

# Luton: Straw Hat Boom Town

## 1890 to 1910



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The resources in this pack focus on Luton from the mid 1800s to the first decade of the 20th century. This period saw the rapid growth of Luton from a country market town to an urban industrial town. The process changed the size and appearance of the town and the lives of all those who lived and worked here. The aim of this pack is to provide a core of resources that will help pupils studying local history at KS2 and 3 form a picture of Luton at this time.

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This map shows the growth of the town to the south-west and the beginnings of High Town to the north-east. The railway is only a proposition at this point in time.

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This view looking north-west over the town shows the Midland Railway line to London. The embankment on the right of the picture still shows the chalky soil. In the foreground is Crawley Green Cemetery. On the left of the picture is St Mary's Church, still bounded by fields to its east.

#### Hobbs Map of Luton c.1900

Compared to the 1855 map it shows the growth of the town out from the centre as well as the prominence of the railways. Many of the local businesses advertising round its edges can be found in the 1898 Directory listing included in this pack.

#### 1902 Ordnance Survey Map of Luton

Although Luton had grown a great deal by this date, the surrounding hamlets had not been reached.

#### Luton from Hart Hill, 1862

The new streets laid out on the edge of town are clear in this engraving, particularly the New Town area in the top left of the image.

#### George Street, 1850

Looking down the road towards the Town Hall. This image still gives the impression of a quiet country town. The Town Hall was built in 1847. A new clock was added in 1856 by public subscription to commemorate the end of the Crimean War.

**George Street, looking towards the Town Hall c.1900**

This photograph shows the same view as the 1850 illustration. The tall building on the right of the 1850 picture is the second building on the right in this, but it no longer stands out. The photograph gives a sense of the narrowness of the road as it is taken at ground level. The carts are piled high with crates of hats from the many factories in George Street. The carts are about to go off to the station.

**George Street, looking towards Market Hill c.1900-1910**

Taken from the Town Hall this photograph looks the other way up George Street. The Corn Exchange dominates Market Hill, and market stalls are just visible in front of it. The building on the far corner of Bute Street, which leads left off George Street, still stands. As well as the carts piled high with hat boxes, several people are carrying large canvas bags. These would be filled with hats collected from the factory, finished at home and then returned.

**The Corn Exchange**

This building replaced the old Market Hall. This picture is taken from The Illustrated London News of October 2nd 1869. Built at the same time as the Plait Halls, it is mentioned in the article from January 30th 1869, included in this pack.

**The Plait Halls**

The article from The Illustrated London News, January 30th 1869, describes the opening of the Plait Halls that year. The engraving, originally published with the article, shows the opening procession. The photograph shows the exterior of the Plait Halls in 1907.

**The Parish Church and Vicarage c.1860**

This engraving looks north down Holly Walk. In 1899 the electricity station was built on the Vicarage gardens. The Vicarage was demolished in 1907 when the electricity station was extended. Today beyond the church you would see the Arndale Centre and where the Vicarage stood is the inner ring road and the Power Court Industrial Estate.

**Luton's Chapels**

Luton had a strong nonconformist community. During this period chapels were built, extended and improved, many at the time when Luton had no adequate sanitary system (see Report to the Board of Health 1850).

### **3: Industry, Business and Trade**

**Luton's entry in Slaters' 1850 Directory of Bedfordshire**

This provides a description of the town and its amenities, details of the number and types of businesses carried on in the town, schools and transport links.

**Businesses in Luton 1898 From Kelly's Directory of Bedfordshire**

Luton had expanded so much between 1850 and 1898 that its entry had grown to 20 pages. This list is taken from the directory of commercial addresses that forms the bulk of the entry.

**Auction Sale Details**

One of the impetuses for Luton's growth was the availability of building land, both for factories and housing. The earlier of these auction bills offer land in the centre of town, while the later ones document the town's spread into the surrounding countryside.

**Asher Hucklesby's Hat Factory in George Street**

This factory is typical of the many large hat factories that were built in the late 1800s. It was demolished but many remain in the town, a few are still hat factories.

## 4: Living in Luton

### Extracts from the Board of Health Report 1850

This report was presented to General Board of Health under the terms of the Public Health Act. It provides a graphic picture of sanitary conditions in the town at the time.

### Census Data

Concentrating on one short section of George Street, including the George Inn, this data is drawn from the 1871 and 1901 censuses. It shows its change from a residential street to one dominated by business premises.

### Jones Yard 1891 Census Returns and 1899 photograph

Jones Yard was typical of the squalid run down housing available to the poor. This census information gives details of those living on one side of the yard. The photograph was taken in 1899 shortly before the houses were demolished.

### Blackwater Lane

This photograph shows the junction of Blackwater Lane and Park Street. Taken around 1890 it shows the shocking state of some of Luton's older dwellings. The Board of Health targeted this area and changed the name from Blackwater Lane to Lea Road.

### Extracts from a Home Missionary's Journal

Written in 1872 the diary of this Home Missionary provides a glimpse into the everyday poverty of working class Lutonians at the time.

### Extracts from a Factory Inspector's Report written in 1890

These extracts give an impression of the working conditions and temperament of workers in Luton hat factories at this time.

### Recollections of Old Luton by Mr T.G. Hobbs

Extracts from articles published in the Luton News and Bedfordshire Advertiser in 1933. Mr Hobbs celebrated his 80th birthday that year.

### Bedford Road on a Saturday Night

This extract is taken from a series of articles called 'Sketches About Luton', they were written for a local paper in the 1890s.

### Extracts from A View From The Alley by Aubrey Darby

Aubrey Darby grew up in Luton at the very beginning of the 20th century. Writing in 1974 as an old man, his reminiscences provide a vivid picture of aspects of working class life.

### Luton's Progress

These extracts were written at two important markers in this period: the first for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and the second at the turn of the century. They illustrate how people felt about the changes they had seen in their town and country.

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# 1: Teachers' Notes

## Introduction

During the period between 1840 and 1900 Luton changed almost beyond recognition. Its population grew from just below six thousand in 1841 to thirty-six and half thousand in 1901. The driving force behind this change was the straw industry. The Napoleonic Wars at the beginning of the 19th century had blocked imports of straw plait and hats from the continent and Luton's business men and women took full advantage of this.

Luton became a boom town. The population figures illustrate just how many people were attracted to the area to work in the hat trade and other industries. A comparison of the businesses listed in the 1853 and 1898 Directories included in this pack shows how the trade had grown and the other businesses serving it and its workers.

Census	Population
<b>1841</b>	<b>5,827</b>
<b>1851</b>	<b>10,648</b>
<b>1861</b>	<b>15,329</b>
<b>1871</b>	<b>17,317</b>
<b>1881</b>	<b>23,960</b>
<b>1891</b>	<b>30,053</b>
<b>1901</b>	<b>36,404</b>

The expansion of the town and the industry required a lot of land. In 1800 most of the land around Luton had belonged to a just few aristocratic families. The Butes at Luton Hoo and the Crawleys of Stockwood owned the most. By the middle of the century all these families, except the Crawleys, had died out or moved away. By 1900 most of the land once belonging to the Marquess of Bute and other estate owners had been sold off. Initially the land immediately round the centre of town was developed, but such was the demand roads soon began to push outwards into the surrounding countryside.

To meet the growing demand for housing, Luton first expanded into present day New Town, High Town and Park Town. With no kind of planning authority or building regulation a lot of cheap housing was built quickly from poor quality materials. Many homes had tiny rooms with dangerous stairways and no lighting, heating, water supply or sanitation. The 1850 Board of Health Report descriptions of the town and its neighbourhoods are almost unimaginably squalid. A key recommendation of the report was the formation of a local Board of Health. There was strong opposition this and it was only instituted after a petition was organised. The Board of Health was an elected body and had many of the powers of a town council.

Having read the Report's description of Blackwater Lane it will come as no surprise that one of the first actions of the Luton Board of Health was to provide a sewage works. But it was not until 1870 that the town had a piped water supply. This was installed by the Luton Water Company who bored deep wells down to a pure water supply and laid water mains throughout the town. The Board were also responsible for the building of the Corn Exchange, the Plait Halls and the public baths in Waller Street which opened in 1872. There is no doubt that the impact of the Board on the town's environment was very positive and in the later years of the century the town's cleanliness was commented upon by visitors.

As businesses prospered so the middle classes grew. They moved out from the town centre leaving large residences and gardens to be demolished or redeveloped into hat factories and warehouses. Genteel villas were built, often by speculative builders, to supply the demand. The land surrounding Bury Farm was developed, offering 'country residences' and large mansions were built along the New Bedford Road, such as 'The Laurels', home of the brewer J.W.Green. A couple of

these remain at the southern end of the road, including one that is presently the Landsdowne Club. Wardown House, now Luton Museum, was built in the 1870s by Frank Chapman Scargill, a solicitor. He called his mansion 'Bramingham Shott'.

The coming of the railways was a significant event of this period. In 1851 Luton was noted as the largest town in the country to be unconnected by railway, canal or navigable river. Although a proposed railway is marked on the 1855 map included in this pack, it was not until 1858 that Luton was finally connected to the national rail network. The first line was a branch of the Great Northern Railway, linking Luton to London via Hatfield and the North via Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard. In 1867 Luton gained a more direct route to London, and another station, when the Midland Railway Company opened the Bedford to London line which is still in use today.

These developments represented a vast improvement Luton's transport links and were of immediate benefit to the businesses of the town. Import and export costs came down and new businesses were attracted to the town, including some of the engineering firms that would figure largely in the 20th century.

All this progress filled the most influential Lutonians with intense pride. They wanted to see the old fashioned provincial market town swept away to be replaced with a modern and model industrial centre. This actually meant the demolition of anything that got in the way of their vision. The 18th century Market Hall was demolished in 1867 and replaced by the Corn Exchange, St. Mary's Vicarage was demolished in 1907 to make way for an extension to the electricity station already built in its gardens.

The architecture of the new buildings reflected their aspirations. The Town Hall was built in 1847 in a classical style and faced with Portland stone. The Corn Exchange was, according to the review in *The London Illustrated News*, in the 'Italian Gothic style' while the Plait Halls, built at the same time, were modern and had an iron and glass roof supported by massive square iron columns. A great many chapels were also built and rebuilt and extended. All these public buildings were financed by private money, a reflection of the willingness of the Lutonians of the time to invest in the future of their town.

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## Using The Resources

*These are just a few suggestions of activities using the sources included in this pack.*

## The Town and its buildings

- Discuss which of the descriptions best fits the illustrations of the town.
- Compare the 1902 Ordnance Survey map with a modern OS map. What changes do you see?
- Look at the images of George Street in 1850 and 1900. What differences do you notice?
- Visit the centre of Luton or look at photographs of the same views today.  
Look for any remains of the Victorian town as illustrated in these pictures.  
Which buildings have now gone?  
Which buildings still remain?  
What are they used for now?  
List all the changes you can see.
- The Town Hall and the chapels illustrated in this pack were built before Luton had proper drains or sanitation. Discuss why this might be the case.
- Discuss why Lutonians wanted to demolish the Market Hall and build the Corn Exchange. Do you think it was the right decision?
- What impression of the town do the extracts from the Board of Health Report give you?



- Using the picture, the Illustrated London News Article and T.G. Hobbs' description imagine you were a member of the crowds the day the Plait Halls were opened. Write a letter to a friend in another town or a diary entry describing the event.
- The London Illustrated News was an important national paper. What picture of Luton would a reader get from this article and the illustrations? What aspects of the article would Lutonians have felt most pleased with?
- Compare the census material for numbers 50 to 74 George Street in 1871 and 1901 George Street what differences are there and what changes do these suggest?
- What impression of the town do T.G. Hobbs' and Aubrey Darby's reminiscences give you?

## Living In Luton

- Imagine you are a Board of Health Inspector. Write a list of your recommendations for cleaning up the town.
- What impression of life in the town do the extracts from the Home Missionary's Journal give you? Why do you think some of the people he talked to did not want to listen to him?
- What does the census information and photograph tell you about life in Jones Yard?
- Compare the 1871 and 1901 census information for numbers 50 to 74 George Street. What does it tell you about the type of people living there?  
What are the most noticeable changes?  
By 1901 far more people were not born in Luton. What might the causes of this change?  
In 1871 far more of the buildings were homes. Why might this have changed?
- Compare the missionary's entry for 22nd December with Aubrey Darby's references to pawnbrokers.  
What services did pawnbrokers offer?  
Why do you think the pawnbroker was referred to as 'Uncle'?  
Why didn't the man want to admit that he had pawned his suit? Darby says that everyone did it.  
What do you think Aubrey Darby means when he says: "The poor fed off the poor, the rich built walls to keep the cannibals out!"?
- What impression of life in the town do Aubrey Darby's reminiscences give you? Do you think he enjoyed his childhood?
- Compare Aubrey Darby's recollections to the article 'Old Bedford Road on a Sunday Night'?  
What sort of things did young people like to do at the time? How different are they from the things they do today?
- Look at the surnames listed in the directories and mentioned in other sources. Are any of these names still listed in a modern directory? Consider whether it is likely that they are the same families.



## Trade and Business

- Look at the trade directories included in this pack and compare them.  
Use a dictionary to look up any that you do not recognise  
Compare lists to a modern trade directory - such as Yellow Pages. Which types of trades are still present in Luton? Which have disappeared? Think about why this might be the case. Are any of the firms listed here still going today?  
Pick one trade and compare the number of businesses in 1853 and 1898. Are there more or fewer businesses of this kind? Why do you think this might be?  
In the later directory the number of businesses has increased. Which businesses grew most strongly? Did any stay the same? Did any decrease? Do you notice any trends?  
Which businesses would be considered manufacturing, which service? How does the proportion of these change over the years?
- Look through the Directory list for women's names.  
What businesses are women most likely to be involved in?  
Did the number of women running businesses increase between 1853 and 1898?  
Did the type of businesses they ran change?  
Is there any difference between married and unmarried women?  
Does this information seem surprising?
- Discuss the impact the railway made on business in Luton.
- During this period businesses came to see the importance of advertising. Using the adverts on the edge of the Hobbs map as examples, chose a business from the directory and design an advertisement for it. Collect some adverts for present day local firms, how do they differ from the old adverts?
- Imagine you were moving to Luton at this time to set up a business. What would you chose to do? Explain why you made your choice. Which of the properties and plots of land listed in the auction details would you have bid for? Why would its position have suited your business?
- Read the extracts called 'Luton's Progress' and discuss:  
What do the writers feel about the changes they had seen in the town?  
What aspects are they most proud of?  
What sort of future are the looking forward to?  
Do you think all Lutonians felt like this? What about the people living in Jones Yard?  
What they might think of Luton today?

## 19th Century Descriptions of Luton

### 1844 The Penny Magazine

"It is a neat, clean town, that, from the number of straw-hat and other factories, has much of that business-like air the city dweller so much misses in most second-rate country towns in agricultural districts."

### 1869 London Illustrated News

"This good town, with its 22,000 inhabitants, and a staple manufacture of some importance, as well as of artistic beauty, feels that it ought to be more highly appreciated by the nation at large. Great improvements have lately been made ... in the enlargement, paving and draining of the streets."

### 1876 Harrod's Royal County Directory of Bedfordshire

"The town has increased to nearly double the size during the past sixteen years. The inhabitants are almost wholly engaged in straw plait making, dyeing, bleaching and the manufacture of straw hats and bonnets."

### 1895 Handbook for Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire,

"Luton is an increasing town, of which an unusual proportion are females."

### C.1895 Newspaper cutting

"It is no mere spirit of chivalry on the part of a crusty old bachelor to say that the ladies of Luton dress well. Observation has led me to note that sartorial feature conspicuously in my register of indisputable facts. See the belles go by in Wellington Street of an afternoon or drop their billets doux into the PO in Cheapside, and, if you love smart costumes and delight in noting the turn of a ribbon, you may enjoy your fancy to the full."

### 1898 Kelly's Directory of Bedfordshire

[Luton] "stands completely in a valley, surrounded by hills, which render it beautifully picturesque; it is very clean, and well paved and lighted."

### 1899 Luton And District Year Book and Almanack for 1900

"The town of Luton is situated 30 1/4 miles from London and 19 from the county town. It is a clean place, well paved and lighted, and possessing an excellent water supply."

