

## Abbots Bickington

Abbots Bickington is located within Torrington local authority area. Historically it formed part of Black Torrington Hundred. It falls within Holsworthy 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 68 in 1801 61 in 1901. Figures for other years are available on the local studies website. In 1641/2 18 adult males signed the Protestation returns. A parish history file is held in Holsworthy 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 Abbots Bickington 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 39:7 Six inch (1:10560) sheet 39:NE
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is SS385133.
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
  - 1:10,000 (six inch to a mile) sheet SS31SE;
  - Explorer (1:25,000) mapping sheet 126;
  - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping sheet 190
- Geological sheet 307 also covers the area

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ABBOTS BICKINGTON formed part of the original endowment of Hartland abbey *temp.* Henry II, which retained it until the Dissolution. Culsworthy was a small Domesday estate.

The church (St. James) is a pleasing little building, mainly of early 14th century date. It has a small spire, most unusual for Devon. The tower is plastered outside, giving it the character of an old engraving, but concealing its true age. It is probably c. 1300.

The church was Victorianised in 1868 in a not unpleasing way. The E. contains some medieval glass, and the chancel is floored with a considerable number of late medieval tiles, in common with many churches in this part of Devon. The only monument is Sir Amyas Pollard, bart. (1701) his son Thomas (1710). Court the church, where he lived and died, is so called the abbots of Hartland held manor courts here.

## **Abbotsham**

Abbotsham is located within Torridge local authority area. Historically it formed part of Shebbear Hundred. It falls within Hartland 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 313 in 1801 451 in 1901. Figures for other years are available on the local studies website. In 1641/2 179 adult males signed the Protestation returns.

### **Maps**

The image below is of the Abbotsham 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 19/5 Six inch (1:10560) sheet 19NW
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is SS425265
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
  - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) sheet SS42NW
  - Explorer (1:25,000) mapping sheet 139
  - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping sheet 180
- Geological sheet 292 also covers the area

A parish history file is held in Bideford 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.

### **Illustrations**

The image below is of Abbotsham as included in the Library's illustrations collections (SC0001). Other images can be searched for on the local studies catalogue.



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Abbotsham takes its name from the fact that it formed part of the original endowment of Tavistock in the late 10th century. The parish church (St. Helen) has a fine Norman font, but the fabric was rebuilt in the early 13th century and a tower added on the S. side c. 1300. A remarkably good set of carved bench-ends (early 16th century) call for detailed study. Among the designs are the emblems of the Passion, two full length saints, the Bourchier knot, and several ornamental initials. There is a good monument to John Willett, 1736. Abbotsham Court has some 16th century work. Combe appears to be largely of early 17th century date. Cornborough is Georgian and earlier.

## Abbotskerswell



Abbotskerswell is located within Teignbridge local authority area. Historically it formed part of Haytor Hundred. It falls within Mortenhampstead 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.

In 1641/2 74 adult males signed the Protestation returns.

A parish history file is held in Newton Abbot library & Kingskerswell 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 Abbotskerswell 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 115/3 Six inch (1:10560) sheet 115NE
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is SX857688.
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
  - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) sheet SX86NE
  - Explorer (1:25,000) mapping: sheet 031
  - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping: sheet 202
- Geological sheet 339 also covers the area

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

Abbotskerswell was held by the abbot of Horton in Dorset in 1086. The church (St. Mary) is mainly 15th century with some remains of 13th century work in the chancel. Font and screen are 15th century. The screen, much restored but very good, has a beautiful vine leaf enrichment of the cornice and excellent tracery. The attractive medieval statue of the Virgin Mary was found at the restoration of the church by Butterfield. The 16th century Church House is a good example of its kind.

## Alfington

Alfington is located within East Devon local authority area. Historically it formed part of Ottery St. Mary Hundred. It falls within Ottery St. Mary 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 Ottery St Mary 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 Alfington 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 70/10 Six inch (1:10560) sheet 70SW
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is SY114978
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
  - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) sheet SY19NW
  - Explorer (1:25,000) mapping sheet 030
  - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping: sheet 192
- Geological sheet 326 also covers the area.

## **Alphington**

Alphington is located within Exeter local authority area. Historically it formed part of Wonford Hundred. It falls within Kenn 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 845 in 1801 1113 in 1901. Figures for other years are available on the local studies website. In 1641/2 196 adult males signed the Protestation returns.

A parish history file is held in St Thomas 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 Alphington 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 80/14 Six inch (1:10560) sheet 80SW
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is SX919899
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
  - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) sheet SX99SW, SX98NW
  - Explorer (1:25,000) mapping sheet 114
  - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping sheet 192
- Geological sheet 325 also covers the area

### **Illustrations**

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Alphington has been suburbanised by its proximity to Exeter, but there is still much decent 18th century and early 19th century building. Mile End Cottage, beside the Exeter road, is the house in which Charles Dickens installed his parents in 1839. Facing the church is a good specimen of an early 17th century Devon farmhouse. The parish church (St. Michael) is almost entirely a 15th century building, with a good tower. The 12th century Beer stone font is one of the finest of its period in Devon. The rood-screen is 15th century but the N. aisle screen is different in design and execution and may have come from another church. The screen across the tower arch was made up from the remains of the former Jacobean gallery (1625) demolished in 1875.