

# Crime and Punishment

## *Baverstock*



### **Stealing Iron:**

At the Council House, on Tuesday, James Charlton was charged with having, on the 14<sup>th</sup> ult., stolen an iron bar valued at five shillings, the property of Mr Herbert Smith, of Baverstock. Luke Snook, a shepherd in the employ of the prosecutor, deposed that he left the bar at his master's fold in the field, and on going to the spot the next morning he missed it, and immediately told Mr Smith of the loss. Sergeant porter, of the county police stationed at Dinton, from information received, went to Sutton Mandeville on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., and there, in a garden belonging to Mr Wm. Baker, for whom the prisoner worked, he saw the bar which he then produced. About four o'clock the prisoner came to Mr Baker's house, when witness charged him with stealing the bar. He replied that he had had it from Robert Francis, but afterwards acknowledged stealing it, and asked witness to be allowed to ask Mr Smith's forgiveness. The prisoner was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

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