

Former site of Fisherton Gaol

## **Execution of Richard Potter**

On 11 August 1789 for Richard Potter was buried in West Lavington after execution at Fisherton Gaol.

Newspaper reports about his crime follow:-

Richard Potter of Market Lavington, gardener, was committed to Fisherton jail for stealing a brown mare, the property of Richard Watts of Steeple Ashton. **Bath Chronicle, 2 July 1789** 

Several prisoners sentenced to death including "Richard Potter, charged on the oath of Richard Watts of Hinton with stealing a brown mare from out of a common called Littleton's Wood, the property of the said Richard Watts." **Hampshire Chronicle, Saturday, 1 August 1789** 

Potter was hanged on 11 August 1789 at Fisherton gallows together with three other prisoners. "They all behaved in a manner becoming their dreadful situation and severally confessed the commission of the crimes for which they suffered." **Bath Chronicle, 20 August 1789**