### c.1900 The Way About Bedfordshire, A Gazetteer by H. Graves

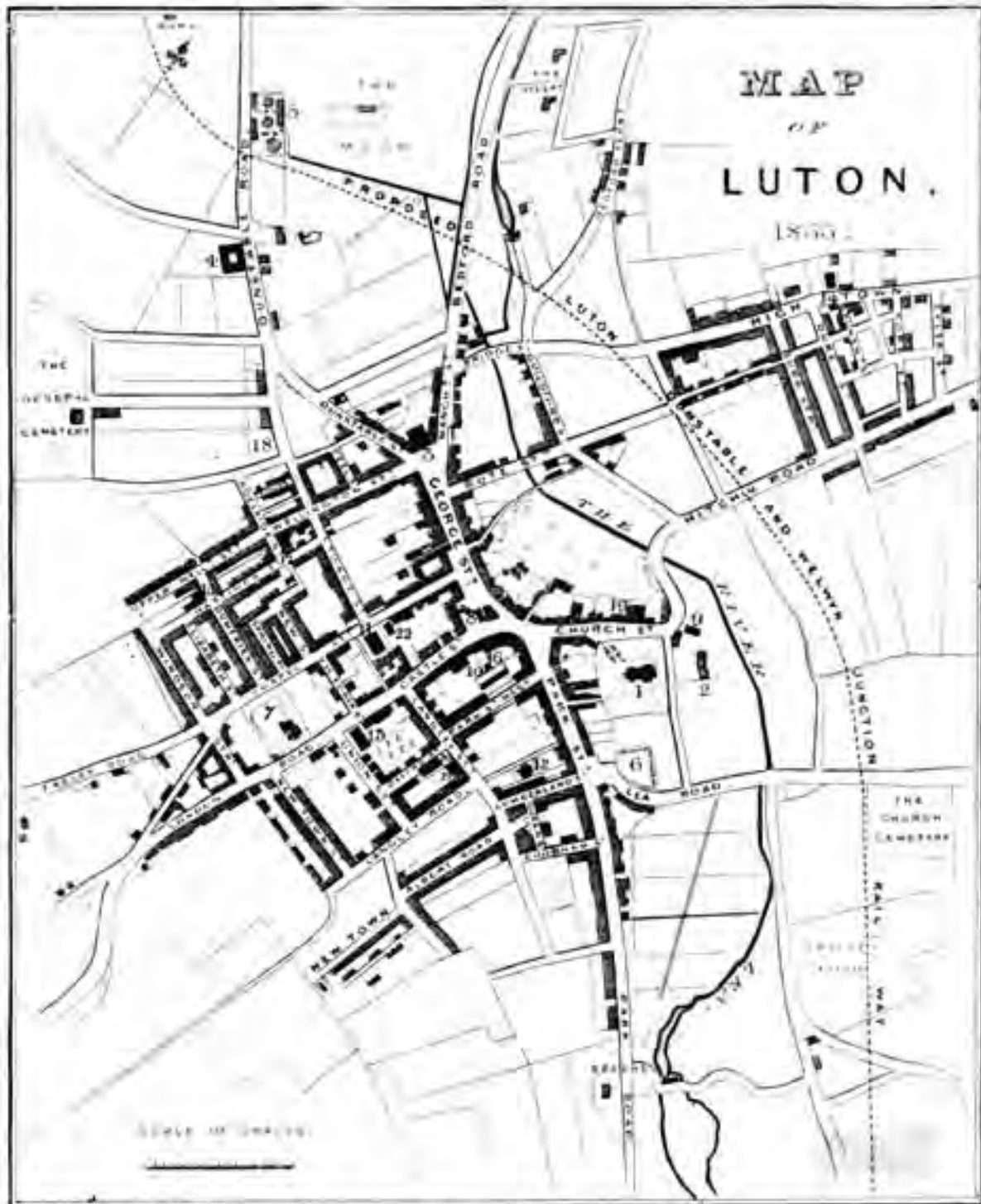
"The town itself is not remarkably beautiful, though it is a good deal cleaner and brighter than most industrial towns. The hills look better from Luton than Luton does from the hills. Seen from London Road on a summer's day the expanse of red brick and purple slate reflecting unrelentingly the hot glare of the sun is not inspiring."

### 1907 Mate's Illustrated Luton

"Few towns in the Midlands have undergone greater changes and made more rapid progress than Luton during the last thirty years. This applies not only to public improvements, but also the remarkable development of the staple trade, and Luton's expansion as a busy, commercial centre. The population, which is now about 40,000, and the largest in the county, has doubled since the town was incorporated in 1876. The aspiration contained in its motto: *Scientiae et labori detur* (May it be given to skill and industry) has amply been fulfilled, and everyone is agreed that there is a big future for Luton."

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Map of Luton 1855  
from *The History of Luton* by Frederick Davis



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| 4 MILLER WORKHOUSE                | 11 METHODIST CHAPEL           | CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL    |
| 5 BROWN WORKS                     | 12 OLD BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE  | 19 NATIONAL SOCIETY      |
| 14 SITE OF PAUL DE BRENT'S CASTLE | 15 UNION HOUSE                | 20 BREXIDON HOUSE        |
| 7 TITHE OF SUFFS.                 | 14 PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL | 21 INFANT SCHOOL         |
|                                   | 15 EPISCOPAL CHAPEL           | 22 WEDNESDAY'S SCHOOLS   |



*Luton from St Ann's Hill, 1860s*

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 THE GREAT BRITISH MANUFACTURERS OF  
 CHROMO LITHOGRAPHERS & CO.  
 10, PATERNOSTER ROW, LONDON, E.C. 4.

**HOBB'S**  
**MAP OF LUTON**  
The first map of Luton and its vicinity in which the names of streets, squares, and public buildings are given, and in which the names of the streets are given in full.

**THOMAS CHEESMAN**  
**SPOR DRAPER**  
 LONDON HOUSE  
 HIGH TOWN ROAD

**NEW LOOK AT AN OLD TOWN**

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Hobbs map of Luton



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Luton in 1902, Ordnance Survey



Luton From Hart Hill 1862  
From The Princess Album of Luton, 1862



George Street, looking towards Town Hall in 1850



*George Street, looking towards Town Hall in the 1900s*



*George Street, looking towards Market Hill in the 1900s*





*The Corn Exchange  
From The Illustrated London News, October 2nd 1869*

*Article in The London Illustrated News January 30th 1869*

## The Luton Plait Halls

The public-spirited and enterprising townfolk of Luton, in Bedfordshire (where the straw hats and bonnets are made which ladies will again have the good taste to wear), have erected a Corn Exchange and two Plait Halls, at a cost of £16,000. This good town, with its 22,000 inhabitants, and a staple manufacture of some importance, as well as of artistic beauty, feels that it ought to be more highly appreciated by the nation at large. Great improvements have lately been made by the local board, of which Mr. E.O. Williams is chairman, in the enlargement, paving and draining of the streets; but the building of the new halls is its most conspicuous. The two Plait Halls for a branch of the staple trade – viz. the sale of straw-plait to be made into hats or bonnets – are situated adjoining each other – one in Cheapside, the other in Waller-street. The Corn Exchange is on the Market Hill.

The first-mentioned Plait Hall, which is to be open daily, is nearly square, its size being 100ft. by 90ft. Facing Cheapside, three pairs of folding doors open under an arched roof which has a span of 43ft., and rises at the apex to the height of 32ft. There are also two side entrances under the side roofs. The principal roof is of iron and glass, supported by fourteen massive square iron columns. This hall has eight circular iron windows and five doors. The walls are panelled of a light grey colour. The bases of the piers are of grey brick, the cornice of ornamental red and moulded brick, with a grey band under. There are forty central stalls, 6ft. long by nearly 2ft. wide; and nineteen shops, each about 12ft. square and 12ft. high, with moulded cornices and glazed fronts. There are to be also thirty moveable tables, with a division on the top of each, making two small stalls for the accommodation of sixty small plait-dealers who cannot afford to hire more expensive stalls.

The second Plait Hall may be entered from the Cheapside Hall or from Waller-street. It is 133ft. long by 60ft. wide, and its interior architecture is similar to that of the other. All the windows are glazed with plate glass. Here are fitted on the sides round the building forty plait-stalls, and thirty-two stalls stand in the centre, giving ample space for the passage of buyers all round. The total cost of the Plait Halls, including the purchase of ground, will be about £8000. Mr R.M. Ordish, of London, is the architect; and Smart Brothers, of Luton, are the builders and brickmakers.

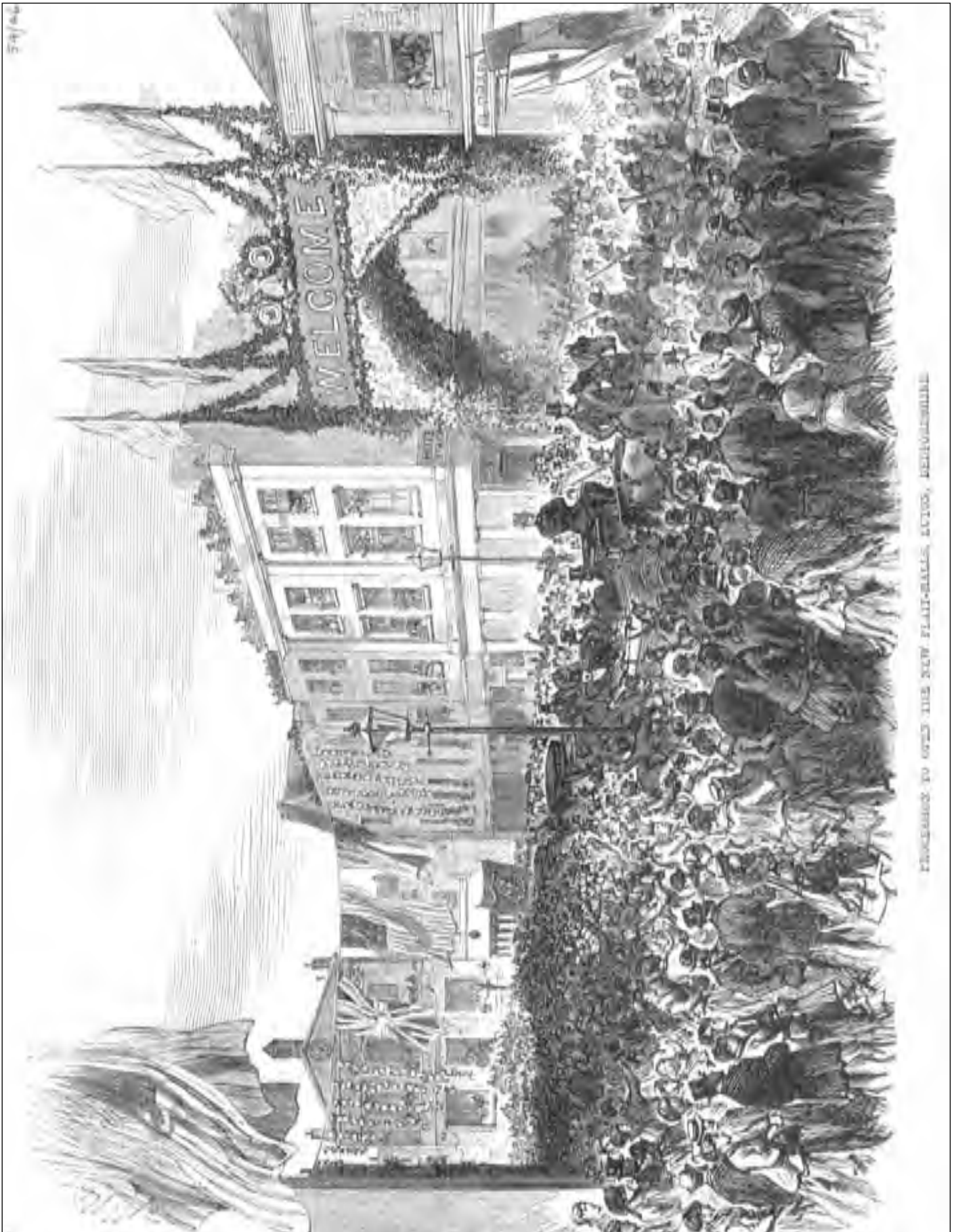
The building of the Corn Exchange has cost, with the ground, about as much as the Plait Halls. It is an ornamental building, in the Italian Gothic style, with a clock-turret rising to the height of 85ft. The principal room is covered with an open-timbered roof, stained and varnished. A gallery is erected at the end capable of seating 150 persons. The Corn Exchange will give nearly as much sitting accommodation, if used for public meetings, as the Town Hall. The Corn Exchange is entered by two pairs of polished oak doors up a flight of steps on each side. There are here four committee rooms, access to which is by a circular stone staircase. The windows are glazed with plate glass. A large bay window, with two centre and two side lights, faces George-street. The structure is built of Bath stone and red brick with banded work. Beneath the Exchange is a meat and provision market, which, on a Saturday night, when lighted up with gas, presents a very busy scene. In the centre are massive iron columns, and for the protection of the Exchange, there is one of Dennet's fireproof roofs. The architects are Messrs. Grundy and Messenger, of London; and Smart Brothers, of Luton, are the builders.





*The Plait Halls in Cheapside, 1907*

The proceedings on the opening day were briefly noticed in our last [issue]. The Lord Lieutenant of the county, Earl Cowper, K.G., who presided on this occasion, was accompanied by the Hon. Reverdy Johnson, the Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States, and Sir J.D. Burgoyne, High Sheriff of Bedfordshire. They were escorted in procession, with flags, music, and a guard of rifle volunteers from the Town-hall, through George-street and Cheapside, to the Waller-street entrance. The ceremony of opening took place in the Plait Hall on that side, which had been decorated with mottoes beautifully worked in straw, and hung upon the walls, besides ornamental sheaves of wheatstraw, evergreen garlands, and banners. The company having assembled, Colonel Ames, on behalf of the inhabitants of Luton, addressed Earl Cowper, and invited him to declare the Plait Halls opened, which his Lordship did, expressing his interest in the prosperity of the town. An address to welcome the American Minister was then presented by Mr E.O. Williams, and Mr Reverdy Johnson made one of his kindly, pleasant speeches in reply. The procession was again formed, and went on to the Corn Exchange, where a similar form of opening was enacted. In the evening, at four o'clock, the Plait Halls were lighted up; and a dinner took place in the Cheapside Hall, at which Earl Cowper presided; and the American Minister, Mr H. Brand M.P., Colonel Gilpin M.P., Mr Hastings Russell M.P., and other gentlemen connected with the neighbourhood made speeches upon the topics of the day.



*The procession to open the new Plait Halls  
From The Illustrated London News, January 30th 1869*



*St. Mary's Church and the Vicarage, C.1860*



*Some of Luton's Chapels*



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## LUTON,

### WITH THE VILLAGE OF CADDINGTON AND NEIGHBOURHOODS.

**L**UTON, a flourishing and respectable market town, giving name to the parish in which it lies, in the hundred of Mill, is 31 miles S. W. by S. from London, 20 E. by S. from Bedford, 10 S. from St. Albans (Herts), and 5 E. by S. from Dunstable—the last named a station on a branch communicating with the London and North-Western Railway, at Leighton. The town is seated near to the small river Lea, from which circumstance it is said to have been formerly called *Lanforn*; others, however, contend that it derives its name, 'Luton,' from *Lombard*, deduced from the low position of the place, it being surrounded by gentle eminences. Baron Fulk de Breant built a castle here, in the early part of the thirteenth century; and John Lord Wenlock, in the reign of Henry VI, erected a sepulchral chapel on the north side of the church, and had commenced building a noble mansion at Summerly (the portico of which is still standing), on the opposite hill to Luton Hoo Park, but the battle of Tewkesbury, in which he fell, prevented its completion. The manufacture of straw-plat, may be considered the staple of the place, and this branch is carried on by several houses, on a very extensive scale; that of Waller has stood conspicuous in the trade for many years. Exclusive of the plat branch, the business here is mostly of a retail and general character; and

there are several maltings and corn mills. The growing prosperity of the town may be attested, not only by the rapid increase in the number of houses, but by the taste displayed in the erection of new and the alteration of the old buildings. The streets are lighted, and an appearance of respectability and general improvement are manifest. The town hall erected in 1818, in George-street, is a handsome and commodious building, comprising convenient apartments for the use of the county courts, and savings' bank, with rooms for public lectures, concerts, &c.—the entire forming a valuable improvement to the town. A mechanics' institute has also been formed, and is well attended; and a reading and news room, also a scientific institution are supported by respectable members. The workhouse of the Luton Union, is a convenient building situated near the gas works, on the Dunstable road: the board of guardians sit here every Friday. Luton is governed by a high constable, appointed at the quarter sessions: petty sessions for the division are held here; a County Court for the recovery of debts to any amount not exceeding £20, sits monthly at the town hall; and Luton is a polling station at the election of members to represent the county at large. John Shaw Leigh, Esq. is lord of the manor, and also lord paramount of the hundred of Mill.

