



Crime Reports

Netheravon 1850-1899

1865

Everley Petty Sessions March 31. Stephen Holmes and Edward Homes, brothers, of Fittleton were charged with maliciously damaging certain young trees growing in Netheravon Park, the property of Sir M. H. H. Beach, Bart, on the night of the 18th March. The prisoners were detected by Sergeant Manley, who was passing through the park between eleven and twelve o'clock, and was assaulted by the prisoner Stephen Holmes. He then called up the steward, Mr. Newton, and they found that five trees had been cut and pulled up on that night. Mr. Newton stated that since Christmas there had been 26 young trees destroyed. The prisoners were fined £5 each and in default were committed for three months each, with hard labour. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, Thursday, 6 April 1865**

1870

Everley Petty Sessions. Thomas Forder, of Fittleton, Robert Sawyer and Henry Dowse, of Netheravon, were summoned by George Cook, of Figheldean, labourer, for having assaulted him. The complainant stated that he had been to Netheravon with his wife shopping, and was returning shortly after ten o'clock at night, when on nearing Chouldton gate he was struck in the mouth with a stone which cut his upper lip. Other stones missed him. He searched about and found the defendants hiding behind a bush, and at once accused them of throwing the stones. Elizabeth, wife of complainant, corroborated her husband's statement, and identified Sawyer as being close to the gate when a stone passed her husband and missed him. The defendants were each fined 2s 6d and costs 12s 6d or seven days' imprisonment. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, Saturday, 2 July 1870**

Henry Pennils and William Pennils, of Enford, and Henry Harris, of Fittleton, labourers, were summoned by Samuel Turner, of Netheravon, gamekeeper, for unlawfully taking trout, value 1s, from a stream of water, the property of C. Raikes, esq., CSL., at Netheravon, on the 21st ult. Fined 5s and costs 8s each. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, Thursday, 15 September 1870**