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The population of the township in 1841 was 778; and it contains 4,970 acres. The amount of assessed property is £7,661. and the rateable value of this township with Weald, is £6,678. The town consists of three streets meeting in the market place.

For the purposes of the poor law, Bampton and Weald are rated together; Aston and Coate have a single rate; and Lew, Shifford, and Brighthampton have each a separate assessment. All these however pay tithes to the vicars of Bampton, and until recently (with the exception of Shifford) had no other accommodation for public worship, save that afforded by the mother church of Bampton.

Bampton is not incorporated; but there is a board of inspectors appointed under the Watching and Lighting act.

The streets are ignorant of the illuminating properties of gas; but a plan of lighting the town with a mineral spirit scarcely inferior to gas, has already been adopted with complete success; and the lives and property of the inhabitants are under the guardian care of a single policeman. The Market-day is Wednesday but the market has almost fallen into disuse. A fair is held on the 26th of August and following day; the first day is for the sale of horses and cattle, of which there is always a large show; and the second is devoted to pleasure seekers. The attendance is generally good, and the business done considerable.

A little westward of the church are some of the remaining pieces of a castle, which is said to have been built by King John, though, in general character it appears not to be older than the reign of Edward the second or third. Aylmer de Valence, earl of Pembroke had permission of king Edward II. to make a castle of his house at Bampton, and these are doubtless the remains of that fortress. They are now formed into two farm-houses, called the Ham Court and Castle farm, and the most perfect part of the remains consist of an interesting upper room with a fine groined roof, reached by a spiral staircase; and part of a battlemented wall.

The living is a vicarage, divided into three portions, to which the dean and chapter of Exeter present. The present incumbents are Rev. Cranley Iancet Kirby, Rev. Dacres Adams, M.A., and Rev. Ralph Barnes, M.A. The first and last named are non-resident, holding other preferments, and the duties of their office are performed by curates. At the inclosures, in 1812, three estates were set apart for the vicars, and Bampton, Weald, and Lew, became tithe-free. Brighthampton tithes produce about £120. per annum, the commutation not being yet completed. The following sums have been apportioned in lieu of tithes:

Aston and Coate, £550; Chimney, £107.10s; and Shifford Old and New, £127. There is also a payment of £100. received from Clanfield, and smaller sums payable from Standlake and elsewhere. The total income from all these sources amounts to between £1,500. and £2,000. per annum.

Upon the death of any of the present vicars, a new ecclesiastical arrangement will take place; Aston, Lew, and Bampton (with their dependences) being constituted separate parishes.

'The Baptist' denomination of dissenters have very neat and commodious place of worship here; and like several of the chapels belonging to the same sect in this district it is endowed. The present minister is the Rev. J. Jackson, of Aston.

'The Grammar School' which is an old picturesque building, was founded by Robert Vesey, Esq. of Chimney, in 1670, who left £300. for the instruction of all boys living in the parishes of Bampton and Yelford. The endowment was further augmented by a gift of £100. from John Palmer in 1650. The rents exclusive of the school house, now yield about £30. The master is the Rev. Francis Biddulph. There is only one pupil we believe, instructed there at the present time, (December, 1851). This is owing to the system of education prescribed by the charter, which is not in accordance with the wants of such a population as that of Bampton.

'The National School', which is numerously attended, is supported partly by endowment and partly by subscriptions. The rents of the Shilton estate, and the income of Mary Dewe's charity, are applied to this school, as well as the dividend from Mary Croft's gift.

'Fetty Sessions' for the Bampton hundred are held here fortnightly, at the town-hall, the magistrates usually attending are F. Whittaker, Esq., and Rev. Dacres Adams.

'The Deanery Manor House' is a large modern building near the church, occupied by F. Whittaker, Esq.

## Hamlets.

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Aston, the principal hamlet, is about two miles from Bampton, on the road to Standlake. The rateable value is £3,126.; amount of assessed property, £3,496; and the population in 1841 was 523 souls.

The manor of Aston was granted before 1249 to Hubert Fogges. It was for many generations in the hands of the Horde family, from whom it passed to H. Hipplesley, Esq, of Lamboevin place, Berkshire, the present possessor. It is held of the superior manor of Bampton, by the presentation of a sword and by the payment of 1s. 6d. This sum is paid annually at Cole House, where the manor courts are held.

'A church' was erected here in 1839, by subscription and grants from various sources. The building is cruciform in shape, commodious in size, but exceedingly plain in construction. The tower is very low, and intended for a spire. A native of this place, left a sum of money which is to accumulate until sufficient is realised to build a steeple. Mr. Fox left by will £4. per annum, to aid in the maintenance of the structure for ever. The style of architecture is early English.