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<p>The parish church of Saint Mary is a venerable structure, partly in the so-called Norman and partly in the later English style: an embattled tower, constructed of flint and rubble masonry, is charged with three arches, terminated by an elegant sub-arch. The tower is the interior, in the same form of architecture, hexagonal in form, inclosed in a lofty frame of gothic arches, terminated by an elegant sub-arch. The living of Luton is a lay rectory and vicarage, in the patronage of John Shaw Leigh, Esq.; the Rev. William McDonnell, M.A. is the present incumbent. The Baptists have two chapels for their worship, and the Independents, the Society of Friends, and Wesleyan and Primitive Methodists have one each. In the national and British schools several hundred children are instructed, mainly by the contributions of the benevolent; and twelve neat cottages, with ample endowments, afford home and comfort to twenty-four aged widows. The summer of 1828 was long in remembered by the inhabitants of this town: on the 26th of July, in that year, it was visited by an alarming inundation, occasioned by a continued and uncommon heavy fall of rain, which had many houses under water, and destroyed a considerable amount of property. On the 1st November, 1756, the water of a pond, in an elevated part of the town, was so suddenly agitated, that it several times overflowed on one side, and others six feet on the other; the day was accordingly called the great earthquake at Luton happened 22th of September, in the same year. About two miles east from the town, upon an eminence in Luton Hoe Park, which was laid out by the celebrated</p>		
<p>* Capability Brown,* stands the mansion of John Shaw Leigh, Esq., formerly in the possession of the late Marquess of Bute; this edifice, a few years since, was nearly destroyed by fire, and is now being enlarged and improved by the present owner. The river Lea courses through the park in a very picturesque manner, and forms in its progress two pleasing sheets of water; the largest contains several small islands, exhibiting lovely and thriving plantations, and presenting a most charming prospect. Luton was the birth-place of the Rev. John Puffret, a great classical scholar, and author of various beautiful poems; he was born in 1688. The market is held on Monday, and is a very large one for corn and straw sale. Fairs the third Mondays in April and October for cattle, and a stable, in September, for hiring servants. Luton parish comprises the hamlets of EAST AND WEST HIDE, LEBURN, LAUDRY-COM-BASCOTT and STODLEY, containing together, with Luton town, in 1831, 5,663 inhabitants, and in 1841, 7,742, of which last number, 5,827 were returned by the township: the population of the entire parish at the present time (1850), is estimated at 18,800 or thereabouts.</p>		
<p>CANNONFORD is a parish partly in the hundred of Flit, county of Bedford, and partly in the hundred of Dacorum, county of Herts,—the village being situated about 2 miles W. from Luton. Mackgate Cell, more particularly noticed in Market Street, is in this parish. The church of Cannonford, dedicated to All Saints, is situated in the Bedfordshire part of the parish; the living is a vicarage, in the presentation of the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, London; the Rev. William Melbourn, M.A. is the incumbent. The parish contained, in 1831, 1,563 inhabitants, and in 1841, 1,747.</p>		
<p><b>POST OFFICE,</b> Park square, LUTON, Gresham Postoffice, Post Master.—Letters from LONDON, also all parts of the Kingdom of ENGLAND, and from SCOTLAND and IRELAND arrive every morning at six, and are despatched at ten minutes past seven in the evening.</p>		
<p>Letters from places in the EASTERN COUNTIES arrive, from HITCHIN, every evening at half-past six, and are despatched thence at half-past seven in the morning.</p>		
<p><b>SENTRY AND CLERGY.</b>                  Ames Hotel, East the Hyde                  Baker Rev. Thomas, M.A. East Hyde                  Blundell Rev. Miles, M.A. Lally                  Brett the Messrs M. &amp; M. Church st                  Brown Daniel, Esq. Park st                  Brown Henry, Esq. Stuart st                  Burr Charles, Esq. Park st                  Burr Mrs. Elizabeth, Park st                  Condon Mrs. Ann, Park st                  Crawley Saml. Esq. Stockwood Park                  Dames Mrs. Susannah, High st                  Daniel Miss Maria, Wellington st                  Davies Mrs. Jan. Jordans, Dunstable rd                  Gillies Mrs. Sarah, Laundry st                  Himes Rev. John, Wellington st                  Hime William, Esq. George st                  John Rev. Benjamin, Chapel st                  Jones John, Esq. Dunstable road                  Leigh John Shaw, Esq. Luton Hoe Park                  Little Rev. John, Sandon                  McDonnell Rev. Wm. M.A. Capt. Hall                  Marnamra Arthur, Esq. Coddington hill                  Mellish Rev. Wm. M.A. Coddington                  Ogle Rev. Richard, Esq. Lawrence and                  Pope Rev. John, Wellington st                  Richardson Mr. Joseph, Woodside                  Robinson Rev. Robt. Wellington st                  Sibley M. Henry, Wellington st                  Siles Rev. Thomas, M.A. Village                  Sowersby Lieutenants Col. Thomas, Pottery                  Stephenson Rev. John, Chapel st                  Von Hejard, Esq. Holly Lodge                  Walker Mr. John, Jun. Wellington st                  Waller James, Esq. George st                  Waller Mrs. Jane, George st</p>		
<p><b>ACADEMIES &amp; SCHOOLS.</b>                  Not otherwise described see Day Schools.                  Holy Mary and Lucy (boarding), Chapel st (Lashbury, master)                  BRITISH SCHOOL, Langley st—Edw. Hasdon S. &amp; J. (adults' boarding &amp; day), Wellington st</p>		
<p>Hubbard Joseph, Wellington st                  Hutch A. Abraham, Chapel st                  INFANTS' SCHOOL, Langley street—                  Jane Douglas, mistress                  Lewis Ann Emma, Wellington st                  NATIONAL SCHOOL, Church st—                  David Stoker, master; Martha Doolington, mistress                  Newland Robert Henry (boarding and day), Church st                  Parsons Edward (boarding), Bedford Villas                  Richardson Anne, Stuart st                  Wayer Mary, Church st</p>		
<p><b>ATTORNEYS.</b>                  Austin Esqr. Adlington, George st                  Brickwood Esqr. Luton, the Brache                  Chase Frederick, London road                  Hunt William, Stuart st                  Pears &amp; Hovins, Market place                  Swooler Thomas, the Bus                  Waring Richard, Park st West                  Williamson Edw. Chilwell, George st</p>		
<p><b>AUCTIONEERS &amp; APPRAISERS.</b>                  Higg John, Park st                  Conberland John, London road                  Holyrake Henry, Stuart st</p>		
<p><b>BAKERS.</b>                  Adams William, Park st                  Allingham Francis, Church st                  Bates George, Langley st                  Binul Niall, High town                  Clouberlain George, New st                  Cooke Joseph, New town st                  Cooper Thomas, George st                  Cottin William, Jun. Park st West                  Curran Charles, High town                  Druett William, Park st                  Edmond Anne, Church st                  Flower Joseph, Wellington st                  Gouster Amos, New town st                  Hemwell Charles, Elizabeth st                  Hawes Amos, London road                  Hill William, Wellington st                  Hoare Charles, Chapel st</p>		
<p>How Richard, Park st                  How Thomas, Park st                  Poulton George, High town                  Steggs John, Chapel st                  Thompson George, London road                  Topham William, New town                  Tomalin Francis, Park st                  Tomalin John, Bedford road                  Tomalin Thomas, Wellington st                  Waters John, Park st                  Waters John, Castle st                  Waters Sarah, George st                  Wright Thomas, Wellington st</p>		
<p><b>BANKERS.</b>                  LUTON &amp; COUNTY JOINT-STOCK BANKING COMPANY, Market place —(draw on the Head Office, London)—William Berg, manager                  Shaples, Esqr. &amp; Lucas, High st—(draw on Barclay, Bevan &amp; Co. London)</p>		
<p><b>SAVINGS' BANK.</b> Town hall, George st—Thos. Esqr. the Auditor, secretary</p>		
<p><b>BASKET MAKERS.</b>                  Farmer Thomas, Market place                  Farmer William, Chapel st                  Foster Thomas, George st</p>		
<p><b>BLACKSMITHS.</b>                  Brown John, Park st                  Cain William, Chapel st                  Gandy William, New Mill end                  Hildstaff Joseph, Swooler                  Puddycatt John, Market place                  Shepherd Henry, Old Bedford road                  Squires John, Bedford's lane                  South Stradley, Stuart st                  Swain William, Dunstable place                  Swaine John, Coddington</p>		
<p><b>BLOCK AND MILL MAKERS.</b>                  Higg John, Park st                  Fawcett Matthew, Park st                  Pearce John, Wellington st</p>		
<p><b>BOOKSELLERS, STATIONERS AND PRINTERS.</b>                  Hill William, George st                  Wiseman John, George st</p>		



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<b>BOOT AND SHOE MAKERS.</b>	<b>COAL MERCHANTS AND DEALERS.</b>	<b>METROPOLITAN COOPERIES (Institu-</b>
<p>Adams William, Bedford road          Almond James, Bedford road          Bates Thomas, High town          Davis Frederick, High st          Gardner Robert, Castle st          Gosville Frederick, Chapel st          Hart George, Park square          Hodge George, Dunstable st          Hollands Henry, George st          Lock John, Luton road          Norris Simon, New town st          Parsons James, High st          Robinson John George, Church st          Seabrook Hill, George st          Sell Isaac, Wellington st          Thonp Israel, New town st          Underwood William, Chapel st          White Henry, London road          Woodman Thomas, Park st West</p>	<p>Beeby John (&amp; son), Castle st          Deacon Timothy, Stuart st</p>	<p>tion), George Harris, Wellington st          Atkinson (life), Charles Henning,          Market place. (Brooks, Park sq          NATIONAL PROVIDENT, Henry C.          NORWICH UNION, Frederick Chas.,          London road. (Castle st          PIERCE (life), Parsons &amp; Son,          PROPERTY PROTECTORS, Pease &amp;          Henning, Market place          ROYAL EXCHANGE, Freedom Folds-          place, Park sq. (George st          SCOTIAN UNION, Stewart &amp; Son,          Swan, Frederick Davis, High st          SUIB, Robert Marsh, High st. (ad          Union, John Underwood, London</p>
<b>BRASSIERS AND TIN-PLATE WORKERS.</b>	<b>CONFECTIONERS.</b>	<b>TISHMONGERS AND FRUITERS.</b>
<p>Barratt William, High st          Brown &amp; Green (and copper-smiths),          George street</p>	<p>Cowdell James, George st          Flower Joseph, Wellington st          Straton Thomas, George st          Wakes John, Park st          Waters Sarah, George st</p>	<p>Denner Philip, Wellington st          Pigeon Samuel, George st          Stratton Thomas, George st</p>
<b>BREWERS.</b>	<b>COOPERS.</b>	<b>FURNITURE BROKERS.</b>
<p>Keeling John, Park st West          Keeling Joseph, Park st</p>	<p>Forster Thomas, George st          King John, Bedford road          Wimerse Thomas, High st</p>	<p>Douglas William, Park st          Smith Robert, George st          Wimerse Thomas, High st</p>
<b>BRICK &amp; TILE MAKERS AND LIME BURNERS.</b>	<b>CORN MERCHANTS, DEALERS AND SEALERS.</b>	<b>GROCERS, AND TEA AND PROVISION DEALERS.</b>
<p>Beeby John (Beeby's), High town          Gray John, Bedford road          Gentry George, Dunstable road          Smith Robert, George st          Williams John &amp; Sons, George st</p>	<p>Adams William, Park st          Brown Henry Cook, Park square          Brown Richard Marks, Park Mill          Cook James, Market place          Cutchin William, Jun. Park st West          Drewitt William, Park st          How Thomas, Park st          Sealmeek Hill, George st          Sell Edward, Church st          Taylor Edward, Castle st          Tomalin John, Bedford road          Tomson Henry, High st          Williams John &amp; Sons, George st</p>	<p>(See also Dunstable, &amp;c.)          Alworth &amp; Ellerbe, Park st          Bell Ann, Market place          Chisnam Charles, High st          Clarke Charles, Park st          Cook &amp; Francis, Park square          Farley James, Wellington st          Davis Francis, George st          Gardner Joseph, Church st          Inwards John, Wellington st          Jennings &amp; Gates, George st          Neal Joseph, Park st. (at          Pease William Thomas, George          Peatson John Davis, Chapel st          Price Frederick, George st          Serouse Alfred, Park st          Wares John, Castle st</p>
<b>BRICKLAYERS, SLATERS &amp; PLASTERERS.</b>	<b>CORN MILLERS.</b>	<b>HAIR DRESSERS.</b>
<p>Barratt Thomas, Park st West          Burge James, Market hill          Gray John, Bedford road</p>	<p>Bird Joseph, Water Mill          Brown Richard Marks, Park Mill          Dalton William, Water Mill. (road          Freeman Daniel, North Mill, Bedford          Gutteridge Daniel, White Mill          Jones John, New Mill end</p>	<p>Campbell James, George st          De France William Thomas, High st          Selwyn John, Bedford road          Tomlinson Thomas, George st          Walden John, Wellington st</p>
<b>BUILDERS.</b>	<b>CURRIERS AND LEATHER CUTTERS.</b>	<b>MATTERS.</b>
<p>See <i>Joices, Dunstable, &amp;c.</i></p>	<p>Harris Frederick, High st          Robinson John George, Church st</p>	<p>Heale Edward James, George st          Harrison Charles, Park st          Jordan Guttrous, George st          Oliver Samuel, Park st</p>
<b>BUTCHERS.</b>	<b>ENGRAVERS.</b>	<b>INNS.</b>
<p>Allingham Joseph, High town          Axton John, Park st          Baldwin George, Dunstable st. (at          Cate John, <i>See under Joices, Park</i>          Combee William, High town          Crawley Fitzhugh, George st          Dargy Joseph, Park st          Davis Thomas, Market place          Field George, Unsworth st          Griffiths Griffith (post), Park st          Lucas Joseph, High town          Mansbray William, Luton road          Oliver William, High town          Pate Simpson, New town          Pigott Francis, Market place          Reeve Robert, George st          Sperry Thomas, New Town          Spire Charles, Park st West</p>	<p>Coates John Charter, High st          Todd Robert (&amp; partner), Barber's in</p>	<p>Bell (commercial), Peter William,          George street          George (commercial and post),          Elizabeth Bullis, George st          Red Lion (commercial), Robert          Poynter, Market place</p>
<b>CHAMBERLAINS &amp; DRUGGISTS.</b>	<b>FARMERS.</b>	<b>JOINERS, CARPENTERS AND BUILDERS.</b>
<p>Garber Joseph, Church st          Harris George, Wellington st          Jordan John (&amp; soda water maker),          George st          Phillips William, Market place          Winton Peter, George st</p>	<p>Brown Henry, George st          Clarke John, Park st          Clarke William, Park st          Crawley Elizabeth, George st          Deacon Timothy, Stuart st          Gazley Samuel &amp; Wm, Caddington          Gilham William, George st          Gregory George, Dunstable road          Grogan Samuel, North Hill          Higgins William, Bedford Old road          Jones John, New Mill end          Meacher Edward, New Mill end          Parkins Henry, Dane st          Peacock John, Harpenden road          Pigott Francis, Market place          Pigott Thomas, Ship-lay          Plummer William, High town          Queenborough Daniel, Stogley          Sains Edward, Caddington          Stokes Richard, Limbery          Taylor James, Wellington st          Walden John, New town</p>	<p>Barnett George, Park st West          Brown &amp; Butler, Bedford road          Burge James, Market hill          Hart George, Dunstable st          Cate Henry, Church st          Gony John (builder), Bedford road          Hawkins Thomas, Caddington          Huxtable Thomas, Church st          Lawrence Anna, Stuart st          Padbury John, Wellington st          Smith Robert, George st          Taylor Edward, Castle st          Williams John &amp; Sons, George st</p>
<b>CHINA GLASS, &amp;c. DEALERS.</b>	<b>TIRE, &amp;c. OFFICE AGENTS.</b>	<b>LEGAL AGENTS.</b>
<p>Aspin John, Park st          Jones Joseph, Wellington st</p>	<p>ATLANTICIAN (life), Alms, Hughes          CHASE (life), The Essex Am-          COUNTY (life) &amp; PROVIDENT (life),          Charles Harrison, Park st          COUNTY (half-share), Alfred Good,          Market place; and John Cumber-          land, London road          FRIENDS' PROVIDENT (life), Henry          Coles Brown, Park sq. (West          GENERAL, Richd. Waring, Park st          INDISPUTABLE (life), George Harris,          Wellington street          LAW (life), &amp; LEGAL (life), Edwin          Latham Brickwood, The Brache          MEDICAL ESTABLISHMENT (life), John G.          Appleton, Stuart st</p>	<p>Lawrence Anna, Stuart st          Padbury John, Wellington st          Smith Robert, George st          Taylor Edward, Castle st          Williams John &amp; Sons, George st</p>
<b>CLOTHING DEALERS.</b>	<b>WINE &amp; SPIRIT MERCHANTS.</b>	<b>WINE &amp; SPIRIT MERCHANTS.</b>
<p>Allen Joseph, George st          Barret Isaac, Chapel st          Ellison Thomas, Park st          Robinson Frank, Bedford road          Strang George, Wellington st</p>	<p>See <i>Joices, Dunstable, &amp;c.</i></p>	<p>See <i>Joices, Dunstable, &amp;c.</i></p>
<b>COACH BUILDERS.</b>	<b>WINE &amp; SPIRIT MERCHANTS.</b>	<b>WINE &amp; SPIRIT MERCHANTS.</b>
<p>Chambers George, Castle st          Mayer William, Stuart st</p>	<b>WINE &amp; SPIRIT MERCHANTS.</b>	<b>WINE &amp; SPIRIT MERCHANTS.</b>

