

Crime Reports

Trowbridge 1800-1849



1817

Committed to Fisherton Gaol Maria Hawkins, charged with stealing, on Tuesday last, a silk shawl, the property of Harriett Kingdon, of the value of £3 in the house of John Boulter, victualler, at Trowbridge. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 14 April 1817**

1818

Salisbury. The business of our Assizes commenced on Monday last, before Mr Justice Abbot and Mr Justice Holroyd; the former presiding in the Crown Court, and the latter at Nisi Prius. The calendar of prisoners was very heavy, and their trials were not concluded till Thursday morning. The awful sentence of death was passed on the following prisoners, 17 in number: John White, for a burglary in the house of John Rawlings, at Trowbridge. Of the prisoners sentenced to death, all have been reprieved excepting William Gale, for sacrilege, who is to be executed on Tuesday the 24th instant. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 14 March 1818**

1823

Committed to the Old Bridewell, Devizes. James Harris, charged with stealing a calico shirt and other articles, the property of John Kittlety, of Trowbridge. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 11 August 1823**

1826

Committed to Fisherton Gaol Nathaniel Pearce, charged with having, on the 6th inst. committed a riot at Trowbridge, and feloniously pulled down and demolished the guard-house, and liberated a prisoner confined therein. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 29 May 1826**

1827

Committed to the House of Correction Devizes John Hulbert for breach of the peace of the Game Laws - 3 months **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, Thursday, 21 June 1827**

Committed to the House of Correction Devizes Ann Bryant of Trowbridge for being a common prostitute - 1 month **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, Thursday, 21 June 1827**

Committed to the House of Correction Devizes Elizabeth Merrett of Trowbridge for being a common prostitute - 1 month **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, Thursday, 21 June 1827**

Violent Assault and Robbery. Five men were apprehended at Trowbridge, under circumstances which justified a very strong suspicion of their having robbed and cruelly treated a man named Bailey of Keevil on Tuesday evening previous. Two of the men Richard Doggett and Moses Angell of Steeple

Ashton were fully committed to Fisherton gaol for trial. **Jackson's Oxford Journal, 29 November 1827**

1831

Salisbury Assizes. John Salmon was convicted of stealing a sheep, the property of William Edgell, at Trowbridge. Judgement of Death recorded. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 14 March 1831**
OPC Note: John Salmon was transported to New South Wales on the "Surrey", 15 July 1831.

1833

Committed to the House of Correction, Devizes William Alt, o the 8th Hussars, for four months, for a misdemeanor in the parish of Trowbridge. **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette, 21 November 1833**

1839

Committed to the New Prison, Devizes chargeable to the parish of Trowbridge George Davis, for three months, for leaving his family
Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette, 28th February 1839

Committed to the New Prison, Devizes Robert Parker, for one month, for stealing a quantity of turnip greens, the property of Isaac Beaven at Trowbridge **Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette, 28 February 1839**

Committed to the New Prison, Devizes. Mary Ann Vennell, for one month, for prostitution at Trowbridge. **Wiltshire Independent, 28 November 1839**

1840

John Michell was convicted of stealing a small bag, containing a pocket-handkerchief, a sixpence, and some halfpence, from the person of Eliza Long at Trowbridge, on the evening of Trowbridge fair, and sentenced to six months' hard labour. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 24 August 1840**

Charles Gilpin was charged with stealing nine shillings, the property of Charles Syms, of Trowbridge. It came out in evidence, that the wife of the prosecutor told the prisoner, if he would give back the money he should be forgiven; and that, relying upon this promise, he returned it. The Judge immediately directed an acquittal. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 24 August 1840**

Joseph Dean, for stealing reaping-hooks, at Trowbridge. Four months' imprisonment. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 24 August 1840**

1841

George Trimby and William Kemp, charged with stealing some cassimere at Trowbridge, were found Not Guilty. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, Monday, 8 March 1841**

1843

Harriet Barnes, charged with having stolen one woollen shawl, the property of John Moore, at Trowbridge. Guilty: 3 months imprisonment. **Wiltshire Independent, 12 January 1843**

Committed to the New Prison, Devizes. For trial: William Burton, maliciously stabbing George Burton, his son, with intent to do him some grievous bodily harm, at Trowbridge. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 4 February 1843**

1846

Committed to The New Prison, Devizes. Gideon Knowles, and Samuel Allen, for one month, for stealing ten pounds weight of grapes from the garden of Joseph Noad at Trowbridge. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 1 October 1846**

1847

Committed to The New Prison, Devizes. James Gingell, for two months, he being found in the washing house belonging to Mr. S. S. Parfitt at Trowbridge for an unlawful purpose **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 20 May 1847**