

Crime and Punishment



Committed to Devizes House of Corrections

The Devizes County House of Corrections was opened in 1817 & was located on the west side of Devizes, nearby what is still called Prison Bridge over the Kennet and Avon Canal. In the 1830's, it averaged some 700 prisoners. The Prison officially closed in 1921 & was demolished in 1927. The land is now covered by a housing estate.

The following crimes were connected with Upton Lovell:

Surname	Given Names	Crime	Newspaper report
Dyer	William	Of Upton Lovell, for destroying game in the parish. <i>Outcome:</i> Two Months imprisonment	<i>Wiltshire Independent</i> 21 November, 1839
Whatley	William	For leaving the service of J. A. Ingram at Upton Lovell. <i>Outcome:</i> One Month imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 14 September, 1843
Davis	James	For stealing a piece of mutton, the property of Francis John Lines at Upton Lovell. <i>Outcome:</i> One Month imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 14 November, 1872