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<b>LINEN &amp; WOOLLEN DRAPERS,</b>	Deacon Timothy, Stuart st	Heale Alfred, Market place
<b>SILK MERCHANTS, &amp;c.</b>	Finch Thomas, Windsor st	Tomson Kist, Castle st
Allen Joseph, George st	181p William, Windsor st	Wakes Edward, Wellington st
Beale Edward James, George st	Lawrence Anne, Stuart st	<b>SURVEYORS.</b>
Cowser Charles, George st	Lucas George, Chapel st	Comberland John, London road
Harrison Charles, Park st	Miss Catherine, High town	Grove Henry, Stuart st
Jordan Gustav (red carpet ware- house), George st (Park at	Newman William, Bedford road	Hyde Thomas, Park st
Oliver Samuel (yarn warehouse), Strange George, Wellington st	Phil Alfred, Park at West	Williams Evan Owen, George st
<b>MALTSTERS.</b>	Plummer Matthew, Bedford road	<b>TAILORS AND DRESSERS.</b>
Burr Frederick, Park at	Positon George, High town	Bentley Alfred, Park at
Cook James, Market place	Pye Andrew, New town	Dunham James, London road
Seal Edward, Dunstable road	Samlers William, Chapel at	Dunham William, Peel at
Smeller Robert, Bedford road	Sole George, High town	Elliott Thomas, Park at
<b>MERCHANTS—IMPORT AND EXPORT.</b>	Topley William, High town	Eyles Frederick, Market place
Vye & Sons, Park square; and 76 Wool street, London	Walker Mary, New at	Eyles John, Church at
Walter James & Co. George st	Wilson Mary, Dunstable st	Gardner George, Park at
Walter, Son & Co. George st; and Wood street, London	Wright John, Dunstable	Hay John, Park at
<b>MILLINERS &amp; DRESS-MAKERS</b>	<b>STRAW &amp; TUSCAN BONNET MANUFACTURERS.</b>	Hay Thomas, Park at West
Collins Sarah Anne, Newtown at	Marked them *are also Straw Hat Dealers.	Hosley William, George st
Crosby Martin, Langley at	[See also Straw Hat Dealers.]	Hosley William, Stuart st
Dickinson & Garrett, Chapel at	*Austin Alfred, Chapel at	Robinson Frank, Bedford 102d
Evans Ann, London road	Blasdel Joseph King, Church at	Roe George, Dunstable st
Field Ellen, St. Ann's Lane	Bolton Benjamin, Market place	Sturmer & Son, George st
Gregory Emma, Newtown at	Bolton William, George st	Strange George, Wellington st
Harris Elizabeth, Castle at	*Bradford John, Park at West	Underwood John, George st
Hastings Martin, New at	Chapman Henry, Chapel at	<b>TALLOW CHANDLERS.</b>
Hogwood Emily, Park at	Eveitt John, George st	Joward John, Wellington at
Immanuel Sarah Elizabeth, Castle at	Field Francis, Park square	Jennings & Gates, George st
Ivory Elizabeth, Dunstable at	Freer Frederick, Wellington at	<b>TAVERNS &amp; PUBLIC HOUSES.</b>
James Ellen, London road	Gee Frederick, Bute st	Bancroft, Henry Barthelemy, Dunstable road
Mervis & Bachelor, Hastings at	*Godfrey Joseph, London road	Barryman, William Clark, Church at
Shute Mary, Chapel at	Gray Sophia, Wellington st	Black Bull, Samuel Carter, Park at
Smart Ann, Bute st	Gregory, Cubitt & Co. Bute st, and Aldersbury, London—William Willis, agent	Black Swan, Thos. Foulstone, George st
Smith Eliza, Church at	*Hughes William Hiram, Castle at	Brookley's Arms, Thos. Park, High town
Walker Frances, Park at	Hunt Robert, George st	Brookley's Arms, Ed Wilson, Caddington
Webb Anne, Windsor st	Hunter John, Wellington st	Bulls Arms, Robert Harrison, Park at
Wingrave Elizabeth, London road	*Johnson & Waldock, Church at	Clemens, George Gild, Park at
<b>MUSIC TEACHERS.</b>	Jordan & Co. George st	Cock, William Clark, Park at
Mandy William, Stuart st	Lanc Vaulek, Park at	Compton, Wm. Thompson, Chapel at
Paddyhall Graham (A. organist), Park square	Lawrence Mary, George st	Cross Keys, James Hawkes, George st
<b>NURSERY AND SEEDSMEN.</b>	Muggleton William, Park square	Crown & Anchor, Jas. Everett, Bedford rd
Foster Thomas, George st	Muir, Connell & Brodie, George st	Dicks at Wellington, Jas. Harris, Bedford rd
Godfrey John, Dunstable at	Munt & Brown, George st, and 40 Wood st, London—Wm. Hunt, agent	Dicks of York, Thomas Lee, High town
<b>PAINTERS, PLUMBERS, AND PAPEE HANGERS.</b>	*Pinner Joseph, Wellington st	Fox, John Ireland, Dunstable road
Allen Robert, London road	*Potter James, Wellington at	Gresham, George Martin, Park at West
Elliott James, Church at	Ritland George, Castle at	Harris, David Goodwin, Woodside
Elliott William, London road	Savill Joseph, Stuart st	Horne & Jenky, Ann Borden, Bedford rd
Higgins Ann, Dunstable road	Shepherd John, Market place	Kings Arms, Frederick King, Market at
Sharp William, Wellington at	*Troyer Samuel, Wellington at	Lambert Arms, Wm. Pugh, Chapel at
Sherrill John, Park at	Vye & Sons, Park square—and 76 Wood st, London	St. English, Gantlemans, Thomas Law- rence, High town
Wood Joseph, Windsor st	Waller James & Co. George st	Rabbit, Mary Lawrence, Bedford rd at
<b>ROMAN CEMENT &amp; PLASTER OF PARIS MANUFACTURERS.</b>	Webster & Grundy, Wellington at	Richard III, Edward Vane, London rd
Barrett Thomas, Park at West	Welch & Sons, Dunstable road, and Chesapeake, London	Walter Head, George Square, New town
Clark William, jun. Park st	Weston, Dickson & Co. Dunstable road, and 8 Walling st, London— Joseph Hawkes, agent	Wick of Dunstable, John Prosser, Dun- stable road
<b>ROPE MAKERS.</b>	Wright Elizabeth, Dunstable road	Royal Oak, David Lewis, Longrove
Foster Thomas, George st	<b>STRAW HAT DEALERS AND BLEACHERS.</b>	Royal Oak, Edward Parrott, Stoney
Moss Charles, High town	[See also Straw Hat Dealers.]	Shoulder of Mutton, John Paddyphill, Market place
Powell George, Bedford road	Bruden George, Park at	Sportsman, William Young, Stoney
<b>SADDLERS &amp; COLLARMAKERS.</b>	Comper William, Chapel at	Sugar Loaf, Thomas Miller, Longrove
Cawdell John, Market place	Dawkins Samuel, High town	New, David Atwood, High town
Field Francis, Park at	Godson William, Park at	Swan, John Dunham, New Mill rd
Payne Charles, High st	Higgins Joseph Alfred, Chapel at	Tadpole, John Pater, Castle at
<b>SHOPKEEPERS &amp; DEALERS IN GROCERIES &amp; SUNDRIES.</b>	Hine William, Newtown at	Three-Hills, Thos. Geo. Head, Longrove
Armstrong George, London road	Lawford Samuel, Church at	Tree Joint Builders, William Goodwin, High town
Bond Noah, High town	Mandy William, Stuart at	Two Brewers, William Sargeant, Dun- stable
Brown John, Newtown at	Tausley Alfred, London road	Vine, Sophia Elard, London road
Buckley James, Windsor st	Webb Amos, Chapel at	Wagon & Horse, Thos. Cox, High town
Burgine Joseph, Woodside	<b>SURGEONS.</b>	Wellington Arms, Jas. Taylor, Wellington at
Busell Edward, New Mill end	Aggleton John Gedge, Stuart st	Wheatfield, Mary Dunstitch, Church at
Caddington John, Elizabeth st	Brasen Patrick, George st	Wheel Plough, Richard How, Park at
Comer Thomas, High town	Clarke Frederick, Park square	Wooler's Arms, Wm. Hawkes, South st
Dancer William, Stuart st		White Hart, Richard Hunt, Market pl
		Whitson Castle, Thos. Flint, Windsor at

Bedfordshire.	LUTON, &c.	Slater's
<p><b>Retailers of Beer—Continued.</b>  Hills John, High town  Horse Thomas, Woodside  Langridge Robert, Sturt at  Larkins William, High town  Madenah Henry Wilson, Woodside at  Oaker William, High town  Smith John, Chapel st.  Squires Abraham, New town  Swain Stephen, Dunstable place  Sutton Richard, Dumbleton at  Tomasin John, Bedford road  Worrest Ann, Chapel st.  Wilson Joseph, Hastings at  Witcher Thomas, New town  Yarrow William, Elizabeth at  Yates Thomas, High town  Young Edward, Stopsley</p> <p><b>TEA DEALERS—TRAVELLING.</b>  Bell Robert, Wellington st  Black John, Park st [West  Nichol John (and draper), Park at  Swill Joseph, Stuart st</p> <p><b>VETERINARY SURGEONS.</b>  Fuller William, Market place  Surnos Henry James, Park st</p> <p><b>WATCH &amp; CLOCK MAKERS.</b>  Coates John Charles (and jeweller)  High street  Gillham William, George st  Mantua Peter, Market place  Oster John, High st.  Rahn William, Chapel at</p> <p><b>WHEELWRIGHTS.</b>  Brown &amp; Nouzier, Bedford road  Crawley George, Stopsley  Dawes Joseph, Stopsley  Deeley John, Lombin road  Hawkes William, North st  Lane Samuel, Park st</p> <p><b>WHITESMITHS AND BELL-HANGERS.</b>  Brown &amp; Green, George st  Moody George, Chapel at [West  Swain Edwd. (&amp; gunsmith), Park at</p>	<p><b>Miscellaneous.</b>  Aikenhead James, inland revenue officer, Wellington street  Beaver George, sty maker and dealer in Berlin wool, Wellington st  Brown Henry, timber merchant and saw mills, George street  Eyles John, parish clerk, Church st  Fezran James, linen manufacturer, Newtown street  Gas Wrens, Dunstable road—William Phillips, secretary (at Good Afford, accountant, &amp;c. Wellington)  Hartgrove Thomas William, stone mason, New street  TAX AND REVENUE OFFICE, at the George Inn—John Whitford, superintendent  LITERARY &amp; SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION, held in the Town hall—Henry Tomson, secretary  MECHANICAL INSTITUTE, held in the Town hall—John Wiseman, secretary  Prouper &amp; Son, wine &amp; spirit merchants, Castle street  POLICE STATION, Dunstable lane—William Baldwin, superintendent  Simpson, Jno. Antlemerchian, Bedford rd  Sutton George, Market place—William Phillips, sub-distributor  Taylor Thomas, parish clerk, Cheshington  TOWN HALL, George street—Charles A. Austin, secretary  Walker John, woodspicer, Castle at  Whitdale no hardware men, Wellington st</p> <p><b>REGISTRARS OF BIRTHS, DEATHS &amp; MARRIAGES, Superintendent Registrar—Thomas E. Austin, Stuart st</b>  <b>Registrar of Marriages—Henry Coles Brown, Jun., Park square</b>  <b>Registrar of Births and Deaths—William Mead, Market st</b></p> <p><b>COUNTY COURT, HELD IN THE TOWN HALL MONTHLY.</b>  Judge—John Roe, Esq.  Clerk—Edward C. Williamson</p>	<p><b>POOR LAW UNION.</b>  <b>WORKHOUSE—Dunstable road.</b>  Master—John Gardner  Matron—Elizabeth Harding  Chaplain—Rev. John Little  Verger—Patrick Brown  <i>(See in the Board of Guardians—Thomas Kitchin Austin</i>  <i>Returning Officer—Joseph Ancker</i></p> <p><b>COACHES.</b>  To LONDON, the <i>Victoria</i> and the <i>Favourite</i>, from the George, and the <i>Atlas</i> from the Bell, daily and the <i>Warrior</i>, from the Red Lion, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday  To AMPHILL, the <i>Warrior</i>, from the Red Lion, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday  To DUNSTABLE, an Omnibus, from the George, twice a day  <b>CONVEYANCE BY RAILWAY.</b>  The nearest Station is on the <i>BUZZARD</i> and <i>LONDON</i> BRANCH of the London and North-Western Line, 3 miles distant—Charles Kilner, <i>Station Master</i>  An Omnibus, from the George Inn to the Station, twice a day  <b>CARRIERS.</b>  To LONDON, William Clark, from the Cock, and Samuel Hasden, from his house, Langley st, daily, and Timothy Deacon, from his house, Stuart street, daily (Saturdays excepted)  To BEDFORD, Thomas Jackson, from the Red Lion, Monday and Friday  To DUNSTABLE, John Beady, from his office, London road, daily, and Timothy Deacon, from his house, Stuart street, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday  To HITCHIN, Hill Strickland, from his house, George st, Tuesday and Friday  To LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Timothy Deacon, from his house, Stuart street, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday  To NORTHAMPTON and WOBURN, George Cook, from the Bell, Tuesday  To MILSOE, Thomas Jackson, from the Red Lion, Monday and Friday</p>

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#### Accountants

Keens Thomas Jun., Park St. & High Town Rd., & Insurance Broker & Stock & Share Dealer  
Scarrf & Co, Castle St., & Auditors  
Thorne Thomas, Market Hill & Dunstable, & Bailiff & House Agent  
Whitehead Sydney Thomas, Winsdon Rd, & Bailiff & Estate Agent

#### Apartments For Rent

Bowden Mary (Miss), Park St. West  
Buckingham Emma (Miss), Cromwell Rd.  
Burgess Clara (Miss), Dumfries St.  
Burnett Anne (Mrs), Park St. West  
Jeffrey William, Castle St.  
Rowley Harriet (Mrs), Melson St.  
Turner Ellen (Mrs), Park St.