There is a 'British School' in the village, sometimes used as a 'Baptist Chapel'. Near it is the residence of the minister, the Rev. J. Jackson.

Cote or Coate, unite with Aston, is about half-a-mile east of that place, and consists of about 30 houses. The population in 1841 was 204 souls.

'Cote Chapel' is the meeting place of a numerous and respectable body of dissenters of the Baptist denomination, and is endowed with a house for the minister, and an annual stipend. A burial ground is attached.

Cote House ( the manor House) formerly the seat of the Hordes, now the property of H. Hipplesley, Esq., is the residence of Mr. Richard Townley. It was probably built in the reign of Elizabeth or James I. The interior has been dismantled to enrich the new mansion of the proprietor at Lambourne.

Chimney, near the river, consists only of two farms. It is generally inundated during the winter. It has a separate rate, the assessment being £560. It contains 620 acres.

Brighthampton, is another hamlet, near Standlake, with no object of interest to note. The rateable value is £684. Number of acres 410.

Lew, is situated on rising ground, two miles on the road to Witney, and the rateable value is £1,340. Number of acres 1,500.

The first stone of Lew Church, which is dedicated to the Holy Trinity, was laid May 1st, 1841, the site being granted by Johnathan Amott, Esq. It is a very beautiful building, though compressed in size. It possesses a stone altar. In the centre lancet right of the east window, is a curious design in coloured glass illustrative of the Holy Trinity. There is a small Baptist Chapel here.

Shifford is a chapelry about two miles from Aston, and consists of two farms which are called severally old and new Shifford. The rateable value is £900.; number of acres 880.

It is asserted that Shifford was once a very considerable place ; as it is, it consists of two farm houses and a few cottages.

It was here King Alfred held one of the first parliaments held in England. In a MS in the Cottonian library this circumstance is thus translated;-

"There sate at Shifford many thanes, bishops, and many learned men, wise earls, and awful knights; there was earl Elfrick, very learned in the law; and Alfred, England's herdsman, England's darling; he was King of England, he taught them that could hear him how they should live."

There is a small Chapel of Ease here, in which the vicars of Bampton alternately officiate.

The manor of 'Scipford' was the property of Edward Crouchback, son of Henry III. and from him descended at length to John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaster, and to his son Henry IV. The manor was afterwards granted by Henry VIII. to lord North. It is now the property of Greville Harcourt, Esq, but in consequence of the decrease of population, etc, the manor has fallen into abeyance.

The charities of Bampton parish, as abstracted from the parliamentary reports published in 1839:-

Robert Vessey, of Chimney, by will dated 12th January, 1638, left £300. for the establishment of a grammar school; and John Palmer, of Bampton, gave, in 1650, the sum of £100. for the use of the said school.

Mary Frederick, Elizabeth Snell, and Susannah Frederick, gave in 1784, the sum of £400., 4 per cent. bank annuities, since increased to £418.17.6d., the interest to be applied to the teaching of reading, writing, and arithmetic, in the said school.

Mary Croft, by will dated March 1717, bequeathed £100., since increased to £135.7s.3d., in the 4 per. cent. bank annuities, the interest to be given to the use of the master of the free school. This gift is applied to the National school.

Susannah Frederick, bequeathed in 1793, £300. stock, the dividends arising from it to be appropriated to the use of the sunday schools. The income is now applied to the use of the National school.

Dobothy Loder, bequeathed £300.; Dr. Edward Cotton was one of the vicars of Bampton £50; and Richard Coxeter of Bampton £10.; with which sums land in Shilton ( now consisting of 28 acres and some cottages, etc) called the Shilton estate, was purchased. The rents and profits of this estate, is applied in aid of the National school.

Mary Dewe, by will dated September 1763, gave the sum of £200., the interest to be applied for the use of the poor of Bampton. The interest of this money has accumulated to the sum of £500.; and the profits of the same are also applied in aid of the National school.

John Holloway, by will dated Feb. 1726, bequeathed £200. for the use of the poor of Bampton; to which was added £100. by Dr. William Osborne; £50. by the Rev. Edward Cotton; £50. by Tobias Sadler; and smaller sums by others, in all £400. With this sum the Brookfast furlong and Upper Moor close, containing together 10 acres, was purchased, and the rents are applied to the relief of the poor. John Palmer, of Bampton, by will dated Oct. 1650, bequeathed to the use of the poor of the townships of Bampton and Weald, the sum of £100., to which other sums were afterwards added by several parties, and the whole applied to the purchase of land. The estate now consists of Lower Moor close, containing about 9½ acres, and the rent is carried to the general charity account.

Julian Walter, widow, by will dated 1st May, 1656, bequeathed an estate now consisting of a farm house, garden, etc., a small paddock, a close of pasture land, containing about 1½ acres, and about 18 statute acres. The rents and profits are carried to the general charity account.

