

West Alvington

West Alvington is located within South Hams local authority area. Historically it formed part of Stanborough Hundred. It falls within Woodleigh 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 655 in 1801 940 in 1901. Figures for other years are available on the local studies website. The lay subsidy of 1524 valued the community at £13/13/04. In 1641/2 174 adult males signed the Protestation returns. It is recorded as a borough from 1272. A market is recorded from 14 cent..

A parish history file is held in Kingsbridge 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 West Alvington 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 136/2
- Six inch (1:10560) sheet 136NW
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is SX724438
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
 - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) sheet SX74SW
 - Outdoor Leisure (1:25,000) mapping sheet 20
 - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping sheet 202
- Geological sheet 355 also covers the area

A fair is known from: 14 cent.. [It is intended to include the local section from The glove is up! Devon's historic fairs, by Tricia Gerrish, by kind permission of the author].

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West Alvington stands boldly on a hill overlooking Kingsbridge, commanding wide views towards the sea. This site determined its early occupation, probably not much later than 700. It was a royal estate in 1066 and was alienated from the crown by Henry I. The parish originally included all the land as far as the sea, for Malborough, Salcombe, South Huish, and South Milton were all chapelries of Alvington in medieval times. The present parish church (All Saints) is a noble 15th century building in the hard green local slate, with a fine pinnacled tower. The lofty arcades are of Beer stone, brought by water. The church possessed until its restoration in 1866-67 a medieval rood-screen across nave and aisles, complete with rood-loft and a pulpit on top of that. In the chancel is a canopied Easter sepulchre, formerly a tomb.

West Anstey

West Anstey is located within North Devon local authority area. Historically it formed part of South Molton Hundred. It falls within South Molton 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 215 in 1801 192 in 1901. Figures for other years are available on the local studies website. In 1641/2 60 adult males signed the Protestation returns.

A parish history file is held in South Molton 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 West Anstey 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 23/3
- Six inch (1:10560) sheet 23NE
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is SS852275
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
 - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) sheet SS82NE
 - Explorer (1:25,000) mapping sheet 114
 - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping sheet 181
- Geological sheet 294 also covers the area

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West Anstey has a 15th century church (St. Petrock), much restored in 1880, with a Norman font. Ringcombe was a small Domesday estate.

West Buckland

West Buckland is located within North Devon local authority area. Historically it formed part of Braunton Hundred. It falls within South Molton 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 257 in 1801 277 in 1901. Figures for other years are available on the local studies website. In 1641/2 45 adult males signed the Protestation returns.

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Maps

The image below is of the West Buckland 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 14/11
- Six inch (1:10560) sheet 14SE
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is SS657313
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
 - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) sheet SS63SE
 - Outdoor Leisure (1:25,000) mapping sheet 09
 - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping sheet 180
- Geological sheet 293 also covers the area

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West Buckland The church (St. Peter) was almost entirely rebuilt, except the tower, in 1863-4 and is devoid of interest. West Buckland School was founded in 1858 to provide a public school education for boys of the middle class. The Gothic buildings date from 1860-1. Furze and Stoodleigh were Domesday estates.

West Down

West Down is located within North Devon local authority area. Historically it formed part of Braunton Hundred. It falls within Barnstaple 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 257 in 1801 553 in 1901. Figures for other years are available on the local studies website. In 1641/2 20 adult males signed the Protestation returns.

A parish history file is held in Braunton 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 West Down 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 5/13
- Six inch (1:10560) sheet 5SW
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is SS516420
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
 - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) sheet SS54SW
 - Explorer (1:25,000) mapping sheet 139
 - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping sheet 180
- Geological sheet 293 also covers the area

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West Down is in open, undulating country, from which it takes its name. Besides Down itself, a number of hamlets and farms are of considerable antiquity. Aylescott, Bradwell, and West Stowford Barton are all recorded in Domesday. Crackaway Barton is first recorded in 1242, but the first element of the name may well be Celtic (*krako*, denoting "rock" or something similar).

The church is of unusual interest. It resembles Tawstock in being largely an early 14th century cruciform church. The tower was, however, rebuilt in 1712 and the chancel was rebuilt in 1675 in its old style. The N. transept was the Stowford chapel and contains the wooden effigy, life-size, of Sir John Stowford (c.1290-c.1372), dressed in his robes of a sergeant-at-law. The colouring on the effigy was renewed in 1873. He was born and died at West Stowford Barton, and was a justice of the Common Pleas 1342-72. The transept has a fine early 14th century oak roof of unusual shape. The dedication of the church is now said to be to St. Calixtus, but was formerly given as Holy Trinity. The manor house adjoins the churchyard. It dates from about 1580-1600 and contains a ground-floor room with a richly decorated plaster ceiling, an elaborate mantelpiece, and contemporary oak panelling.

West Hill

West Hill is located within East Devon local authority area. Historically it formed part of Ottery Hundred. It falls within Ottery 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.

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The image below is of the West Hill 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 81/4
- Six inch (1:10560) sheet 81NE
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is SY072938
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
 - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) sheet SY09SE
 - Explorer (1:25,000) mapping sheet 030
 - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping sheet 192
- Geological sheet 325 also covers the area