#### Auctioneers

Cumberland John & Sons, Castle St., & Surveyors & Valuers  
Holyoak Henry & Son, & Surveyors & Estate Agents  
Pearse Frank, Barber's Lane, & Surveyors & Estate Agents  
Stratford E Douglas, Park Square, & Estate Agents

#### Architects

Baker Sydney Charles, Brook St. & Surveyors  
Brown J.R. & Son, Market Hill  
Pearson William Jason, Cheapside & Surveyors  
Smith Albert Edward, Church St.  
Wilkinson Albert, Adelaide St. & Surveyors

#### Bakers

Ansell James, Guildford St.  
Arnold Charles, North St.  
Blindell Frederick Joseph, Essex St.  
Bloomfield Ernest, Hitchin Rd.  
Bloomfield Walter, Stuart St.  
Bond Elizabeth (Mrs), Burr St.  
Broomfield John, Salisbury Rd.  
Cain Henry Edwin, Castle St.  
Clark Hannah (Mrs), Chapel St.  
Cook Albert, Alma St.  
Cook Henry, High St.  
Crawley William, Langley St.  
Cripps Henry, Wellington St.  
Cripps Samuel, High Town Rd. & Manchester St.  
Crouch Harriet (Mrs), Wellington St.  
Dexter William, Liverpool Rd.  
Dockerill Ernest, Cardigan St., & Post Office  
Dunham Alfred Henry, North St.  
Emery George, High Town Rd.  
Ewington George, Dumfries St.  
Farr Herbert, Wellington St.  
Fauch Fanny (Mrs), Manchester St.  
Fensome Sidney, Wood St.  
Flint George, High Town Rd.  
Foster Charles, John St.  
Foster Samuel, John St.

Green Ernest, Hitchin Rd.  
Harris George, Castle St.  
Harrison James, Castle St. & Cheapside, & Dining Rooms  
Hawkes Fanny (Miss), Church St.  
Hill Arthur, Wellington St. & Chapel St.  
Hooker John, Queen St.  
Horley Thomas, Bute St.  
Irons Walter, Albion Rd.  
Luck William, Bury Park Rd.  
Monk Henry, Park St. West, & Confectioner  
Muncey Joshua, Park St.  
Osborn Charles Edgar, Castle St.  
Paine Edward, Hastings St.  
Peach Eli, Albert Rd.  
Redrup Frederick Jabez, High Town Rd.  
Rogers Thomas, Park St. West  
Savage Frederick John, Princess St.  
Sear George, Court Rd. & Vicarage St.  
Shedd Henry, Manchester St.  
Shuter William, Arthur St. & George St.  
Simpson William, Park St.  
Sims George, Church St. & High Town Rd.  
Slater Charles, Hastings St.  
Spivey William, Stuart St.  
Steel Walter, New Town St.  
Usher Frances (Mrs), Windsor St.  
Weatherhead Joseph, Windsor St.  
Webb Thomas John, North St.  
Wheeler John, Duke St.  
Wildman Albert Edward, York St.  
Wilson Frederick, Albert Rd. & Langley Rd., & Grocer & Post Office

#### Bankers

Abrahams Isaac, Stuart St., Bedfordshire Loan Company  
Barclay & Co Ltd., George St.  
Capital & Counties Bank Ltd, George St.  
London & County Banking Co., George St.  
Salvation Army Bank, George St.

#### Basket Makers

Felks Emma (Mrs), Barber's Lane  
Long Charles, Market Hill & Park St. West  
Sauter Ann (Mrs), Cheapside, & Milliner

#### Beer Retailers

Arnold Joel, New Town St.  
Batten Albert, Boyle St.  
Bradshaw Thomas, Hibbert St.  
Coleman Charles, New Town St.  
Cooper Josiah Thomas, Chapel St.  
Day James, Cumberland St.  
Day James, Taylor St., & Straw Hat Manufacturer  
Day William, Duke St.  
Dickman James, Wenlock St.  
Dodson Samuel, Hastings St.  
Dorrington Jesse William, New Town St.  
Ell Albert, Albert Rd.  
Ell James Charles, Park St.

Farr Matthew, New Town St.  
Fenn Hamor, Cross St.  
Goodwin John, Park St.  
Green John, Wellington St.  
Kenney Alfred J, Salisbury Rd.  
Kirby Henry James, Hastings St.  
Lacey George Abraham, Midland Rd., & Shopkeeper  
Moore William, High Town Rd.  
Oakley Lavinia (Mrs), Duke St.  
Purkis Frederick, Chapel St.  
Rainbow Frederick, Havelock Rd.  
Rainbow Henry, Cardigan St.  
Sharp Kezia (Mrs), High Town Rd.  
Twidell Thomas Jesse, Duke St.  
Winter James, High Town Rd.  
Womwell James, New Town St.  
Wood Thomas, Court Rd. & Vicarage St.  
Zammit Spero, Midland Rd.

#### Blacksmiths & Farriers

Gaizley Elizabeth (Mrs), Hitchin Rd., Smith  
Gazeley Elizabeth (Mrs), Park St.  
Hopkins Thomas, Bute St.  
McDonnell Walter J, Chapel St., Farrier  
Newby Charles, Waller St., Blacksmith & Farrier  
Palmer William, High Town Rd.  
Stanton & Thompson, Castle St.  
Titmus Levi Charles, Duke St., Smith  
Welch Alfred, Stuart St.

#### Bleachers & Dyers

Abraham Henry, High Town Rd.  
Allin John Thomas, Dunstable Rd. & Leagrave  
Barford Brothers, North St.  
Biggs R & Co, Church St.  
Bunnage James, York St.  
Coupees Edwin, Old Bedford Rd.  
Duler & Suter, Biscot Rd.  
Fyson George, Leagrave Rd.  
Godfrey Arthur & Frederick, Langley St.  
Godfrey George, Plait Hall  
Hart Ernest William, Windmill Rd.  
Hawkes & Rundle, Albert Rd.  
Hinson & Fyson, Princess St.  
Hitchcock E & W, Waller St.  
Impey William, Dumfries St.  
Keeling Fred, Cross St.  
Lye Thomas & Sons, New Bedford Rd., Martin  
James, Hitchin Rd., Rowe John William,  
Collingdon St., Rowles Benjamin & Son, Chapel St., Dyers & Cleaners  
Tearl Levi, Melson St., Straw Plait Dyer  
Webb Frederick Bennett, Bute St., Straw Plait Dealer

#### Booksellers, Publishers & Printers,

Atkins Alfred (Mrs), Cheapside, Book Seller,  
Bookbinder, Stationer, Fancy  
Marshall Ernest, Manchester St., Book Seller  
Marshall Frederick, Hastings St., Printer  
Pearson Thomas, George St., Book Seller &

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Stationer  
Punter Ernest, Langley Rd. & Wellington St.,  
Printer  
School Teacher Publishing Co Ltd, Church St.,  
Publishers  
Stallker William, Wellington St., Printer

#### **Boot & Shoemakers & Repairers,**

Amies & Son, Park St.  
Bates Albert, Collingdon St.  
Bird Walter D, Wenlock St. & High Town Rd.  
Brightman William, Lea Rd.  
Bunyan Arthur, Park St.  
Burrows James, Dudley St.  
Clare Samuel Jabez, Church St., Boot Repairer  
Coles Alfred, Park St.  
Coles Joseph Thomas, Park St.  
Cook Levi, Park Lane  
Cook William, Russell St., Boot Repairer  
Cooper George R, Barber's Lanes  
Creasey Henry, Dunstable Places  
Dickins Charles, Adelaide St.  
Dunham Abraham, Manchester St. & Gordon St.  
Fensome Walter, Back St.  
Fountain Jesse, Windmill St.  
Fryer Alfred Henry, Cowper St.  
Hale Henry, High Town Rd.  
Hart George, Park St.  
Hawkes Charles, Hastings St.  
Hawkins Thomas, Blyth Place, Russell St.  
Heley George, High Town Rd.  
Horn William, Inkerman St.  
Horwood John, Hibbert St.  
Howe George, Wenlock St.  
Hudson Edward, Langley St.  
Hughes William, Wellington St.  
Hull Albert, Dumfries St.  
King Thomas A, Victoria St.  
Lane James, Langley St.  
Lawrence Arthur William, Bridge St.  
Lawson Henry, Manchester St.  
Leonard Richard, Park St.  
Linger Alfred, Hibbert St.  
Mooring Charles, Park St.  
Mowles Samuel, John St.  
Norris William, North St.  
Osborn William, Inkerman St.  
Parker Frank, Tavistock St.  
Parker John, Cumberland St.  
Pickering George Jun., Queen St.  
Pickering George Sen., Waller St.  
Prime Frederick, Windsor St.  
Rowe Richard E, Bute St.  
Sach Henry, Market Hill & Leather Seller  
Smith John, Cardigan St.  
Spence George, Park St.  
Spittles George, High Town Rd.  
Stanford Charles, Cobden St. & Bute St.  
Tomlin William, North St.  
Turner John, High Town Rd.  
Turner Jonah, Boyle St. & Castle St.  
White & Son, Park St. West, & Leather Sellers &

Grindery Dealers  
White Harry, Manchester St.  
Wildman Eli, Chapel St.  
Witham Albert Edward, Adelaide St.  
Withams Albert, Wellington St.  
Woodbridge George, North St.  
Woodbridge Thomas, Dudley St.

#### **Boot & Shoe Dealers**

International Boot Company, Wellington St.  
Mooring Brothers, Wellington St.  
Pocock Brothers, Wellington St.  
Public Benefit Boot Manufacturing Co., Park St.

#### **Boot & Shoe Warehouses**

Bigg William, Manchester St.  
Earl A & Co, Wellington St., & Bicycle Dealers  
Freeman, Hardy & Willis, George St.  
Sharp Jane (Miss), Chapel St.  
Skelton & Son, Wellington St.

#### **Brewers**

Green J.W. Ltd, Park St. West, & Wine & Spirit  
Merchants, Ale & Stout Bottlers & Mineral  
Water Manufacturers  
Locke & Smith, Stuart St., & Spirit Merchants  
Northampton Brewery Co, George St.

#### **Bicycle Manufactures & Agents**

Chilton Free, Adelaide St., Cycle Agent  
Dockrill F & Co, George St., Cycle  
Manufacturers  
Gell Arthur, New Bedford Rd., Cycle Agent  
Langley James, Park St., Gun & Bicycle Maker  
Rushden Cross Cycle Co. Ltd, New Bedford  
Rd., Cycle Manufacturers  
Spratley Joseph, Park St., Bicycle Depot  
Starke Ernest, Castle St., Bicycle Agent &  
House Furnisher  
Trott Albert, New Bedford Rd., Cycle Agent

#### **Bricklayers**

Linney Samuel, Chobham St., Bricklayer  
Muskett William, Burr St., Bricklayer

#### **Builders**

Allen Thomas, Castle St., Builder  
Amos & Co, Chapel St., Job Masters, Horse &  
carriage Hire, Livery and Removals  
Ashton Isaac, Waldeck Rd., Builder &  
Shopkeeper  
Attwood Arthur, Ashton Rd., Builder  
Batson Alfred, Liverpool Rd., Builder  
Brown E & Son, Chapel St., Builders &  
Contractors  
Buckingham Charles, Crawley Rd., Builder  
Cole Arthur, Edward St. & Castle St., Builder &  
Carpenter & Agent for English and Foreign Bees  
Dunham Willaim G, Guildford St., Builder  
Kingham George, Midland Rd., Builder &  
Contractor  
Lemons William F, Wellington St., Jobmaster  
Mardle Alfred, Cowper St., Builder

Neville Thomas & Edward, Castle St., Builders  
Norris Edwin, Wellington St. & Windsor St., Builder  
Parkins Daniel, High Town Rd., Builder &  
Contractor, Manufacturing Joiner, Wholesale &  
General Ironmonger, Gasfitter & Plumber &  
Paint, Glass & Colour Merchant  
Pryer George Walter, Cardiff Grove & Park St.,  
Builder  
Puddephatt Thomas, Rothesay Rd., Builder  
Sanders Amos, Princess St., Builder  
Saunders John & Son, Duke St., Builders &  
Brickmakers  
Sinfield John, Grove Rd., Builder  
Smart George, Guildford St., Builder &  
Contractor  
Smith John, George St., Builder  
Taylor John, New Bedford Rd., Builder  
Turner Abraham, Hibbert St., Builder  
Warren John, Baker St., Builder  
White Charles, Dunstable Rd., Builder

#### **Builders' Materials Merchants**

Andrews & Lacey, High Town Rd., Timber  
Merchants  
Bird Charles, Collingdon St., Lead & Glass  
Merchant  
Brown Henry & Sons, Chapel St., & sawing,  
planing and moulding mills  
Bunn George, Villa Rd., Brick & Lime Merchant  
Keast George, Bridge St., & Corn & Flour  
Merchant  
Williams Herbert Owen, Manchester St.

#### **Butchers**

Andrews John, Park St. & Lea Rd.  
Bass Arthur, Cobden St.  
Bass Richard, Dudley St.  
Batten George, Burr St. & North St.  
Bird Daniel, Taylor St., High Town Rd. &  
Langley Rd.  
Bird William Henry, Langley Rd.  
Bradshaw John, Park St.  
Carrington Frederick William, High Town Rd.,  
Pork Butcher  
Clarke Harry, Upper George St.  
Coles Mary Ann (Mrs), Albert Rd., Pork Butcher  
Conisbee William Henry, Burr St.  
Cooke George, Hastings St.  
Cooper John, Hitchin Rd., Pork Butcher  
Crawley Arthur, Hastings St.  
Crawley William, Wood St.  
Crotty Kate (Miss), Ashton Rd.  
Darby Frederick, Cheapside  
Davis Thomas Eller, Park St.  
Dean Thomas, Church St.  
Eastmans Ltd, George St.  
Fletcher W & R Ltd, Park Rd.  
Gatward Charles, Waller St.  
Gray Sidney, Guildford St.  
Gregory William, High Town Rd.  
Hancock Frances (Mrs), Park St., Pork Butcher  
Harris Henry, Manchester St.

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Hill Walter James, Hastings St.  
 Houghton Alfred, Stanley St.  
 Hutchins Frederick, Hitchin Rd. & Bute St.  
 Jakins Agnes (Mrs), Hitchin Rd.  
 Jakins Emily (Mrs), Langley Rd.  
 Kilby John, New Town St.  
 Lee Brothers, Park St.  
 London Central Meat Co. Ltd, Cheapside  
 Lowe George, Cheapside  
 Miller Alfred T, Albert Rd.  
 Panter William, Castle St.  
 Peck George, Wellington St., Pork Butcher  
 Pigott Arthur, George St.  
 Pigott Ezra, Park St.  
 Pigott Henry, Manchester St.  
 Pike Mary (Mrs), Park St., Ham & Beef Shop  
 Poulton Edmund, Buxton Rd.  
 Poulton Emma (Mrs), Chapel St.  
 Poulton John Davis, High Town Rd.  
 Pratt Sarah (Mrs), New Town St.  
 Pryer Arthur George, Langley St.  
 Sanders William Emerton, Princess St. & High Town Rd.  
 Schoeppler A.M. (Mrs), George St., Pork Butcher  
 Smith William, Hibbert St.  
 Stevens William, Albert Rd.  
 St.on Joseph, High Town Rd.  
 Tearle James, Langley St.  
 Waller Linda (Mrs), High Town Rd., Pork Butcher  
 Ward Harry J, Cardigan St.  
 Wheeler Brothers, Wellington St.

#### Brush Manufacturers

Colonial Produce Co., Collingdon Mill

#### Cabinet Makers

Geeves Charles Hussey, Hastings St.  
 Hoyles & Maidment, Guildford St.