Leonard Wilmot left a rent charge of £2. per annum, to the poor of Bampton parish.

George Thompson left two rent charges of £3. each per annum, which sums are carried to the general charity account.

Elizabeth Snell, by will in 1787, left £200., with which £268. 3 per cent. consols was purchased, and the dividends, are distributed among the poor of Bampton.

Susannah Frederick, bequeathed £200. lent on bond to Ann Leybourne, of Westwell, widow, the interest to be laid out annually upon the poor. Mrs Leybourne, died without having paid the £200. and left no property to satisfy the debt. Her son, however, lieutenant General Popham, with great liberality paid the amount, though he was under no liability, having derived no property from his mother.

The Church lands consist of about eight acres.

Thomas Horde, by will dated 15th January, 1712, charged certain lands in Aston and Coate, with the payment of £40. per annum, viz: £24. to be paid to the prisoners of the county gaol of Oxford., and £10. to be laid out by the churchwardens and overseers in providing 10 woollen coats, and 10 pair of stockings for men, and 10 coarse woollen waistcoats and canvas shifts, and 10 pair of stockings for women, on Michaelmas-day, to be given to poor persons of Aston and Coate and the remaining £6. to be paid for teaching poor children, in the manner therein particularly described.

Thomas Fox left to the poor of Aston and Coate, a rent-charge of 10s. yearly, to be paid by the owner of Hucket close.

The sum of £2. per annum is received from Weal's charity, which is distributed amongst the poor of Brighthampton.

Bampton and Weald Townships Directory.

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Post and Money Order Office, Market-Pl;

Mr. George Holloway, Postmaster.

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Adams Rev. Dacres, vicar of Bampton.

Baines Mrs. Hannah.

Bateman Mr. John Manor House

Beechey Mr. John, academy.

Beresford Mr. James.

Biddulph Rev. Frs. J., B.A., (Free School)

Bryant Miss Elizabeth.

Bullen Robert, Esq., surgeon.

Collins Mrs. Mary

Cowley Captain J.R., R.N.

Dickens Mr Henry

Giles Rev. John Allen, B.C.L., curate

-Grove Mr. Edward. *Es.*

-Hardman Mr. William

Jackson Miss Mary

Leforestier Mr. Thomas, 'Classical  
and Commercial Academy

Miller Mrs Martha

Reed Esq., surgeon *James H.S.*

Rose and Bullen, solicitors

Southby Mrs. Elizabeth

Sparrowhawk Mrs

Steede Miss Elizabeth Martha, ladies  
boarding school

Taylor Miss Eleanor.

Thompson Miss Ann.

Trafford Miss Rebecca, ladies  
boarding school

Whitaker Fred., Deanery Manor house

Winstanley Mrs.

Miscellany.

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Bartlett Elizabeth, meal dealer, carpenter and joiner

Bateman, John Minchin, woolen & linen  
draper, patent medicine vendor.

Bateman Thomas, shopkeeper

Benfield Henry, shopkeeper

Brooks Robert, hairdresser *At Mrs*

Bullock Cornelius, blacksmith

Butler James, shoemaker

Chandler Thomas, coal-dealer

-Clack James, baker *London*

Clark Mary, shopkeeper

Clifton and Oakey, drapers and milliners.

Cook James, mason

Cook Lydia, shopkeeper

Cox Robert, shopkeeper

Dickens Henry, inland revenue officer

Dutton William, grocer

Edgington John, baker and shopkeeper

Eldridge Thomas, miller

-Evans Frederick, glover *H.S.*

-Forest John, tailor. *L. Sh.*

*Prampton Ch. Eremus. M.P.*

Lord Charles J., marble and stone mason.  
Lord C.J. baker

-May Barbara, blacksmith *Richard (Sons).*

Newport Mary, straw hat maker

Oakey Robert, builder

Perkins James, blacksmith

-Pettyfer Joseph, stone mason

Plaster David, carpenter

Plaster James, baker

Plaster Robert, builder, timber mer. wh. w

Plaster Thomas, carpenter, builder

Patt William, plumber and glazier

Pusey William, tailor

Robins Levi, tailor and draper

Robins Nathan, tailor

Sellard Robert, watchmaker

Shepherd John, carrier

Shepherd Sophia, day school

Smith William Angel, grocer and draper

Spurrett Thomas, coal merchant and salt

-Stevens Frederick, grocer and draper

Stevens Richard, plumber, glazier

*May Carpenter. Kerwood's Y*

*Petree W. Mason. H.P.*

Frampton Charles William, chemist,  
 druggist  
 Giles George, carpenter  
 Hambidge Richard, wine merchant  
 Harris George, basket-maker  
 Harris Samuel, national schoolmaster  
 Holliday Richard, straw hat manf.  
 Holloway and Son, booksellers, stationers,  
 printers  
 Jones Moses, carpenter  
 Joiner George, baker  
 Knight Chas., saddler and harness maker

Stevens Thomas, china and glass dealer  
 - Teall John, corn merch. *HS*  
 Teall John, Junior, boot and shoe maker  
 Taylor Henry, maltsters  
 Walsh Edward, mealman  
 Ward and Hambidge, maltsters  
 Werman Thomas, baker  
 Wilkins John, brazier  
 Wilkins John, saddler and harness mkr.  
 Williams Charles, cooper  
 Young Charles, dairyman.

