



# Post Office Directory Extract 1875



## Hillmarton

**Hillmarton** is a parish in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Kingsbridge, Calne union and county court district, partly in Cricklade parliamentary borough, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Wilts and rural deanery of Avebury, 3 miles north-north-east from Calne, 7 south-west from Wootton Bassett and 90 from London.

The church of St Lawrence is a handsome structure. It has chancel, nave, north aisle, porch, and a square embattled tower surmounted by four pinnacles. In 1840 the tower was partly rebuilt. The windows of the nave are all of the Perpendicular period, probably about Henry VII's time. The nave is separated from the aisles by columns of the Early English order, and the chancel is entered from the aisle through an opening of unusual character in the buttress of the chancel arch. The chancel windows are all of modern Perpendicular work, the whole having been renewed when the church was restored. The building is extremely well kept and the chancel windows are of stained glass.

In the aisle, towards the east end, is a founder's tomb, without any recumbent figure, and near it a memorial window of three lights to the late vicar, the Rev. Francis Fisher, the subject the "Good Shepherd". The chief monuments in the church are those of Calley, Quinten and Thomas Poynder, esq., who restored the church. The seating is chiefly of the old oak, of handsome carved pattern, and well restored. The greatest curiosity of the church is the old chained Bible, with wooden binding, well restored by the late vicar, who found it in the parish chest in a neglected state with the original chain still attached, and replaced it at the chancel arch.

The tower contains a fine peal of five bells, most of them of ancient date. The register dates from 1645. The living is a vicarage, of the yearly value of £400, in the patronage of the Crown, and held by the Rev. Francis Goddard, M.A., of Brasenose College, Oxford, rural dean and surrogate and J.P.

Thomas Poynder, esq., built a school here for poor children. The Independents have a chapel at **Goatacre** tithing, a mile and a half north, in this parish, and the Baptists have a chapel at Hillmarton. Jacob's charity of £10 yearly is for the second poor.

William Henry Poynder, esq., is lord of the manor. The principal landowners are William Henry Poynder, esq., Worcester College and Magdalen College, Oxford, John Large, esq., and William Abbott Large, esq.

The soil is Oxford clay, oolite, except Cleevancy district which is on the chalk. The chief crops are wheat, beans and oats.

The area is 4,182 acres; rateable value, £7,821 17s 8d; the parish contained 797 inhabitants in 1871.

**Beversbrook** is a tithing and **Cleevancy** is a hamlet.

SEXTON                      Henry Jennings

POST OFFICE              Joseph Powney              Receiver  
Letters arrive through Calne at 8.15 am. & dispatched at 6 pm.  
The nearest money order office is at Calne.

SCHOOL                      George Hoare Gillies                      Master                      Mrs Sarah Agnes Gillies                      Mistress

CARRIER                      Henry Simpkins                      passes through Lyneham to Devizes, Thursday.

## Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Goddard	Francis	Rev. M.A., J.P.	Vicar	The Vicarage
Poynder	William Henry	J.P.		The Lodge

## Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Archard	James		Tailor	
Baker	William		Farmer	Rodwell farm & Marsh farm
Bevan	Edwin		Shoe maker	
Bodman	Benjamin			Lower Beversbrook
Eattell	John		Carpenter	Goatacre
Ferris	Mary	Mrs	Shopkeeper	Goatacre
Ferris	Thomas		Farmer	Cleevancy
Foss	William		Miller	
Freegard	Thomas		Farmer	Goatacre
Godwin	Ann	Mrs	Farmer	Lower Pen farm
Hillier	Robert		Stone mason	
Hobbs	James		Farmer	<i>Duke Inn</i>
Horton	John		Farmer	Corton farm
Lewis	James		Thatcher	Beacon Hill
Parsons	Albert		Farmer	Manor farm
Perry	John		Carpenter & builder	
Perry	Robert		Carpenter	
Perry-Keene	Henry		Farmer	Cleevancy
Pocock	Job		Farmer	Lower Littlecot farm
Powney	Joseph		Carpenter & farm bailiff	
Read	Mary	Mrs	Shopkeeper	Goatacre
Rumming	William		Shopkeeper	
Slade	Hercules		Farmer	Goatacre
Somner	William		Shopkeeper	
Stevens	Robert		Blacksmith	
Stiles	Robert & Samuel		Farmers	Whitcomb farm
Warman	Henry		Farmer	Littlecot farm
Whale	William		Steam threshing machine proprietor	Goatacre
Wiltshire	James		Baker & grocer	
Wright	William		Farmer	Beversbrook House
Yorke	John Maskelyne		Farmer	Catcomb farm