

Crime and Punishment

Baverstock



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.

Surname	Given Names	Crime	Newspaper report
Snook	James	Stealing eight sheepskins, the property of Alex. Powell Esq., at Baverstock; And also stealing two sheepskins the property of J. M. Sidford, of Barford St. Martin. <i>Outcome:</i> Imprisoned for nine months for each separate offence in the House of Corrections, Devizes.	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 23 October, 1815
Rudge	Chas.	Of Baverstock for breaches of the game-laws <i>Outcome:</i> Two months to House of Correction, Devizes.	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 17 February, 1834
Charlton	Jas.	For stealing one iron bar, the property of Herbert Smith of Baverstock. <i>Outcome:</i> Committed to the Prison, Devizes for 3 months.	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 24 November, 1870