Butchers.

Andrews Charles  
 Andrews John  
 Taylor Henry  
 Townsend Richard  
 Williams William

Farmers.

Arkell William, Ham Court  
 Andrews William  
 Baker Charles  
 Baker William *R.L.*  
 Carter Joseph *Weald*  
 Clack John, Weald  
 Clifton James *HS*  
 Clinch John  
 Edwards Wm, Coal Pit Frm  
 Fisher Edward *Es.*  
 Gerring Robert, and corn merch. *weald*  
 Giles Thomas *F.Br.*  
 Gillett Chas., Lower Haddon  
 Gillett James, Deanery Farm  
 Hall James, Weald  
 Hudson Stephen  
 Jeeves E., Mount Owen Frm.

*Rachel Rose HS. 100am  
 (Wid).*

Aston and Cote Hamlets.

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Baston Mrs Sarah	Luckett George, Aston	Betsinsale Michael, carpen
Jackson Rev. John(Baptist)Aston	Luckett Wm. (&baker) Aston	carpenter, Aston
Williams Mrs Fanny, Coate	Luckett Wm. jun. Aston	Bradshaw J., carrier(
	Prior William Aston	Cook J., shoemaker (over)



Spiers William, Aston  
Townsend David W., Coate  
Townsend Edw. jun., Aston  
Townsend Rd., Coate House  
Townsend Humphrey, Aston  
Townsend Thomas, (and baker)  
Coate.

Waite William, Aston  
Winterborne Eliz., Aston  
Winterborne James, Aston

#### Traders

Bartlett W., shopkper., Aston  
Dipper W., carrier, (Wit. Oxf.) Aston  
Fox Rd., 'Red Lion', Aston  
Giles W., carrier, (Wit. Oxf.) Coate  
Kimber John, blacksmith, Aston.  
Long James, carpenter, Coate  
Long Rd., shopkper, Aston  
Long Zechariah, fisherman  
Stohe Jane, shopkeeper, Coate

Farmers.

Baker Hannah, Aston  
Baker William, Coate  
Baker George, Aston  
Clack James, Aston  
Clinch Joseph, Coate.  
Cripps Thomas, Aston  
Cook Thomas, Aston  
Fox Thomas, Aston  
Fox Thomas, Aston  
Hemming Thomas, Aston

Insurance Agents,

City of London(Life), Chas.  
W. Holloway  
Globe(Fire & Life) Holloway & Sons.  
Royal Farmer's(Fire, Life, Hail)  
C. W. Frampton  
Railway Accidents Assurance. Co,  
C.W. Holloway.

Carrier by Van.

John Sheppherd, from his house to  
Oxford, Wed. & Sat. to Wit. Thurs,

Public Officers.

Distributor of stamps. Mr. G. Holloway  
Registrar of births & deaths, Mr. E. F  
Whitaker.  
Excise Office, Talbot Inn.

Inns, etc.

\*Commercial and + posting  
\*Bell, Henry Whitehorn  
Elephant and Castle, Thomas Spurrett  
Fish, Joseph Frewin  
Fleur de Lis, Robert Langham  
George & Dragon, T. Banting  
Mason's Arms, Wm. Stone  
New Inn, Lucy Higgins  
Swan, Thos. Breakspear  
\*+Talbot, Robert Dennis  
Adams Sarah, beer retailer  
Baston John, beer retailer.

Chimney Hamlet.

Pinnock William, farmer

Woodbridge Frederick, farmer

Shifford Chapelry.

Williams Peter & Richard  
farmers, Old Shifford.

Wallis William Talbot, farmers,  
New Shifford-lodge.

Lew Hamlet.

Dumbleton Elizabeth, farmer  
Hollis, John, shopkeeper

Simpson Thos., farmer  
Smith Edward, farmer

Brighthampton Hamlet.

Smith Jethro  
Walker William

Lambeth Edward, mason  
Swinburn Mary, miller  
Widdows John, carrier, (Wit. Oxf.)

Bradshaw Edward, farmer  
Calcutt David, farmer

Hutt Henry  
Hutchings Thomas  
Pinnock Thomas

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