

Term Used in Years Gone By	Modern Day Equivalent
Pack-drapeer	One who went around villages visiting cottages with several men carrying the goods in packs
Packers	Persons employed in barrelling herrings; Any kind on activity where goods are packed in boxes or containers for shipment or sale elsewhere
Pack-man	Peddler
Paedogogue	Schoolmaster; Teacher
Palingman	Fishmonger
Palliard	Vagabond
Palliser	Maker of palings
Pallister	Maker of palings
Palmer	Pilgrim to the Holy Land
Pandoxator	Brewer
Paneler	Saddler
Pannarius	Clothier
Pannebeter	Pan-hammerer or cloth driver
Pannicius	Baker
Pantler	One in charge of the bread in large establishments; Butler
Pantony	Pantry
Papiropalus	Paper maker
Parcel-makers	2 Officers in Exchequer who make out the parcels of the exchequer's accounts and deliver them to the auditors of that court
Parcener	Co-heir
Parcheminer	Parchment maker
Pardoner	One licensed to sell Papal indulgencies
Pargeter	Ornamental plasterer
Paritor	Beadle
Parker	Park-keeper; Officer responsible for care of game in park land; Caretaker
Parmentor	Parchment maker; Tailor
Parochym	Parishioner
Pasteler	Maker of pastry
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Pastor	Shepherd; Minister
Patron	Superintendent of a bakehouse; Someone of high esteem to act as a figure-head for an organisation such as a charity or trust; Customer
Pattenmaker	Maker of shoes with high heels; maker of iron rimmed pattens
Pavier	Repairer of paving stones or slabs
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Payser	One that weighs
Peace	Keeper Dog-whipper; Member of the armed forces serving with a multicultural force on peave-keeping duty in regions of unrest or conflict
Peager	Toll-Keeper
Peasant	Countryman of humble social status
Pebble-boster	One who breaks stones for mending roads
Peck	Pickaxe; Old measure of weight
Pecuaris	Grazier
Peddar	Badger
Peddler	Travelling hawker who carries a ped (basket)
Peder	Small farmer; Cottar or cottager (often found in Lincolnshire)
Pedar	Travelling hawker who carries a ped (basket)
Pedler	Travelling hawker who carries a ped (basket)
Peel	Lacemaking pillow
Peeler	Policeman; Constable
Peelmaker	Maker of baker's shovels
Pegged it	To run really fast; also to have died
Peilitarius	Skinner; Tanner

Pellicarius	Skinner; Fellmonger
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Pelt	In a passion or a rage
Penny-father	Penurious person; Person of very poor background; Beggar; Vagrant
Pepperer	Grocer
Perchemear	Parchment maker
Peregrinator	Traveller
Perrugue	Wig maker
Peruke maker	Wig maker
Pessoner	Fishmonger
Pestor	Baker
Peterman	Fisherman
Pettifogger	Petty low rated lawyer
Petty Constable	Parish as opposed to district high constable
Pewterer	Worker in pewter
Picaroon	Pirate; Plunderer
Picked	Sickly looking person
Picker	One employed in weaving
Picky	Sickly looking person
Pictor	Painter
Piecener	One who pieces; patcher
Piecer	One who pieces; patcher
Pigged	Sickly looking person
Pigman	Crockery dealer
Pig-poker	Pig driver
Pikeman	Millers assistant
Piker	Gipsy; Tramp in Sussex
Piky	Gipsy in Kent
Pilcher	Maker of hide garments
Pileo	Hatter
Piller	Robber
Pilot	Director of ships course; Leadsman
Pinder	One responsible for rounding up stray animals and confining them in the pound or pinfold
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Pioneer	One who levels roads or sinks mines in military operations
Piper	Innkeeper in Devon
Piscarius	Fishmonger
Piscator	Fisherman
Pistor	Baker; Miller
Pitch	Steep place
Pitchin	Paving using large flagstones with small normally uneven stone edging used on steep or slippery slopes
Pit-man	One working below ground; Man under ground making timber props for mines
Placeman	Government Official
Plait-dealer	Dealer in straw hat plaits
Planisher	One who smoothes or polishes
Planker	Worker in hat making
Plantifere	Hay and forage merchant
Plasher	Hedge layer
Platter	Braider
Plebeius	Commoner; Proleterian
Plim	To swell out
Plock	Log of Firewood, just large enough to fit into the grate

Plomer	Plumber
Plough jogger	Ploughman normally in Norfolk
Plumber	One who casts and works in lead making cisterns, sinks, gutters, pipes etc.
Plunger	Diver
Pluralist	Clergyman who holds more than one benefice.
Podder	Gatherer or seller of peas
Pointmaker	Maker of metal tags for laces
Poiser	One that weighs
Poker	One who made pokes (small bags or sacks)
Polcher	Poacher
Poleman	Surveyors assistant
Poler	Barber mostly in Cheshire
Polyphonist	Ventriloquist
Pomarius	Fruiterer
Ponderator	One who weighed goods at a market
Pontonier	Constructor or builder of bridges
Porail	The poor as a class
Porcarius	Swineherd
Porcorum emptor	Pig buyer
Porr	Plumber of glazier especially in Norfolk
Portionist	Joint incumbent of a benefice
Portitor	Ferryman
Portreeve	Chief magistrate of a port
Poser	Bishops Examining Chaplain
Poster	Courier
Postman and tubman	Experienced barrister in Court of Exchequer
Pot Hangels	Pot hooks
Pot-boiler	Housekeeper
Potor	Drinker
Pot-wabblers	One qualified to vote in certain boroughs because he was able to boil his own pot; also known as a potwalloper
Pot-walloper	Someone owning a house with a pot-well (fireplace) for cooking. In Wootton Bassett Pot-wallopers had voting rights.
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Poulter	Dealer in poultry and game
Pound-keeper	One who has the care of the cattle pound
Poverail	The poor as a class
Powler	Barber
Precarius	Boon worker
Precentor	Officer responsible for upkeep of parish footpaths especially in Yorkshire
Preceptor	Teacher
Prelector	Lecturer
Pressman	One who impresses sheets in printing; one who applies ink to printing blocks
Prestigiator	Juggler
Pricer	One whose duty was to regulate prices in a market
Prig-napper	Horse thief
Proctor	Person licensed to collect alms for hospitals and/or lepers; lawyer in ecclesiastical (including probate) courts
Procurator	Person licensed to collect alms for hospitals and/or lepers; lawyer in ecclesiastical (including probate) courts
Proiner	Pruner especially in Somerset
Propola	Huckster
Prouler	Cozenor or thief
Provant-master	One who provided apparel for soldiers
Proveditor	Purveyor who supplies provisions an army
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Provost	Constable
Publican	Toll Gatherer; Innkeeper
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Pucksey	Quagmire; dirty, messy muddy person
Puddler	One employed in process of turning pig/cast iron into wrought iron; Waterproofer of canal bed
Puefellow	Partner
Puffer	One hired to bid at sales to raise prices
Puggard	Thief
Pugger	Worker in brickmaking
Pugilist	Bare knucle fighter; Fist fighter; Boxer
Pulter	Poulterer
Punky	Chimney-sweep normally in Yorkshire
Purler	To have a heavy fall
Purser	Paymaster; Cashier at a mine
Put about	To worry or fret about something
Putter-out	One who distributes material from merchant to weavers who worked at home at piece-rate; also stockinger & bagman for framework knitters
Pynner	Pin maker