



# Post Office Directory Extract 1875

## Bishopstone (Swindon)



**Bishopston (near Shrivenham)** is a village and parish in the Northern division of the county, on the Berkshire border, hundred of Ramsbury, Highworth union, county court district of Swindon, diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, archdeaconry of Bristol, and rural deanery of Cricklade, distant from Shrivenham station 3 miles south-west, 74 from London, and 7 east from Swindon.

The church of St. Mary is a plain structure, with square tower containing a fine peel of 8 bells; the chancel has been restored by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and an old piscine discovered. On the tomb of Christopher Willoughby, in the chancel, is an epitaph, setting forth that he was most happy with his first wife, but unhappy in his second nuptials. The register dates from 1573. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £200, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, and held by the Rev. John W R Landon, M.A., of Worcester College, Oxford. The Rev. Henry F Beasley, M.A., of Trinity College, Dublin, is resident curate. The rectorial tithes and advowson were formerly attached to the prebend of Bishopstone in Salisbury cathedral; the Ecclesiastical Commissioners now own the rectorial tithes, about £800 a year.

There is a school with house erected in 1850, mainly by the exertions of the curate, at a cost of £540.

There are several charities belonging to the parish, viz. £900 left by Mr. T Goddard for the education of the poor children of both sexes, and £300 for keeping in repair the tower of the church and bells. £139 for paving walks about the churchyard. £110 per annum left by Christopher Willoughby, Esq., in 1681; also £16 per annum, left by Gilbert Keate, Esq., to be divided amongst four poor persons. A field at Purton and £300 for the school, left by Rev. Thomas Coker, prebendary and vicar; and £180 for a poor person, left by Stephen Goddard.

The Bishop of Salisbury is lord of the manor and sole landowner.

The soil is chalk; subsoil, clay. The chief crops are wheat and turnips for sheep.

The area is 3,385 acres; gross estimated rental, £5,126; rateable value, £4,620; the parish contained in 1871 a population of 667.

CLERK & SEXTON, Henry Redford.

POST OFFICE, Elizabeth Ann Lawrence, postmistress. Letters arrive through Shrivenham, by messenger, at 7.35 a.m.; dispatched at 6.30 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Shrivenham.

NATIONAL SCHOOL, Mr. William Grinslade Knight, master; Mr. Fanny Knight, mistress.

CARRIER, Daniel Taylor, from Idston, Berks, through Bishopston to Swindon, every Monday.

### Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Anger	Moses			The Cottage
Beasley	Henry F	Rev. M.A.	Curate	Vicarage
Edmonds	Christopher William			Caulfield
Ellwell		Misses		

## Commercial

Couzens	Richard		Baker & grocer	
Dore	William		Farmer	Manor farm
Grist	George		Carpenter	
Hibberd	Thomas		Farmer	
Knight	William Grinslade		Land surveyor	
Lawrence	Elizabeth Ann	Miss	Linen draper & grocer	
Lawrence	Joseph		Farmer	
Newton	Henry		Miller	
Nobes	William		Gardener	
Norris	William		Carpenter	
Povey	John		Grocer & tailor	
Sayer	Susannah	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Smith	John		Farmer	Townsend farm
Smith	Joseph		Farmer	Vorty farm
Stallard	Thomas		Beer retailer	
Stone	Edwin		Butcher	
Tasker	Samuel		Blacksmith	
Westell	George		Publican	True Heart
Williams	John		Farmer	Prebend farm