#### Carpenters

Anderson Joseph J, High Town Rd., Picture Frame Maker  
 Brightman Joseph, Mill St.  
 Carter Richard, Jubilee St. & Ashton Rd.  
 Cox William B, Langley Rd. & Cardigan St.  
 Crew Isaac, Windmill St. & Wellington St.  
 Davis William, Inkerman St., Wellington St. & High Town Rd.  
 How William, Round Green, Wood Cutter  
 Lane Edward, Cumberland St.  
 Miller John, Wellington St. & Langley St.  
 Pratt Alfred, Inkerman St.  
 Prosser John, Bury Park Rd.  
 Puddephatt William, Windmill St.  
 Roe Daniel, Lea Rd. & Castle St.  
 Sear William, Cowper St.  
 Stokes Samuel, Dumfries St. & Joiner  
 Tomkins Joseph, Union St.

#### Carriers, Removers & Carmen

Brice Brothers, Queen St., Furniture Removers  
 Deacon Alfred, Stuart St., Carrier  
 Sutton & Co, Melson St., Carriers  
 Young Henry, Guildford St., Carman

#### Chemists, Druggists & Herbalists

Chantler Richard Philip, Park St., Chemist  
 Clegg Philip Watts, Castle St., Herbalist  
 Cocker Horace Edward, George St., Chemist  
 Cox George Frederick, Wellington St., Chemist  
 Crosby Samuel, Bridge St., Herbalist  
 Drew Heriot Creasy, Chobham St., Druggist  
 Duberley George Smith, Market Hill & Stuart St., Chemist  
 Gibbs Alfred, Wellington St., Druggist  
 Hall Ephraim, George St. & Stuart St., Chemist  
 Horwood James, Brunswick St., Druggist  
 Jackson Thomas, High Town Rd., Chemist  
 Marsh Edward, Cheapside, Chemist  
 Sunman Joseph Thomas, Wellington St., Chemist  
 Wootton & Webb, George St., Chemists & Druggists

#### Chimney Sweepers

Bryant William, Upper George St.  
 Riddle Frederick, Langley Place  
 Stronell Thomas, Guildford St.  
 Tilcock George, Burr St.

#### Clothiers

Ager John, Barber's Lane  
 Freeman Sarah (Mrs), Church St.  
 Roast George, High Town Rd.  
 Stagg William Bowes, Park St.

#### Coach Builders

Mayes Brothers, Stuart St.  
 Randall Arthur, Chapel St.  
 Squires William, Langley St.

#### Coal Dealers & Merchants

Abrahams William, Wellington St.  
 Bennett Sydney, Bute St.  
 Chambers Daniel, Duke St.  
 Curren Alfred, Cowper St.  
 Dudley Richard, Ashton Rd.  
 Ellis James Swain, Mill St.  
 Facer John, Cheapside  
 Godden & Rudd, John St.  
 How Edward, King St.  
 Lee John T, Cardigan St.  
 Newbold George, Cheapside.  
 Perry George G, Langley St.  
 Powdrill George, Hitchin Rd., & Coke, Salt, & Builders' Merchant  
 Robinson George, Church St.  
 Rudd Henry C., Cardiff Rd.  
 Saunders Henry, Hitchin Rd.  
 Woolerson Arthur S, Havelock Rd., & Coke Merchant

#### Comission Agents

Burgess John, King St.  
 Pollard George, Waller St.  
 Tomlin Brothers, Cheapside

#### Confectioners

Custance James, Chapel St.  
 Dickins George William, Dorset St. (Wholesale)  
 Ellcock William, Manchester St. & Chobham St.  
 Ellingham John, Windsor St. & Midland Wharf  
 Garratt & Cannon, Wellington St.  
 George Joseph, Castle St.  
 Grace & Son, Park St.  
 Ingram Louisa (Miss), Castle St.  
 Knight Alfred George, Manchester St.  
 Knight Leonard, Albert Rd.  
 Morley Frederick William, High Town Rd.  
 Ogden John Thomas, Albert Rd.  
 Powell Thomas, New Bedford Rd.  
 Rudd Mary (Mrs), Chapel St.  
 Smith William Robert, Park St.  
 Tomkins William R, Wellington St.  
 Tompkins William R, New Bedford Rd.  
 Webb George, Hastings St.  
 Wheeler William Groom, High Town Rd.

#### Corn, Flour & Seed Dealers & Millers,

Brown William Henry, Great Northern Mills, Guildford St., Miller (steam)  
 Deacon Charles William, Chapel St., Corn Dealer  
 Flemons William, Hastings St. & Park St., Corn Dealer  
 Horton J & Co, Old Bedford Rd., Corn Merchants  
 Horton Jabez, Cheapside, Corn Dealer  
 Hucklesby David, Church St., Corn, Meal, Hay & Straw Dealer  
 Hunt Frederick, Castle St., Corn & Seed Merchant  
 Looker William, Church St., Miller  
 Newbury John, Boyle St., Corn & Flour Dealer  
 Rogers Robert, Manchester St., Corn Dealer  
 Rosson Charles John Jun., High Town Rd., Steam Flour Miller & Corn Dealer  
 Sell Emily (Mrs), Stuart St., Seed Merchant  
 Tomson & Son, Bute St., Corn Merchants  
 Tooley James Francis, Park St., Corn & Flour Dealer

#### Cow Keepers

Holdsrock John, Edward St.  
 Pateman William, Collingdon St.

#### Dairymen & Milk Dealers

Allen William, Langley St.  
 Allen William, Brache House, Park St.  
 Browning James D, Stuart St., Milk Dealer  
 Cartwright George, Bury Park Rd.  
 Coles Richard, Winsdon Rd.  
 Felstead John, Ashton Rd.  
 Griffin David, Leagrave Rd.

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James William, Albert Rd. & Victoria St.  
Neale Henry, Burr St., Milk Seller  
Nicklinson Richard Wilson, Havelock Rd.  
Pestell Harry Bruce, Langley St.  
Pestell Samuel, Castle St. & Old Bedford Rd.  
Underwood William, Hastings St., Milk Seller

#### Decorators

Abbott, Frederick, Court Rd.  
Burgess J & A, John St.  
Fowler William, Oxford Rd. & Plumber, Gas & Water Fitter, lead, glass and paper-hanging Merchant  
Harding Benjamin, Manchester St., & Paperhanger  
Higgins Louis Richard, Bury Park Rd., & Plumber  
Pedley Frederick John, Cheapside

#### Drapers

Alexander & Son, Wellington St.  
Alexander Adam, Melson St., Travelling Draper  
Austin Elizabeth & Margaret (Misses), Castle St., Fancy Drapers  
Bean Henry William, Park St., Linen Draper  
Biggs Annie (Mrs), Wellington St.  
Brasier Brothers, Cheapside  
Cheesman Thomas, High Town Rd.  
Connell John W, High Town Rd.  
Crawley Maria (Mrs), Stuart St.  
Cunningham Robert, Stockwood Crescent, Travelling Draper  
Darvill Richard Henry, Park St.  
Dimmock William, Cardigan St.  
Edgington Alfred, Dumfries St.  
Foster Emma (Mrs), Church St. & Dressmaker  
Gibbons Henry & Sons, George St.  
Godfrey Albert, Albert Rd.  
Hopkins Arthur R, Park St.  
Horwood Alice (Miss), Boyle St.  
Kelly Malcolm, Park St.  
Lewin Charles, Dumfries St.  
Linger Fred, Wellington St., Linen Draper  
Maney & Co, Wellington St.  
Oliver & Son, Park St.  
Olney Thomas, Collingdon St.  
Pridmore Sarah & Eliza (Misses), High Town Rd.  
Rollings Bartle F, High Town Rd.  
Sadler Florence (Mrs), Castle St.  
Shackleton Thomas & Sons, High Town Rd.  
Smith E & H.E., Wellington St.  
Strange Edwin, Wellington St.  
Trantrum William, High Town Rd.  
Wren Christopher, Park St., Linen Draper

#### Dressmakers

Allen Sarah (Mrs), Castle St.  
Anstee Robina (Miss), Salisbury Rd.  
Arnold Annie (Miss), New Bedford Rd.  
Baker Maud & Florence (Misses), Cromwell Rd.  
Batson Sarah & Alice (Misses), Liverpool Rd. & Collingdon St.

Bradley Annie (Mrs), Collingdon St.  
Brinkler Kate (Mrs), New Bedford Rd. & Langley St.  
Bull Ellen (Mrs), Adelaide St.  
Burrows Ann (Mrs), Dudley St.  
Burrows Martha (Mrs), Regent St.  
Coleman Ellen (Mrs), Castle St.  
Coles Charlotte (Mrs), Winsdon Rd.  
Davis Louisa (Mrs), Wenlock St.  
Day Eliza (Mrs), Chapel St.  
Deamer Florence (Miss), New Bedford Rd.  
Dunham Florence (Miss), Manchester St.  
Elgar Rebecca Margaret (Mrs), Regent St.  
Ellis Sarah (Miss), Ashton Rd.  
Farr Ada (Mrs), Regent St.  
Fensome Annie (Miss), Cardigan St.  
Finlinson Elizabeth (Mrs), Mill St.  
Folks & Webb, Salisbury Rd. & Wellington St.  
Foster Emma (Mrs), Church St., & Draper  
Franklin Emily (Mrs), Salisbury Rd.  
Gibbs Clarissa (Miss), Wellington St.  
Gravett & Gladwell (Misses), Church St. & Park St.  
Hacking Charlotte (Mrs), Hibbert St.  
Hale John, North St.  
Harris R & M (Misses), New Bedford Rd.  
Hart Ann Joysy (Mrs), Regent St.  
Hawkes Phoebe (Mrs), Cumberland St.  
Hawksworth Mrs & Miss, New Bedford Rd.  
Horn Sarah E (Miss), Upper George St.  
Horton Ellen (Mrs), Havelock Rd.  
Hutchins Cecilia (Miss), Oxford Rd.  
Jeans Florence & Emily (Misses), Park St.  
Lake Bertha (Miss), Chapel St.  
Martin Sarah Ann (Mrs), Grove Rd.  
Mead Jane (Mrs), Wenlock St.  
Perry Annie (Mrs), Liverpool Rd.  
Randall Nellie (Miss), Dumfries St.  
Rice Margaret (Miss), Dunstable Rd.  
Robinson Charles (Mrs), Wellington St.  
Robinson Mary (Mrs), Park St. West  
Sinfield Suie D (Miss), Grove Rd.  
Smith Emma (Miss), Church St.  
Stanbridge Kezia (Miss), Hastings St.  
Stormer Annie M (Miss), Cardiff Rd.  
Strapps Eliza (Mrs), Albert Rd.  
Taylor Martha (Mrs), Brunswick St.  
Webb Eliza (Miss), Adelaide St.

#### Drysalters

Dormer William, Waller St.  
Toyer Alfred, High Town Rd., & Post Office  
Seddon J & F, Waller St.

#### Engineers

Delger Joseph, Melson St.  
Dixon William, Guildford St.  
Hardstaff William, Buxton Rd.  
Hayward-Tyler & Howards, & Iron & Brass Founders  
Hudson Ernest William, Langley Rd.  
Keston Hyram, Stuart St., & Machinist

Moody George, Cobden St.  
Nisbet Stroud, Park St. West  
Phillips William Richard, Dunstable Rd., & Manager of Gasworks & Engineer of Waterworks  
Rodell Arthur P, High Town Rd.  
Steff John Henry, Vicarage St., & Machinist  
Worsley Charles Joseph, Melson St.

#### Farmers

Baker Thomas, Round Green  
Boutwood Samuel, Round Green  
Heley William, Bury Farm  
Hollinshead John, West Hyde  
Howe William Albert, Round Green  
Seymour Jonathan Francis, The Brache Farm  
Ward William, Dallow Farm

#### Fishmongers & Dealers

Andrews Albert, High Town Rd., Fish Dealer  
Debney Arthur C, High Town Rd.  
Dudley Daniel, Manchester St.  
Flitton William, George St.  
Gray William, Castle St.  
Hammett David, Hitchin Rd. & Peel St. & Greengrocer  
Hockley Henry, Albert Rd.  
Marshall Percy, Wellington St.  
Richardson Samuel, Park St., & Greengrocer

#### Fried Fish Dealers & Shops

Barrett Arthur, Dudley St. & Crscent Rd., Fried Fish dealer  
Duce Harry, Wellington St. & Bedford & Hitchin, Fried Fish Shop  
Olney Arthur, Albert Rd., Fried Fish Dealer

#### Fruiterers

Brandon Mary (Miss), Chapel St.  
Cain William Waller, Manchester St.  
Cook Jason, High Town Rd.  
Coulson William, Castle St.  
Deamer Mary Ann (Mrs), New Bedford Rd.  
Howard Arthur Sidney, Dudley St.  
Leverton William James, Park St.  
Olney John T, Wellington St.  
Stratton Henry, Manchester St.  
Welch Sidney, York St.

#### Furniture, Glass & China Dealers & Warehouses

Blundell Brothers, George St. & Cheapside, House Furnishers & Drapers  
Funnell Sarah (Mrs), Park St., Furniture Broker  
Long Arthur, North St., Furniture Dealer  
Luton Furnishing Co, Bute St., Furniture Dealer  
Mann William, High Town Rd., China & Glass Dealer  
Merchant Francis, Manchester St., Furniture Dealer  
Samm Edward James, Castle St., Furniture Dealer  
Smith Robert, Stuart St., Furniture Dealer  
Webdale Thomas C, Wellington St., Furniture Dealer, & London, Birmingham, Sheffield &



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Warehousemen & Importers  
Withers William, Hitchin Rd., Furniture Dealer  
Wren William & Son, Park St., Furnishing  
Warehouse

#### Gardeners

Chapman James, Bury Park Rd., Jobbing  
Gardener  
Hill Daniel, Guildford St., Landscape Gardener

#### Gasfitters

Carrington William, Hastings St.  
Lines William, Park St. West

#### Greengrocers

Bowles Levi, Cardigan St.  
Challice Lois (Mrs), Hastings St.  
Chapman Emma (Mrs), Regent St.  
Clark Arthur, Windsor St.  
Clark Daniel & Co, Bute St.  
Cook George, Alma St.  
Duncombe George, Park St. & Gaiter  
Manufacturer  
Evans Joseph, Church St.  
King William, Guildford St.  
Martin John, High Town Rd.  
Mawby Oliver, Hitchin Rd.  
Palmer William, Manchester St.  
Plater James, Windsor St.  
Redman William, Waller St.  
Richardson Samuel, Park St. & Fishmonger  
Shepherd John, Salisbury Rd.  
Smith Thomas, Tavistock St.  
Stanford Sarah (Mrs), Brache St.  
Thorne Ezra Charles, Wellington St.  
Wilson William, High Town Rd.  
Worboys Jabez, Wenlock St.

#### Grocers

Alderman Thomas, Queen St.  
Aldred Harry, High Town Rd.  
Ashton John, Grove Rd.  
Barford Ernest, Hastings St.  
Barrow Samuel, Dumfries St.  
Bartholomew A & Co, Market Hill, Provision  
Factors & Wine, Spirit & Beer Merchants,  
Patent Medicine Vendors & Oilmen (est. 1823),  
Civil Stores  
Bennett John, Castle St.  
Berry George William, Castle St.  
Betts George, Park St. & Post Office  
Bingham Arthur, Park St.  
Boddington William, Park St.  
Bond Japheth, High Town Rd.  
Clark Sarah (Mrs), High Town Rd.  
Clarke & Co, Langley St.  
Cook Arthur Thurlbourn, Court Rd.  
Cook William James, Stanley St.  
Cooke William, Dumfries St.  
Cooper Robert, Hitchin Rd.  
Cross Arthur James, Hitchin Rd.

