m East of Chancel of Church of St Michael & All Angels Church Street	Grade II	Three unidentified monuments in the churchyard on north side of path and about 12m north east Church Street	Grade II
Newan Monument in the churchyard about 23m North West of tower of Church of St Michael and All Angels, Church Street	Grade II	Three Rogers monuments in churchyard about 1m North of Tower of Church of St Michael & All Angels	Church Street
Two unidentified monuments in the churchyard between 15 & 16 m east of tower of Church of St Michael & All Angels Church Street	Grade II	Unidentified monument in the churchyard about 0.5m South of Tropnell Chapel of Church of St Michael & All Angels Church Street	Grade II
Unidentified monument in the churchyard about 2m north of nave of Church of St Michael & All Angels Church Street	Grade II	Unidentified monument in the churchyard about 6m north of tower of Church of St Michael & All Angels Church Street	Grade II
The Old Rectory Church Street	Grade II	Church Farmhouse	Grade II
Barn at Church Farm, Church Street	Grade II*	Goss House, 93 Church Street	Grade II
105 Church Street	Grade II	103 Church Street	Grade II
106 Church Street	Grade II	Prospect Farm Prospect Fields	Grade II
The Old Farmhouse Coronation Road	Grade II		
Hale House, Coombe Lane	Grade II	Fuller House, Coombe Lane	Grade II
Newhouse Farmhouse	Grade II	Stonar School	Grade II

Coombe Lane		Coombe Lane	
Gateway in Wall to Stonar School Opposite, Rookery Nursery. 206 Coombe Lane	Grade II	Tennyson House Coombe Lane	Grade II
Great Chalfield Manor	Grade I	Gazebo on East side of garden at Great Chalfield Manor	Gazebo on East side of garden at Great Chalfield Manor
Barn at Great Chalfield Manor	Grade II	Gazebo on East side of garden at Great Chalfield Manor	Grade II
Barn with Mill Wheel to South East of Little Chalfield Manor	Grade II	Lodge to Great Chalfield Manor, Coombe Lane	Grade II
Stables at Great Chalfield Manor	Grade II	Little Chalfield Manor	Grade II
70 Bradford Road	Grade II	71 Bradford Road	Grade II
72 Bradford Road	Grade II	82 Bradford Road	Grade II
89 Bradford Road	Grade II	93a Bradford Road	Grade II
94 Bradford Road	Grade II	95 Bradford Road	Grade II
96 Bradford Road	Grade II	115 Bradford Road	Grade II
117 Bradford Road	Grade II	Atworth Primary School & School House, Bradford Road	Grade II
The Old Forge Bradford Road	Grade II	Turnpike Cottage Bradford Cottage	Grade II
Barn at Manor Farm, Bradford Road	Grade II	Poplar Farmhouse, Bradford Road	Grade II
Manor Farmhouse with Front Walls and Gates, Bradford Road	Grade II	The Foresters Arms Bradford Road	Grade II
56 Bath Road	Grade II	57 Bath Road	Grade II
Lodge to Neston Park, 125 Bath Road	Grade II	128 Bath Road	Grade II
133 Bath Road with front railings	Grade II	The Clock Tower 133 Bath Road	Grade II
140 Bath Road	Grade II	141 Bath Road	Grade II
142 Bath Road	Grade II	143 Bath Road	Grade II
146 Bath Road	Grade II	148 Bath Road	Grade II
149 Bath Road	Grade II	150 Bath Road	Grade II
151 Bath Road	Grade II	Gordano Farm, 164 Bath Road	Grade II
The White Hart 164 Bath Road	Grade II		
178 Purlpit	Grade II	186 Purlpit	Grade II
187 Purlpit	Grade II	192 Purlpit	Grade II

The Clock Tower Memorial

Was built to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897, and now has the names of Atworth residents who served in WW1 & WW2

WW1 21 names

WWII 1 name

Memorial in St Michael & All Angels Churchyard

A memorial to Jane Brown who lived in Cottles House and was the founder of education in Atworth

Let no person remove this stone

Sacred to y Memory of Mrs JANE BROWN Widow

Daughter of William Pawlett of Cottles Esq

Who out of her estate in Cottles

Gave the perpetual Annual Rents

Of x x x 1 pounds viz

To y Curate of Atford for weekly Catechizing x

To a perfon for teaching poor Children x
For buying books for those children 1
For cloathing poor People v
For a Scholar in the Univerfity
From Marlburgh Schoole v
And out of her Lands in Warwickfhire
To the Minifter of Maxftock For weekly Catechizing xx
She died July 26th AD in 1706 Aged 87
And let her Memory be ever Bleft

Further Information

[Bradford on Avon Museum](#) has a few objects from Atworth

[Wiltshire Heritage Museum](#), Devizes has some objects which were excavated from the Roman Villa in Atworth.

Atworth History Society - open last Sunday of the month March-October 1400-1600

[Atworth Village website](#)

[Wiltshire Council](#)

[Wikipedia](#)

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