

Police Protection Wanted

At the meeting of the Standing Joint Committee of the Wilts County Council today an application from the Parish Council for the appointment of a constable will be considered. The documentary evidence to be submitted is as follows:

 Wishford, Salisbury, December 17th, 1900, Gentlemen - At a meeting of the Wishford Parish Council, held on the 4th of this month, a resolution was passed calling your attention to the need of a police constable to be stationed at Wishford. There is now a large floating population in the neighbourhood, and both for the protection of property and for proper supervision a constable is very much needed. The increase of traffic since the advent of the military in the neighbourhood, and other work also, has been immense.

I am, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant, Wm. Hatfield, (Clerk to the Wishford Parish Council.)

Wishford Rectory, Salisbury, December 27th, 1900,
Dear Sir, I beg to enclose a petition from this locality, and I do so in the earnest hope that for the
preservation of law and order, it may be of some effect.
Yours very truly, J. L. Macdonald.

To the Standing Joint Committee of the Wilts County Council, The undersigned residents of Wishford and its locality desire to bring before the Standing Joint Committee the need of additional police for the locality, and the desirability of a police constable being stationed at Wishford or Stoford. They consider that the greatly increased traffic to and from Wishford Station owing to the proximity of the East and West Down Camps, the continuous entraining and detraining of troops during a great part of the year, the importation of labour for work on the G.W. Railway are reasons which will commend this petition to the favourable consideration of the Wilts County Council. The signatories are as under:

Surname	Given Names	Position
Beckett	Robert	Assistant Overseer
Bond	J. E. G.	Vicar of South Newton
Brown	John	Of Chilhampton
Coombes	James	Farmer

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Dobell	Tom	Shopkeeper
Dolman	H. J.	Publican
Futt	Francis	Butcher
Green	M.	Publican
Hatfield	W.	Schoolmaster
Hitchings	J.	Stationmaster
King	J.	Shopkeeper
Lucas	H.	
Macdonald	F. W.	Rector of Wishford
Martin	H. C.	Farmer
May	T.	Wood Dealer
Mundy	T. G.	Builder
Noake	Emily	
Petty	M. A.	Publican
Plowman	George	Mason
Scamell	H. C.	Tailor
Scott	A. A. E.	Coal Merchant
Smith	John	Blacksmith
Swanton	George	Farmer of South Newton
Thatcher	J.	Farmer
Young	George M.	Chairman of the Parish Council

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