

Women's Institute Description of Teffont

The little village of Teffont stretches northward from the valley of the River Nadder, ten miles from Salisbury, on the road to Mere. Most of the houses line the road and on each side the ground rises steeply.

The village stream runs down the valley, changing sides and making a detour through a meadow. Some cottages stand directly on its banks, many have stone bridges from house to road. This stream, which is reputed never to run dry, rises at the foot of Teffont Down to the north, and runs into the River Nadder in the south. Nearly every house is built of stone, and many are thatched.

We who live in Teffont think it is one of the prettiest villages in Wiltshire. Maurice Hewlett, the writer, included it in a list of half dozen most beautiful villages in England. A picture of Teffont was shown at the Royal Academy some years ago. Lamorna Birch, the artist, called it peace.

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