

CORONERS INQUESTS



Ebbesbourne Wake – Sarah Ellís

An inquiry was gone into on Thursday, at Ebbesbourne Wake, before **R. M. Wilson, esq.**, coroner, touching the death of **Sarah Ellis**, the wife of a blacksmith at Alvediston.

Deceased was found at North Down, in the parish of Ebbesbourne Wake, quite dead.

On the previous Monday she had left home to go to Sutton Mandeville to fetch some cabbage plants, leaving word with her husband that she should return at about three o'clock.

She did not do so, but the next morning her husband was told that her body had been found. Her shawl, umbrella, basket and bundle were found dropped in the road at intervals, and the conclusion was that she had been in liquor; but the evidence of a person living at Sutton Mandeville, at whose house she was last seen, goes to show that she was perfectly sober when she left.

There were no marks of violence on her person, but some scratches on her knees, which might have been received in her fall. Under these circumstances the jury returned a verdict of "Found Dead"; and the Coroner took occasion to comment in rather severe terms on the want of feeling in the husband in not taking steps to discover her when he found she did not return on Monday at the time she named.

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