



Crime Reports - Assaults Bishopstone 1850-1899

SWINDON POLICE COURT

David Sawyer, labourer, of Bishopstone, was brought up on a warrant charged with beating his wife, who prayed that he might be called upon to find sureties to keep the peace. Prisoner appeared to have been in the habit of ill treating his wife for the last 21 years whenever he was intoxicated. Mr. Tombs appeared for the defence, and contended that it was the wife's fault, she trying to "wear the breeches", and have the disposal of all her husband's earnings. Ordered to find one surety in £10 to keep the peace for six months.

Wiltshire Independent, 10 December 1874

SWINDON POLICE COURT Thursday

David Sawyer, watercress grower, of Bishopstone, was summoned by his wife to show cause why he should not be bound over to keep the peace. Parties appeared to have led a most unhappy life, having several times figured before the Bench. Defendant, on its being proved that he made use of violent threats, was bound over to keep the peace for six months. He was also fined 2s 6d and 12s costs for smashing a clock, the property of his son David.

Western Daily Press, 14 September 1878