



Crime Reports

Roundway, Bishops Cannings 1800-1849

1832

Committed To The House Of Correction Devizes. Henry Drew, for one month, for leaving the service of William Cook, of Roundway, in the parish of Bishops Cannings. William Slade, for one month, for stealing a quantity of beans from the growing crop of William Cook, of Roundway, in the parish of Bishops Cannings's. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal 27 August 1832**

At the Devizes Petty Sessions on Tuesday. 3 men named, Smith, Alford, and Smith, were fined 10s. each, and costs, for stealing potatoes from a field at Roundway, the property of James King.

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette 6 September 1838

1838

Several depredations have lately been committed in the neighbourhood of Devizes; a few weeks since, the house of Mrs. White, near the turning from the London road to Mr. Coward's, of Roundway, was robbed of various articles of linen and wearing apparel, amounting to more than £10 value; and during the night of Sunday week, some thieves broke into the dwelling house of Mrs. Hayward, of Roundway, they effected an entrance through a window, and making their way into the larder, which was well stored, decamped with the whole of its contents. **Wiltshire Independent 1 November 1838**

1845

Petty Sessions – Devizes Division. Monday, Nov. 24 – Before the Hon. Admiral Bouverie, Mr. Sotheron, M.P. Mr. F. Locke, and Mr. Colston. John Castle, a carter in the employ of Mr. Coward, of Roundway, was summoned for assaulting a boy named George King, employed on the same farm. The parties were working together ploughing and harrowing, and for some neglect, or supposed neglect, the defendant on three occasions ill-used King; on the first he cut his hand open with a whip; next he pulled his ears so that blood ran from them; and on the last occasion he beat him with a whip. Other acts of brutality to other boys were given in evidence. The Bench after severely reprimanding the defendant for his brutality fined him 1s. and costs. **Wiltshire Independent 27 November 1845**

1846

John Ashley, for 14 days, for wilfully damaging a quantity of wheat, the property of Richard Coward of Roundway. [OPC Note: Committed to the New Prison, Devizes.] **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette 3 September 1846**

Committed to the New Prison, Devizes. Charles King, 2 months, destroying game at Roundway. For Trial Charles King, stealing a bolting of straw, the property of Charlotte Bunce, at Purton.

Wiltshire Independent 29 October 1846

Samuel Whitlock, charged with the stealing half a bushel of wheat, the property of Richard Coward at Roundway **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette 17 December 1846**

1847

Wilts. Quarter Sessions – Sentences of the prisoners Acquitted &c. Samuel Whitlock
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 9 January 1847

1848

Petty Sessions – Devizes Division. Before Admiral Bouverie, Major Grubbe, H. C. Schonberg, and
R. P. Nisbett, Esqrs. Henry Bullock, for poaching at Roundway, was committed for one month.
Wiltshire Independent 31 August 1848

1849

Wiltshire County Sessions James Langford, 22, was indicted for stealing from the dwelling house of
Henry Ettery, at Roundway, two loaves of bread, two pounds weight of cheese, a case knife, a silk
handkerchief, a pair of boots &c. his property. The prosecutor in this case was an under keeper to Mrs.
Colston, of Roundway Park, and the prisoner was a tramp, obtaining a livelihood by begging, &c.
On the day of the robbery, the latter called at several houses in the village of Roundway, and at last went
to that of Ettery. Here, finding no one at home, he walked in, and having broken open the kitchen door,
secured the articles mentioned, and tying them up in a bundle, decamped. The owner of the property
returning soon after and finding of the robbery, went in pursuit of the thief, and shortly overtaking him,
secured him with the things in his possession. The jury found him guilty, and was sentenced to four
months hard labour. **Wiltshire Independent 22 February 1849**

At the Devizes District Petty Sessions on Monday last, George Bishop and William Drew, labourers of
Horton were summoned by Thomas Miles for using wires at Roundway and committed for 14 days each.
Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette 27 December 1849