

Term Used in Years Gone By	Modern Day Equivalent
Dab	Expert
Dadacky	Rickity; Unsafe
Daia	Dairymaid
Dairier	Dairyman
Danter	Worker in silk mill
Dapifer	One who brings meat to the table
Daps	Plimsols
Dateler	One who works by the day and not regularly employed
Daubator	Plasterer
Dauber	Builder of walls with clay or mud mixed with straw; plasterer
Daughter	Sometimes used for daughter-in-law; or step daughter
Daughter in law	Wife of son; sometimes step daughter
Daunsel	Gentleman-in-waiting, groom or squire
Daya	Dairymaid
Day-maid	Dairymaid
Day-man	Labourer hired by the day
Daytail man	One who works by the day and not regularly employed
Daytaleman	Labourer hired by the day
Deal runner	Carrier of timber from ship to quayside
Dealbator	Plasterer
Deathsman	Executioner
Decimer	Dozener
Deemer	A judge on the Isle of Man, Jersey and Scotland
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Deforciant	Defendant
Delinquent	Name used for Royalist supporter during the Commonwealth Period
Delver	One who digs with a spade; ditcher
Delvere	One who digs with a spade; ditcher
Dempster	A judge on the Isle of Man, Jersey and Scotland
Demster	A judge on the Isle of Man
Departer	One who refines metals by separation
Depositer	One who arranges the oven in biscuit making
Deutergimist	One who marries a second time
Deviller	One who operated a rag tearing machine
Dewpond	Constructed Pond on the Downs not fed by a spring, river or stream but which depended on mist, dew and rain to fill it
Dexter	Dyer
Deye	Dairyman
Dey-wife	Dairywoman
Dicher	Digger
Dick and his team	The Great Bear/The Plough (Star Constellations)
Dickerer	Barterer
Dicky	Weak; Ill Health
Dictour	Judge or guardian
Dikeman	Hedger or ditcher
Diker	Hedger or ditcher
Dike-reve	Officer who superintends dikes and drains in marshland
Dimmet	Dusk; Twilight
Dimpsy	Dusk; Twilight
Disher	Maker of bowls or dishes
Dispendere	Steward
Distrainer	One who seizes goods for debt or service
Distributer	Assistant or deputy overseer of the poor
Doctor	Not of medicine; of law or divinity
Doffer	Textile worker

Terms and Occupations

Dog leech	Veterinarian
Dognoper	Parish beady (more often used in Yorkshire)
Dog-whipper	Parishioner responsible for driving dogs out of church
Doliarius	Cooper
Domel	Stupid; Dull; Foolish
Domesman	Judge, umpire or doomsman
Dominie	Schoolmaster or pedagogue
Domitor	Tamer
Domitoris	Tamer
Dommerar	Beggar who pretended to be dumb
Donzel	Prospective knight
Doomsman	Member of jury of manorial court
Door-keeper	Whore
Dorcas	Seamstress
Doster	Daughter
Dother	Daughter
Doughter	Daughter
Dowter	Daughter
Doxy	Unmarried mistress of a beggar or rogue
Doyghter	Daughter
Dozener	Burghal officer elected by householders to make presentments at court leets in towns; also a juryman
Dozey	Sleepy; Stupid
Drag	Harrow
Dragman	Fisherman who uses a drag-net
Dragsman	One who manages a drag (harrow); one who steals from carriages
Drane	Drangway; Drung; Narrow passage between houses
Drasher	Thresher
Draw-boy	Assistant in weaving, especially in shawl making
Drawer	Operative in comb, straw, tube, wire, coal and gas industries; tapster or waiter
Draw-latch	Thief
Dregister	Druggist (More often used in Suffolk)
Dresser	Cleaner of ore
Dribble	Servant
Dribs and Drabs	Bits and Pieces; Odds and Ends; In Tatters
Drister	Daughter
Drofman	Herdsmen
Drogman	Interpreter
Droil	Sluggard, drone
Drotchel	Idle wench, sluggard (in Scotland)
Drover	One who drives cattle or sheep to market
Drowner	Water meadow keeper; Man who attended hatches and maintained the water supply
Druth	Very dry; Drought
Dry as a gix	A gix is a dried nettle stem
Drysalter	Dealer in drugs, dyestuffs, colours, etc.; formerly a dealer in salted or dy meats, pickles etc.
Dryth	Very dry; Drought
Dubber	Leather dresser; trimmer or binder of book
Dubbere	Cloth dubber; one who raises nap of cloth
Duckstone	A game played with stones
Ductner	Carrier; officer belonging to the court
Ductor	Carrier; officer belonging to the court
Dudder	Maker of coarse cloths
Dudder	Bewilder; Confuse; Deafen with noise
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Duffer	Hawker often of sham jewels
Dumble	Stupid; Dull; Foolish

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Dummel	Stupid; Dull; Foolish
Dung-pot	Dung cart
Dunner	One employed in soliciting payment of debts
Dunnikin	Earth Closet
Dunny	Earth Closet
Duther	Bewilder; Confuse; Deafen with noise
Dyer	One who gives new colour to cloth; also dyster
Dyeshere	Ditcher
Dyster	One who gives new colour to cloth; also dyer