



# Crime & Punishment

## Durrington



### Committed to Devizes House of Corrections

The Devizes County House of Corrections was opened in 1817 & was located on the west side of Devizes, nearby what is still called Prison Bridge over the Kennet and Avon Canal. In the 1830's, it averaged some 700 prisoners. The Prison officially closed in 1921 & was demolished in 1927. The land is now covered by a housing estate.

Surname	Given Names	Crime	Newspaper report
Johnson	Wm.	For stealing a great coat belonging to Jas. Smith, at Durrington. 6 weeks imprisonment.	<i>Salisbury &amp; Winchester Journal</i> 23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 1820
Hillier	William	Of Enford, for leaving the service of Mr Clift, of Durrington. 6 weeks imprisonment.	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 20 <sup>th</sup> April, 1826
Chandler	Thomas	For a misdemeanor in the service of Job Mead of Durrington. 6 weeks imprisonment.	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 1 <sup>st</sup> February, 1827
Cooper	Thomas	For stealing hay at Durrington. 1 month hard labour.	<i>Salisbury &amp; Winchester Journal</i> 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 1827
Weeks	Sarah	Of Durrington, for being a lewd woman. 3 months imprisonment.	<i>Salisbury &amp; Winchester Journal</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> December, 1827
Watts	William	Of Durrington, for breaches of the Game Laws. 3 months imprisonment.	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 11 <sup>th</sup> November, 1830
Payne	John	Of Durrington, for breaches of the Game Laws. 3 months imprisonment.	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 14 <sup>th</sup> April, 1831
Sweet	John	Of Durrington, for breaches of the Game Laws. 1 month imprisonment.	<i>Salisbury &amp; Winchester Journal</i> 7 <sup>th</sup> October, 1833
Wesdell	Richard	For misconduct in the service of Stephen Chandler at Durrington. 14 days imprisonment.	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 6 <sup>th</sup> April, 1843

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Ranger	William	For destroying game at Durrington. 2 months imprisonment.	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 18 <sup>th</sup> May, 1843
Merrett	Michael	For Leaving the service of Stephen Chandler at Durrington. 1 month imprisonment.	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 12 <sup>th</sup> August, 1847
Upjohn	Walter	For assaulting a police officer at Durrington. 2 months imprisonment.	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 25 <sup>th</sup> August, 1870