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CODFORD (St. Mary), a parish, in the union of Warminster, hundred of Heytesbury, Warminster and S. divisions of Wilts, 2 miles (N.W.) from Wily; containing 338 inhabitants. This parish, situated on the river Wily, and the road from Bristol to Portsmouth, comprises by estimation 2000 acres; the soil is chalk, of which there are some pits, whence are taken materials for building cottages, and for the roads. The living is a rectory, valued in the king's books at £18, and in the patronage of St. John's College, Oxford: the tithes have been commuted for £345, and the glebe, including a portion of downland, comprises about 95 acres. The church is a very ancient structure, supposed to have been built anterior to the Conquest, and has a Norman arch, surmounting one of plainer character, thought to be of Saxon architecture. There is a place of worship for Independents; and a schoolroom has been built by subscription, aided by a grant of £25 from the National Society. There are the remains of a British camp.

CODFORD (St. Peter), a parish, in the union of Warminster, hundred of Heytesbury, Warminster and S. divisions of Wilts, 3 miles (E.S.E.) from Heytesbury; containing, with the township of Ashton - Gifford, 394 inhabitants, and consisting of 1614 acres. The living is a rectory, valued in the king's books at £17. 15s. ; net income, £380; patrons, Master and Fellows of Pembroke College, Oxford: the glebe comprises about 8 acres. A school is supported by Wadham Locke, Esq., of Ashton-Gifford House, at whose expense the premises were erected.
