



# Post Office Directory Extract 1875



## Hindon

Hindon is a parish and market town, mostly one straight street, near a quarter of a mile in length, standing on a gradual acclivity, on the high road from Salisbury to Taunton, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Downton, Tisbury union, Shaftesbury county court district, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, and rural deanery of Chalke, 3 ½ miles from the Tisbury station, 111 miles from London by Salisbury, 123 by Warminster, 16 west from Salisbury, and 9 south of Warminster; this was an ancient borough, but only by prescription, and possessed a local government, having a bailiff and burgesses, and returned two members to Parliament; it was disfranchised at the passing of the Reform Act in 1832.

On Holy Thursday, July 2, 1755, two-thirds of the town were destroyed by fire. The houses are built chiefly of stone, raised from the quarry at Tisbury, in this locality.

The church of St. John the Baptist, built in 1871, at the cost of Richard the late Marquis of Westminster, on the site of the old church, which was built in the reign of Philip and Mary (probably about 1555), and endowed with £75 yearly; it is of early French architecture, built of Chilmark stone with Bath stone dressings, and consists of chancel, nave, aisles, with vestry on the south side; there are two entrances, one at the western end, and a south entrance porch, with square tower and spire containing 6 bells (the bells having been removed from the old church); the chancel is paved with encaustic tiles, and contains a fine circular window of good design, with three others of stained glass, to the memory of the late Marquis; the nave is divided from the aisles by arches on either side resting on cylindrical piers; the pulpit is of carved oak, and the font of Bath stone; it is seated with open benches and will accommodate 400 people. The register dates from 1599. The living is a rectory, gross yearly value £181, in the gift of the Lord Chancellor, and held by the Rev. William Mills, of King's College, London.

Here is a National school for boys and girls, which was built by Lord Calthorpe when lord of the manor, and is supported by voluntary subscriptions and the Government grant. There is a chapel for Primitive Methodists.

James Ames, esq., late surgeon of Hindon, who died June 9, 1828, left by will £10 annually to the poor of this parish for ever, to be distributed by the overseers in bread and clothing on Christmas Eve.

The market is appointed to be held on a Thursday. There are fairs on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May and 29<sup>th</sup> of October. Coals are brought from the pits at Radstock, in Somerset. The town is chiefly the property of the Marchioness of Westminster and Alfred Morrison, esq.

The soil is light chalky loam; subsoil, chalk and flint. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats &c, and pasturage. The area is 212 acres; gross estimated rental, £1,151; rateable value, £939; and the population in 1871 was 603.

*Parish Clerk, John Beckett*

*Post; Money Order & Telegraph Office, Post Office Savings Bank & Government Insurance & Annuity Office – Miss Susannah Harrison, postmistress. Letters arrive from London & cross road mail cart, via Salisbury, at 6.30 a.m. & are dispatched at 6.40 p.m. by same conveyance. Box closes at 6.30 p.m.*

*County Magistrates For Hindon Division*

John Locke, esq. Chairman

Lord Arundell of Wardour

Sir Thomas Fraser Grove, bart. Fern house

Sir Henry Ainslie Hoare, bart. Stourton

Vere Fane Benett Stanford, esq. M.P.

G. Troyte Bullock, esq. Sedgehill

Alfred Morrison, esq. Fonthill house

Alfred Seymour, esq. East Knoyle

Henry D. Seymour, esq

William Wyndham, esq. Dinton

Albert Reginald Graves, esq. Charlton

John Du Boulay, esq. D.L. Shaftesbury

William Fane De Salis, esq. Teffont Evias

E.D. Fane, esq. Codford

Clerk to Magistrates, William Henry Mayo, Yeovil

Petty Sessions held at the Sessions hall, fortnightly

*Public Officers*

Clerk to Hindon Highway Board, Thomas B. Chitty, Palladur villa, Shaftesbury

Clerk to Property & Assessed Taxes, William Henry Mayo, Yeovil

Registrar of Births & Deaths, George Fredk. Osmond

Relieving Officer, James Isaacs

Superintendent of Police, Edward Dann

National School, Walter Gillingham, master; Mrs Emily Louisa Gillingham, mistress

*Carriers*

George Snook, to 'Kings Arms', Shaftesbury, Saturday; to Salisbury, Tuesdays & Thursdays, returning same days

Hull, from Tisbury to Warminster, Thursday, returning same day, calling at 'Grosvenor Arms', Hindon

Thomas Beckett, to Salisbury, Tuesday & Saturday

Thomas Ranger, to Warminster, Tuesday & Saturday

### Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Burleigh	Samuel			Hindon
Mills	William	Rev.	Rector	Rectory
Mullens	Bicknell			Hawking Down
Purdy		Miss		Hindon
Young	Henry			Hindon

### Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Beckett	Archibald		Plumber & Painter	Hindon
Beckett	James		Shoemaker	Hindon
Beckett	John		Basket Maker & Parish Clerk	Hindon
Beckett	Joseph		Shoemaker	Hindon
Bevis	Henry		Tailor	Hindon
Burleigh	Samuel		Farmer	Hindon
Bye	George		Grocer, Draper & Mason	Hindon
Cheverill	James		Baker	Hindon
Coombs	Albert		Shoeing Smith	Hindon
Edwards	James		Shopkeeper	Hindon
Hacker	Elizabeth	Miss	Infant School	Hindon
Hacker	William		<i>Lamb inn</i> & Farmer	Hindon
Harding	Erastus		Grocer & Draper	Hindon
Harwood	George		Grocer	Hindon
Kemp	John		<i>Grosvenor Arms</i>	Hindon
Lawrence	John		Carpenter	Hindon
Osmond	George Frederick		Watch & Clock Maker	Hindon
Perrett	George		China Dealer	Hindon
Perrett	George		Grocer & Draper	Hindon
Pittman	Cornelius		Butcher	Hindon
Ranger	John		Dealer in Marine Stores	Hindon
Ranger	Thomas		Grocer & Baker	Hindon
Roberts	Henry		Grocer & Baker	Hindon
Ruddock	Luke		Cooper	Hindon
Sims	John		Wheelwright	Hindon
Snook	George		Plumber	Hindon
Stevens	John		Dealer in Marine Stores	Hindon
Vigor	William		Butcher	Hindon
White	Edward		Coal Dealer	Hindon
White	George		Lime Burner	Hindon
White	Thomas		Nurseryman	Hindon
Young	Henry		Surgeon	Hindon