Culham Ernest, Langley St.  
Cunningham Archer, Wellington St. & Arthur  
St. & Post Office  
Davis George, Collingdon St.  
Duck Henry James, Dudley St.  
Dumpleton Walter, Park St.  
Flavell John, Manchester St.  
Goodman, Foster & Brown Ltd, Park St.  
Groom Charles, New Town St.  
Hale Thomas, Hitchin Rd. & Hair Dresser  
Healy Arthur, Court Rd.  
Holdstock Joseph, North St.  
Husband Lydia (Mrs), High Town Rd.  
Impey Walter J, Boyle St.  
Inwood Henry, Collingdon St., & Agents for W  
& A Gilby Ltd Wine & Spirit Merchants  
Inwood Jesse & Co, High Town Rd., & Agents  
for W & A Gilby Ltd Wine & Spirit Merchants  
Inwood Thomas, Dudley St., & Butcher  
Johnson George Mercer & Samuel, Wellington  
St. & Provision Merchants  
Martin John, North St.  
Monk Arthur, Lea Rd.  
Moody Walter Charles, Windsor St.  
Morgan William H, Stuart St.  
Munday William, Melson St.  
Osborn William, Ashton Rd.  
Overy William Goddard, Ashton Rd.  
Panter Agnes (Mrs), New Town St.  
Pateman Walter, Hastings St.  
Pestell William, Waldeck St.  
Primett Walter, Langley Rd.  
Pysden Walter Henry, Russell St.  
Roberts Thomas George, George St. &  
Provision Merchant  
Robinson Herbert, Inkerman St. & Straw  
Material Dealer  
Roe Edward, Hitchin Rd.  
Rogers Samuel R, Buxton Rd.  
Sanders John & Son, Hastings St.  
Scrutton Arthur, John St.  
Shadbolt John, Windsor St.  
Slough James, North St. & Beer Retailer  
Starkey Daniel, Crawley Rd.  
Starkings Daniel, Russell St.  
Steele William, Lea Rd. & Whitesmith  
Stronell Charles, New Town St.  
Tilcock John Charles, Old Bedford Rd. & Beer  
Retailer  
Unwin Joseph, Round Green, & Beer Retailer  
Walter Thomas J, Bury Park Rd.  
Watts Henry & Sons, Castle St.  
Whitworth John William, Cheapside  
Wooding James Joseph, High Town Rd.  
Wren Frederick J, Manchester St.  
Wright Charles, Hibbert St.

#### Hair Dressers

Austin James, Part St. West  
Barton Albert, Wellington St. & Tobacconist  
Blackabey Frank T, High Town Rd. & Havelock Rd.  
Buckingham William N, Park Lane

Burnet John, Barber's Lane & Tavistock St.  
Cain David, High Town Rd. & Inkerman St. &  
Tobacconist  
Caspers Carl, Bute St.  
Chambers Frederick George, Park St.  
Dyer Charles, Park St.  
Emerson David, Bridge St.  
Gale Frederick William, Langley St.  
Goodge Albert, Chapel St.  
King Henry, Hastings St.  
Morris Edwin, Wellington St.  
Odell Thomas William, Castle St.  
Smith John, Manchester St., Hair Cutter  
St.on Christopher, Castle St.  
Stronell Edwin, Church St.  
Swain Frederick Jun., Chapel St.  
Vass Joseph Thomas, Dumfries St.

#### Hardware Dealers

Bailey John Lane, Collingdon St., Bute St.,  
Chapel St. & Upper George St.  
Rosenthal Etlia (Mrs), High Town Rd.  
Smart John, Park St.  
Webdale John & Sons, Wellington St. & Hitchin  
Wheeler John, High Town Rd.

#### Hat Tip & Lining Manufacturers & Dealers,

Alexander & Son, King St.  
Barnard & Dawson, King St.  
Barnell Henry William, Taylor St. & York St.  
Burgess John, Hastings St., Gold Stamper &  
Ticket Printer, cottons, wires & tissue papers,  
agent for Schmidts' polish  
Colling & Co, King St.  
Edmunds Ann (Miss), High Town Rd.  
Kerridge Alfred F, Bute St.  
Kilby Henry, Hastings St.  
Kilby Samuel, High Town Rd. & Straw Hat  
Material Dealer  
Kingham John, Langley St.  
Tomlin Hannah (Mrs), Langley St.  
Toyer Emma (Mrs), Lea Rd.  
Tyler Daniel, Wenlock St. & Shopkeeper  
Underwood Levi, Regent St.  
Ware & Co, King St.

#### Hat Block Makers

Akers Frederick Richard, Church St.  
Bachini Peter, John St.  
Barrett Arthur, Langley St.  
Brown George Jonathan, Waller St.  
Cornwall Brothers, Pikes Close, Castle St.  
Lowin Joseph, Lea Rd.  
Martin & Tearle, King St.  
Mouse Edward, Stuart St.  
Northwood Charles Samuel, Vicarage St.  
Oakley Frederick, Peel St.  
Overhill Henry, Adelaide St.  
Parsons Thomas, Russell St.  
Robinson William Jun., High Town Rd.  
Scott James & Sons, Alma St. & George St. West  
Scott Moses William, Inkerman St.

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Spratley Henry, Barbers' Lane  
Stevens Oliver, Cardigan St.  
Tearle Arthur, Gordon St.

#### Hawkers

Cook George, Langley St.  
Thompson Leonard, Regent St.

#### Hosiers

Bellott George, Park St. & King St.  
Impey Amos Frederick, High Town Rd.  
Mitchell Charles, Manchester St.

#### Hotels

Armstrong Elizabeth (Ms), Chapel St., Queen's Hotel  
Boutwood Samuel, Bute St., Bridge Hotel  
Cowley George, Church St., Temperance Hotel  
Dipple William Edward, George St., George Family & Commercial Hotel & Posting House, Wine & Spirit Merchant  
Eagle Ernest George, Market Hill, Red Lion Commercial Hotel  
Freestone Charles Helsby, George St., Bell Family & Commercial Hotel & Posting House  
Heath Samuel, Cheapside, Cowper Commercial Temperance Hotel  
Swain Sarah (Miss), Mill St., Royal Hotel  
Wright Thomas, Manchester St., Midland Commercial Hotel  
Wright William, Upper George St., Clarence Hotel

#### House & Estate Agents

Eve John Richard & Son, George St., & Surveyors  
Holyoak Henry & Son, Castle St., Auctioneers, & Surveyors  
Pearse Frank, Barber's Lane, Auctioneers, & Surveyors  
Sell H.J., Princess St.  
Stratford E Douglas, Park Square, & Auctioneers

#### Insurance Agents

Duffield William, Winsdon Rd.  
Giltrow Jesse, Havelock Rd.  
Hunt William, Bury Park Rd.  
Inwards Ernest, Inkerman St.  
Puddephatt Arthur, Castle St.  
Tearle G & Sons, Cheapside  
Weston Sydney W, Guildford St.  
Cox Thomas, Cheapside  
Cotchin Charles, Cheapside, for Mutual Insurance Co. New York

#### Iron & Brass Founders

Andrews, Burgess & co, Albert Rd., Iron Founders  
Brown & Green Ltd., Windsor St., Iron Founders, close & open fire kitchens, heating stoves, tiled stoves, iron fencing & gates, columns, hot water pipes, bath-room fittings, hat blocking machines, hat pans & steam apparatus

Cranfield & Pease, York St., Iron Founders  
Hayward-Tyler & Howards, Engineers  
Joslin Fred, Ashton Rd., Iron Founders  
Langley Foundry Co. Ltd, Langley St., Iron Founders, Stove, Range & Man-hole Cover Makers  
Luton Iron Foundry Co, Cobden St., Iron Founders  
Threadgold Joseph Clarke, Dudley St., Brass Founder  
Wilson Charles, Langley St., Brass Founder

#### Ironmongers

Barrett William James, Park St.  
Gates William Lee, George St., & Grocer & Agent for W & A Gilbey Ltd Wine & Spirit Merchants  
Gibbs & Dandy, George St., (Wholesale & Retail)  
Green Thomas (Mrs), Church St.  
Knight Frank, Barber's Lane, Lantern Supply Stores  
Ward Charles William, Chapel St.

#### Jewellers

Deacon Edwin, Wellington St., & Fancy Repository  
Pridmore Enoch, Chapel St.  
Webb Sydney, Cheapside

#### Laundry Services

Hunt Margaret (Mrs), Dudley St., Laundress  
Luton Sanitary Steam Laundry Co, Dunstable Rd.  
Parkins Mary (Mrs), Cromwell Rd., Laundress  
Perry Sarah (Mrs), John St., Laundress  
Price Rosanna (Mrs), Dumfries St., Laundress  
Sills Annie (Mrs), Castle St., Laundress  
Thorogood Martha (Mrs), Essex Rd., Laundress

#### Marine Store Dealers

Goodge George, New Town St.  
Kirby William, Burr St.  
Mooring John, Langley Rd.  
Smith John, Windsor St.

#### Metal Workers

Almond Dean, Barber's Lane, Zinc & Iron Plate Worker, Plumber & Gas Fitter  
Balmforth T & Co, Pondwicks Rd., Boiler Makers  
Cannon Thomas, Guildford St., Copper Smith  
Clark's Engineering & Machine Tool Co. Ltd., Mill St., Machine Tool Makers  
Howarth William, Castle St., Tool Maker & Cutler  
Poulter Arthur, Castle St., Tin Plate Worker

#### Milliners

Abrahams Elizabeth (Mrs), Cumberland St.  
Baker Richard (Mrs), George St.  
Deacon Mary Ann (Mrs), Stuart St.  
Horton Annie (Mrs), High Town Rd.  
Layzell Ann (Mrs), Stuart St.

Lewin M.L. & Co, Wellington St. & Crawley Rd.  
Moody & Webb, Wellington St.  
Neville Emma (Mrs), Union St.  
Stoffell E (Mrs) & J (Miss), New Bedford Rd.  
Trott Elizabeth Susan (Mrs), George St.

#### Mineral Water Manufacturers

Allen Walter, Castle St.  
Burgess Frederick, Oxford Rd.

#### Monumental Masons

Giddings Low, Mill St.  
Goudge John R, Farley Hill

#### Music & Musical Instrument Sellers

Baker Joseph Perrin, Park St. & Duke St., Musical Instrument Repairer  
Roberts William Thomas, Castle St., Music & Musical Instruments Seller & Photographic Supply Stores  
Saunders Henry, Castle St., Music Seller

#### Music Teachers

Bailey Thomas, Hastings St.  
Coales Emily Philips (Miss)  
Gentle Harry A, Upper George St.  
Hawkes Ellen (Miss), Dunstable Rd.  
Manning Herbert D, Bailey Rd.  
Sills William, Melson St.

#### Newsagents

Blackabey George, High Town Rd.  
Clayton Edmund, Hitchin Rd.  
Ellis James Swain, Park St. & Tobacconist  
Horley Mary Jane (Mrs), Park St.  
Tibbetts Thomas, Langley St.

#### Nurserymen

White William Herbert, Hart Hill  
Dickman James & Son, Wenlock St.  
Holdstock & Sons, Victoria Nurseries, Downs Rd.

#### Oil & Colourmen

Thompson Joseph Sturge, Bute St.  
Goldsmith & Co, Market Hill

#### Outfitters

Mares Mary (Mrs), George St.  
Underwood George, George St.

#### Painters

Cooper Harry, High Town Rd.  
Halfhead George, Castle St.  
Rablott Charles, Inkerman St.  
Scott William Arthur, New Bedford Rd.  
Young Fred, Castle St.

#### Pawnbrokers

Butcher William, Bute St.  
Gale Alfred, High Town Rd, & Furniture Dealer

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Harman & Shoosmith, Park St, & Furniture Dealer & General Salesmen

#### Photographers

Anderson Arthur J, Wellington St,  
Swain Herbert, Queen St,  
Thurston Frederick, Hastings St, & Print Seller  
Titmuss Daniel, Church St.

#### Physicians, Surgeons, Dentists & Chiropodists,

Bone John Wardle, Castle St., Surgeon  
Bower Ernest David, Wellington St., Surgeon  
Dentist  
Duncan William, West Villa, Stuart St.,  
Physician & Surgeon  
Fleming Robert Mevin, George St., Dentist  
Hewer & Coad, Guildford St., Surgeons  
MacDonnell Michael Sweeny, Park Square,  
Physician & Surgeon  
McArthur & Bone, Castle St., Surgeons  
Pauli Henry Christian, New Bedford Rd.,  
Surgeon  
Rose William David, George St. West,  
Physician & Surgeon  
Sworder Horace, Durham House, George St.,  
Physician & Surgeon  
Tidmarsh James Moriarty, Havelock Rd.,  
Physician & Surgeon  
Tomson Walter Bolton, Park St. West &  
Melson St., Surgeons  
Townsend Samuel, Stuart St. & Church St.,  
Chiropodist  
Wardill George Jackson, Park St. West,  
Surgeon Dentist  
Wardill William, Park St. West, Dentist

#### Pianoforte Warehouses & Tuners,

Donne Walter, Alma St., Pianoforte Tuner  
Farmer S & Co, Wellington St., Pianoforte  
Warehouse  
Murdoch John G & Co Ltd, Wellington St.,  
Pianoforte Warehouse & Music Seller  
Sanders Bert, Manchester St., Pianoforte  
Warehouse

#### Plumbers

Bavister Alfred, Park St.  
Bellshaw Charles, Wellington St.  
Bone William, Wellington St.  
Cooke William, Adelaide St.  
Eames William, Cumberland St.  
George William, Waller St.  
Higgins John & Sons, Upper George St.  
Kightley John Ephraim, Williamson St.  
Kiteley Edward, Burr St.  
Nelson & Daft, Dunstable Place  
Pedley John, Stuart St.  
Perry William, Victoria St.  
Pilkington George Edward, Park St. West  
Smith Obediah, Wellington St.  
White Charles Jun., Bury Park Rd.

Witticks Alice (Mrs), Langley St.  
Wood & Sons, Chapel St.  
Worton Frederick, Boyle St.

#### Provision Dealers & Merchants

Bent George, Chapel St.  
Brightman William Jason., High Town Rd.  
Hudgell Frederick, High Town Rd., & Beer  
Retailer  
Kirby & Clarke, Castle St., & Egg Merchants  
Oakley Brothers, High Town Rd.  
Plason George, Castle St.  
Rainbow Walter Albert, New Town St. & Church St.,  
Underwood Joseph, Elizabeth St., General  
Dealer

#### Public Houses & Inns

Abbott Sidney George, Albert Rd., Antelope  
Inn  
Barber Charles, Park St., White Lion PH  
Barnes Edward, Bute St., Coopers' Arms  
Blackmore Alfred, Hitchin Rd., Old English  
Gentleman PH  
Blake Edward Walter, Castle St., Vine PH  
Brough Henry, Park St., Cock PH  
Brown Tabitha (Mrs), Park St., Wheel  
Plough PH  
Burnand Richard Ford, Brache St., Volunteer PH  
Cain Frederick, Langley St., Sportsman PH  
Cain Herbert, Park St., Moulders' Arms PH  
Chart Robert, Wood St., Cardinal PH  
Clark George, Chapel St., Star & Garter P H  
Clements Sarah Ann (Miss), York St.,  
Freeholders PH  
Cole John, Windmill Rd., Windmill Inn  
Cook Samuel, Hitchin Rd., Henry VIII PH  
Cooper Fred, Cheapside, Granville Hotel  
Croft Peter, Elizabeth St., Enterprise PH  
Croxford Lucy (Mrs), High Town Rd., Bricklayers'  
Arms PH  
Cutler James, Collingdon St., Bute Arms PH  
Darton John, Bute St., George II PH  
Dennett William, St. Ann's Rd., Hearts Of  
Oak PH  
Dukes Joseph, Ebenezer St., Albion PH  
Duvall George, Waller St. & Park St.,  
Exchange PH  
Eaton Charles Peter, New Town St., Robin  
Hood PH  
Eaton John, Chapel St., Masons' Arms PH  
Ellerd Eliza (Mrs), New Town St., Parrot PH  
Flood Richard W, Stuart St., Duke of  
Edinburgh PH  
Frith John, Chapel St., Compass Inn  
Gage Arthur, High Town Rd., Painters' Arms PH  
Grove William, Castle St., Woolpack PH  
Garcole William W, Guildford St.,  
Wheelwrights' Arms PH  
Giradet Constant, Church St., Milson Arms PH  
Graham James William, Hitchin Rd.,  
Harrow PH  
Hayward Alfred, King St., Sugar Loaf PH

