

Cornworthy

Cornworthy is located within South Hams local authority area. Historically it formed part of Coleridge Hundred. It falls within Totnes Deanery for ecclesiastical purposes. The Deaneries are used to arrange the typescript Church Notes of B.F.Cresswell which are held in the Westcountry Studies Library.

The population was 468 in 1801 329 in 1901. Figures for other years are available on the local studies website. In 1641/2 155 adult males signed the Protestation returns.

A parish history file is held in Totnes Library. You can look for other material on the community by using the place search on the main local studies database. Further historical information is also available on the Genuki website.

Maps

The image below is of the Cornworthy area on Donn's one inch to the mile survey of 1765.



- On the County Series Ordnance Survey mapping the area is to be found on 1:2,500 sheet 127/2
- Six inch (1:10560) sheet 127NW
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is SX826556
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
 - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) sheet SX85NW
 - Outdoor Leisure (1:25,000) mapping sheet 20
 - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping sheet 202
- Geological sheet 350 also covers the area

Extract from Devon by W.G.Hoskins (1954), included by kind permission of the copyright holder:

Cornworthy is one of the beautiful Dartside parishes. The parish church (St. Peter) is mainly a 15th century building. It has a late Norman font, and a fairly good early 15th century rood-screen. But the interior has all the feeling of the Georgian age, with its box-pews, pulpit and canopy, altar-piece, and windows of clear glass. A licence in the Exeter Faculty Books shows that it was entirely refitted in 1788, and it is now one of

the most delightful church interiors in Devon, having entirely escaped the Victorian restorers. It is, however, now closed (1951) for public worship and awaiting urgent structural repairs. There is a good canopied tomb of Sir Thomas Harris, serjeant-at-law, in his lawyer's robes (1610), and Elizabeth his wife. The Rev. Charles Barter was vicar here for 71 years (1775-1846), the longest tenure of a Devonshire living that is known.

About ½ m. W. of the village are the remains of an Augustinian nunnery, founded between 1205 and 1238. A 14th century gatehouse is all that survives. Allaleigh, now a farm, was the ancestral freehold of the famous Hawley family of Dartmouth.

Coryton

Coryton is located within West Devon local authority area. Historically it formed part of Lifton Hundred. It falls within Tavistock Deanery for ecclesiastical purposes. The Deaneries are used to arrange the typescript Church Notes of B.F.Cresswell which are held in the Westcountry Studies Library.

The population was 154 in 1801 205 in 1901. Figures for other years are available on the local studies website.

A parish history file is held in Tavistock Library. You can look for other material on the community by using the place search on the main local studies database. Further historical information is also available on the Genuki website.

Maps

The image below is of the Coryton area on Donn's one inch to the mile survey of 1765.



- On the County Series Ordnance Survey mapping the area is to be found on 1:2,500 sheet 87/15,97/3
- Six inch (1:10560) sheet 87SE,97NE
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is SX455838
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
 - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) sheet SX48SE
 - Explorer (1:25,000) mapping sheet 112
 - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping sheet 201
- Geological sheet 337 also covers the area

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Coryton lies in a beautiful situation where the Lyd valley opens out (plate 23). The church (St. Andrew) has a pleasant exterior, with some 13th century work in the chancel, but the interior is totally uninteresting as a result of thorough restoration in

1885. There was formerly a large quarry, opened in 1778, which produced excellent slates for roofing, tombstones, chimney-pieces, billiard tables, etc.

Cotleigh

Cotleigh is located within East Devon local authority area. Historically it formed part of Colyton Hundred. It falls within Honiton Vol 1 Deanery for ecclesiastical purposes. The Deaneries are used to arrange the typescript Church Notes of B.F.Cresswell which are held in the Westcountry Studies Library.

The population was 214 in 1801 186 in 1901. Figures for other years are available on the local studies website. The lay subsidy of 1524 valued the community at £05/08/01.

A parish history file is held in Honiton Library. You can look for other material on the community by using the place search on the main local studies database. Further historical information is also available on the Genuki website.

Maps

The image below is of the Cotleigh area on Donn's one inch to the mile survey of 1765.



- On the County Series Ordnance Survey mapping the area is to be found on 1:2,500 sheet 59/13,14
- Six inch (1:10560) sheet 59SW
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is ST205023
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
 - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) sheet ST20SW
 - Explorer (1:25,000) mapping sheet 030
 - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping sheet 192
- Geological sheet 326 also covers the area

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Cotleigh is a small cluster of houses on a high ridge of the Blackdown Hills. The church (St. Petrock) is mostly 15th century, pleasant but of no great interest, with a rebuilt chancel (1867). The font and wagon roofs should be noticed.

Countess Wear

Countess Wear is located within Exeter local authority area. Historically it formed part of Wonford Hundred. It falls within Exeter Deanery for ecclesiastical purposes. The Deaneries are used to arrange the typescript Church Notes of B.F.Cresswell which are held in the Westcountry Studies Library.

A parish history file is held in Topsham Library. You can look for other material on the community by using the place search on the main local studies database. Further historical information is also available on the Genuki website.

Maps

The image below is of the Countess Wear area on Donn's one inch to the mile survey of 1765.



- On the County Series Ordnance Survey mapping the area is to be found on 1:2,500 sheet 80/15
- Six inch (1:10560) sheet 80SE
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is SX945897
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
 - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) sheet SX99SW SX98NW,E
 - Explorer (1:25,000) mapping sheet 114
 - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping sheet 192
- Geological sheet 325 also covers the area

Countisbury

Countisbury is located within North Devon local authority area. Historically it formed part of Sherwill Hundred. It falls within Shirwell Deanery for ecclesiastical purposes. The Deaneries are used to arrange the typescript Church Notes of B.F.Cresswell which are held in the Westcountry Studies Library.

The population was 120 in 1801 279 in 1901. Figures for other years are available on the local studies website. In 1641/2 41 adult males signed the Protestation returns.

A parish history file is held in Lynton Library. You can look for other material on the community by using the place search on the main local studies database. Further historical information is also available on the Genuki website.

Maps

The image below is of the Countisbury area on Donn's one inch to the mile survey of 1765.



- On the County Series Ordnance Survey mapping the area is to be found on 1:2,500 sheet 3/10
- Six inch (1:10560) sheet 3SW
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is SS747497
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
 - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) sheet SS74NW
 - Explorer (1:25,000) mapping sheet 139
 - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping sheet 180
- Geological sheet 277 also covers the area

Illustrations

The image below is of Countisbury as included in the Library's illustrations collection. Other images can be searched for on the local studies catalogue.



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Countisbury has been identified with *arx Cynuit*, where Odda, the ealdorman of Devon, inflicted a decisive defeat on the Danes in 878. The precise scene of the battle was the earthwork, about 1 m. W. of the village, on the high neck of land between the Lyn gorge and the sea.

The parish contains superb coastal and moorland scenery, rising to 1,125 ft. at Kipscombe Hill and 1,136 ft. at Old Barrow Hill. Foreland Point is a hog-backed cliff rising to over 700 ft., with a lighthouse first lit in 1900. There was a Roman signal station at Old Barrow, somewhat NE. of the summit of the hill, commanding the Bristol Channel. It is a square enclosure with rounded angles, enclosed by a triple vallum and ditch, the outer vallum being a large circle.

Countisbury church (St. John the Baptist) is of little interest, having been rebuilt and enlarged at various dates between 1796 and 1846. It contains, however, a post-Reformation chancel screen upon which a classic pediment of late 17th century work is superimposed