Hildebrand Frederick, Round Green, Jolly Toper PH  
Howe William, Round Green, Royal Oak PH  
Hume Thomas, Bute St., Great Northern Inn  
Hunt Albert, Park St. West, The Greyhound PH  
Hutchinson Charles, Park St., The Chequers Inn  
Hutchinson Clara (Miss), Park St., Blacksmiths'  
Arms PH  
Jackson George, Windmill Rd., Yorkshire Grey PH  
Jones Ray, New Bedford Rd., Albion PH  
Kenney Edward, Albert Rd., Windsor Castle PH  
Kensett George, Dumfries St., Royal Standard PH  
Law Charles, Chapel St., King's Head PH  
Lawrence George, Old Bedford Rd., Rabbit PH  
Martin George, Langley Rd., Mother Red  
Cap PH  
Millard Louisa (Mrs), Wellington St., Wellington  
Arms PH  
Muddiman John, High Town Rd., Railway Inn  
Naylor James, Princess St., Princess  
Alexandra PH  
Neal Henry, Stuart St., Bedford Arms PH  
Noble Hartley, Upper George St., Dew Drop  
Inn PH  
Oakley George, Castle St., White Hart PH  
Paget George L, Church St., Eight Bells PH  
Payne Mary (Mrs), Duke St., Green Man PH  
Pedrick Jason Pote, Wellington St., Salisbury  
Arms PH  
Pendleton William George, Castle St., Dog PH  
Pepper Samuel James, Dunstable Place,  
Oddfellows' Arms PH  
Phillips Alfred, Castle St., Richard III PH  
Phillips William, George St., Plough PH  
Proctor George T, Guildford St., Plume of  
Feathers PH  
Proctor Thomas, North St., North Star PH  
Reynolds Annie Ellen (Mrs), Park St., Falcon PH  
Rose George, Park St., Goat PH  
Ross William, Burr St., Britannia PH  
Rowe Thomas, Chapel St., Griffin PH  
Scammell Henry J, Peel St., Volunteer  
Canteen PH  
Seabrook George, Lea Rd., Lea Bridge Inn  
Seabrook Walter, Dunstable Rd., Fox PH &  
Wheelwright  
Sibley George, George St., Crown PH  
Sibley Thomas, Manchester St., Horse &  
Groom PH  
Spacey Arthur, John St., Grapes PH  
Steedman William, Hastings St., Cock &  
Magpie PH  
Stevens Benjamin, Inkerman St., Inkerman  
Arms PH  
Stewart Joseph, Church St., Wheatsheaf PH  
Swain Frederick Sen., Windsor St.,  
Highlander PH  
Taylor Albert Edward, Windsor St., Foresters'  
Arms PH  
Thompson John, Bute St., Engine PH  
Tipler Thomas, Windsor St., Royal Oak PH  
Tuffnell Benjamin, Wellington St., Fountain PH  
Upton Charles B, Alma St., Marquis of Bute PH

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Veasey Robert James, George St., Cross Keys PH  
 Verran John W, New Bedford Rd., Crown & Anchor PH  
 Warburton Walter, Park St., Four Horseshoes PH  
 Weinburg Carl J, Church St., Midland Railway Inn  
 Williams William, Park St., Bull PH  
 Wilson Mary Ann (Mrs), Union St., Globe PH  
 Worboys Harry, Cobden St., Burton Arms PH

#### Refreshment, Dining Rooms & Cafes

Brown Joseph, Church St., Dining Rooms  
 Butt Frederick Thomas, Bute St., Coffee Rooms  
 Carter William, High Town Rd., Refreshment Rooms  
 Franklin Joseph Walter, George St., Restaurant  
 Goldsmith John Charles, Albert Rd., Dining Rooms  
 Samuel Heath, George St., Exchange Café  
 Smith Andrew Allen, Hitchin Rd., Refreshment Rooms & Tailor  
 Walker Albert, Manchester St., Refreshment Rooms

#### Ribbon Manufacturers & Merchants

Briggs J & Co., King St., Hat Ribbon Manufacturers  
 Stratford Edward, Cheapside, Ribbon Merchant

#### Rope Manufacturers

Bull John, Hitchin Rd.,  
 Pedder James, Melson St.,  
 Powell George, Bridge St., Rope & Twine Manufacturer  
 Saddlers, Harness Makers & Leather Sellers,  
 Coleman Montague, Park St. West, Saddler  
 Ellwood Thomas, Chapel St., Leather Seller  
 Lacey Emily (Miss), Waller St., Saddler  
 Lightfoot Frederick George, Chapel St., Saddler  
 Oliver Archibald Thomas, Park St., Saddler & Harness Maker  
 Pedder Albert, Hitchin Rd., Saddler  
 Wild Gilbert, Manchester St., Saddler & Harness Maker

#### Schools

Arnold John Edward, Rothesay Rd., Grosvener College Boys School  
 Ayre Eliza (Miss), Inkerman St., Girls' School  
 Carruthers Isabel (Miss), Market Hill, School Of Art  
 Costin Bessie (Miss), King St., School for Young Ladies  
 Cronshey A.M. & M.A., Castle St., School for Young Ladies  
 Furlong George, Havelock Rd., Boys Boarding & Day School  
 Gilfilian Margaret, Emma & Lucy (Misses), Milton House, Dunstable Rd., School for Young Ladies  
 Haysman Frances (Miss), Cardiff Grove, School

Higgs Martha (Miss), Princess St., Girls' Day School  
 Langham Harriet (Miss), Mill St., School  
 Loots Amelia (Miss), Church St., School for Young Ladies  
 Southam Mabel (Miss), King St., Kindergarten

#### Sculptors & Sculpture Merchants,

Bachini Brothers, Windsor Walk, Sculpture Merchant  
 Eales William, Bridge St. & Hitchin Rd., Sculptor

#### Sewing & Knitting Machine Agents

Goodenough Edward Thomas, Hitchin Rd., Knitting Machines  
 Horwood Thomas, Cardigan St. & Barber's Lane  
 Janes Brothers, High Town Rd., & Bicycle Agents, Makers & Repairers, Machinists & Engineers  
 Shearmur Francis N, Dudley St.  
 Starke Herbert, Park St.  
 Wiseman Edmund & Co, Cheapside

#### Sewing Machine Engineers & Manufacturers

Eling William, Chapel St., Manufacturer  
 Humphrey George, Duke St., Engineer  
 Moody Frederick, Stuart St., Engineers  
 Rainbow Henry, Duke St., Engineer & Repairer, Bicycle Maker & Repairer  
 Singer Manufacturing Co, Cheapside, Manufacturers  
 Walker George, Regent St., Engineer

#### Sewing Machine Engravers

Atkin George William, Princess St.  
 Frost Walter, Collingdon St.,

#### Shopkeepers

Alderman William, Chobham St.  
 Allen Benjamin, Duke St.  
 Anderson Maurice, Dudley St.  
 Andrews John, Essex St.  
 Ashwell Betsy (Mrs), Dunstable Place  
 Barker Jesse, Chapel St.  
 Bates Thomas, Cobden St.  
 Bone Edwin, Bailey St.  
 Briden James, Chapel St. & John St.  
 Brightman George, New Bedford Rd.  
 Brown Henry, Burr St.  
 Butler Charles, Brunswick St.  
 Carter William C, Princess St.  
 Cherry Jonathan, Albert Rd.  
 Chilton George, Spring Place  
 Claridge James, Boyle St.  
 Coleman Ann (Mrs), Langley St.  
 Collie James, Collingdon St.  
 Colson John, Collingdon St.  
 Cooper Ann (Mrs), Tavistock St.  
 Cooper Elizabeth (Mrs), Boyle St.  
 Cooper Philip Arthur, Park St.

Cooper William, Guildford St.  
 Corke Francis, Burr St.  
 Cox George, Round Green  
 Crew Henry, Queen St.  
 Crew Mary (Mrs), Boyle St.  
 Crewe Sarah (Mrs), New Town St.  
 Crick James, North St.  
 Dockrill Ephraim, Old Bedford Rd.  
 Dollimore Mary (Mrs), New Town St.  
 Eames William Jun., Cumberland St.  
 Evans Elizabeth (Mrs), Chase St.  
 Evans Joseph, Chobham St.  
 Field Charles, Langley St.  
 Flemons Arthur B, Castle St.  
 Fletcher William, Hitchin Rd.  
 Foster Frederick, Park St.  
 Freeman Joseph, Chase St.  
 Furr Robert, Langley St.  
 Gayler Charles, Wenlock St.  
 Gibson Joseph, John St.  
 Goodman Charles, Hitchin Rd.  
 Gray George, Boyle St.  
 Haddon Frederick, Stanley St.  
 Hill Elias, Pondwicks Rd.  
 Hodges Mary Grace (Mrs), Wood St.  
 Holdstock George, Russell St.  
 Holmes Sarah (Mrs), High Town Rd.  
 Horwood William James, North St.  
 Howes Thomas Ranson, High Town Rd.  
 Ingram Zilpah (Miss), Grove Rd.  
 Jakins George, High Town Rd.  
 Jones Julius, Chase St.  
 Kent Herbert John, Lea Rd.  
 King Thomas, Albert Rd.  
 Kirby Thomas, Hibbert St.  
 Lamb James, Hibbert St.  
 Lightfoot Caroline (Mrs), Chapel St.  
 Luck Charles, Langley Rd.  
 Major George, High Town Rd.  
 Mardell Arthur, Lea Rd.  
 Marshall Rachel Ellen (Mrs), Albert Rd.  
 Moody Frederick, Brunswick St.  
 Morley William, Dorset St.  
 Morris Sarah (Mrs), Edward St.  
 Newell Clara (Mrs), Church St.  
 Nicholls Walter, Park St.  
 Norris Louis Stanham, Dorset St.  
 Northwood John, New Town St.  
 Norton Thomas, Tavistock St.  
 Odell John, North St.  
 Odell Maria (Mrs), Windsor St.  
 Olney Albert, Hibbert St.  
 Padbury Henry, Adelaide St.  
 Page Elizabeth (Mrs), Foundry Lane  
 Page Sarah (Mrs), Salisbury Rd.  
 Palmer John, Foundry Lane  
 Parkins George, Havelock Rd.  
 Perry James, Castle St.  
 Pestell Albert John, Burr St.  
 Pestell Frederick William, Milton Rd.  
 Pollard Alfred, North St.  
 Pollard James, New Town St.

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Pratt Eliza (Miss), John St.  
 Prime Frederick, Lea Rd.  
 Prime Richard, North St.  
 Puddephatt Eliza (Mrs), High Town Rd.  
 Rumbles James, Wellington St.  
 Rumbles William, Princess St.  
 Sale George, Stanley St.  
 Shackleton Joseph, Inkerman St. & Cobden St.  
 Shedd Alfred, Salisbury Rd.  
 Simpson Arthur, Milton Rd.  
 Smith Alfred, Burr St.  
 Smith Thomas, Albert Rd.  
 Smoothy Thomas, Alma St.  
 Stevens Mary Ann (Mrs), Langley St.  
 Swain Susannah (Mrs), New Town St.  
 Sycamore Ephraim, Hitchin Rd. & Ashton Rd.  
 Taylor Henry, Cobden St.  
 Taylor John, North St.  
 Taylor Samuel, Cobden St.  
 Thomas Joseph, Napier Rd.  
 Thompson Sarah Ann (Mrs), Hitchin Rd.  
 Thompson William Poulton, Park St. & New Town St.  
 Timms Zebulon, High Town Rd.  
 Tomlin Mary Ann (Mrs), Hibbert St.  
 Turner John, North St.  
 Turner Rose (Mrs), Liverpool Rd.  
 Walker Charles, Stanley St.  
 Walker George, Cromwell Rd.  
 West William, Langley Rd.  
 Whitelock John, Park St.  
 Woodley Peter, Duke St.  
 Wright Arthur, Brache St. & Beer Retailer  
 Wright William, New Town St.

#### Size, Glue & Gelatine Manufacturers & Merchants

Dimmock Benjamin, New Town St., Size & Glue Manufacturer  
 Garrard William, George St. West, Gelatine Merchant  
 Shepherd Edwin, Duke St., Size Manufacturer

#### Solicitors

Austin William, George St. West  
 Beck Frederic Walter, Market Hill  
 Brooke Horace George, Dunstable Rd.  
 Brown Henry Cumberland, Castle St.  
 Cook & Son, George St. West  
 Cooke Douglas Edwin, George St. West  
 Gates John, Castle St.  
 Knowles & Wardle, Castle St.  
 Lathom Hutchinson William Lathom Brown, King St.  
 Miliken & Co, Wellington St.  
 Neve & Beck, Market Hill  
 Roberts & Kershaw, Park St. West

#### Stationers

Burditt Francis Noel, Wellington St.  
 Dryerre David, Park St.  
 Ottridge Henry, Chapel St.  
 Pride Samuel, Wellington St.  
 Reason George, High Town Rd.  
 Smith Eliza (Mrs), Castle St.  
 Smith Jane (Mrs), Castle St.  
 Staddon John, Bute St.

#### Straw Goods Importers

Di Lingi P. Vincenzi, King St..  
 Mattei Guiseppe, King St.

#### Straw Hat Manufacturers & Merchants

Abrahams John, Albert Rd.  
 Abrahams Sidney James, Cumberland St. & Chapel St.  
 Adams Frederick, Cardigan St. & Waller St.  
 Adcock William, Guildford St.  
 Aitkin Mary (Mrs), Villa Rd.  
 Allen Frederick, Duke St.  
 Allen John Alfred, Bute St., & Bonnet Manufacturer  
 Andrews Thomas, Cardigan St.  
 Andrews William, Cardigan St.  
 Archer Charles, Russell St.  
 Arnall Stephen Edwin, Park St.  
 Arnold Francis & Co, King St.  
 Arnold Frederick, North St.  
 Ashby George Andrew, North St.  
 Askew Alfred, Collingdon St.  
 Askew George, Collingdon St.  
 Atkin Arthur, North St.  
 Bailey John Thomas, Collingdon St.  
 Baker William S, George St.  
 Baldwin Frederick, Wellington St.  
 Barford & Sons, King St.  
 Barford Abraham, John St.  
 Barrett Albert, Old Bedford Rd.  
 Barrett Frederick George, Princess St.  
 Barrett John, Villa Rd.  
 Bartlett Edwin, Collingdon St.  
 Bartlett Thomas, Upper George St.  
 Barton John, Chase St.  
 Bass Edward, Guildford St.  
 Bass Thomas, Alma St.  
 Bates William, Old Bedford Rd.  
 Bavister Frederick George, Brunswick St.  
 Bedford William, Wenlock St.  
 Bennett Benjamin, George St.  
 Bennett Clifford, Cumberland St.  
 Bennett George, Wenlock St.  
 Bennett Walter, Windmill St.  
 Biggs F.S. & Co, Cheapside  
 Biggs Mary Ann (Mrs), Park St.  
 Bingham George, Court Rd.  
 Bird Charles, John St.  
 Bird Walter, Guildford St.  
 Blows Wesley, Waller St. & Cheapside  
 Bodsworth John, North St.  
 Bonnick Henry, Russell St.  
 Booth Arthur Frederick, Bute St.  
 Boutwood & Harden, Bute St.  
 Boutwood Martha (Mrs), Alma St.  
 Brasier William, Cheapside, & Bonnet Manufacturer  
 Breadsall Thomas Edwin, Guildford St.  
 Briers Albert, Chobham St.  
 Brooks Frederick, Windmill St.  
 Brown Charles, Albion Rd.  
 Brown Edward, High Town Rd.  
 Brown Emma (Mrs), Inkerman St.  
 Brown George, Dudley St.  
 Brown Roland, Wenlock St.  
 Brown Sophia (Mrs), Cardigan St.  
 Brown William, Cardigan St.  
 Buckingham & Co, George St.  
 Burgess Arthur, Hastings St.  
 Burgess Ebenezer, Alma St.  
 Burgess Josiah & John, Essex St.  
 Burgess William, King St.  
 Burley Thomas, Adelaide St.  
 Burnage George, Wenlock St.  
 Burnett Walter, Cardigan St.  
 Burrage William, Church St.  
 Byers Richard, North St.  
 Cain Charles, Upper George St.  
 Cain Edward, Old Bedford Rd.  
 Cain Frederick, Castle St.  
 Cain George & Co, George St.  
 Carruthers Brothers, King St., & Felt Hat Manufacturers  
 Carter Elizabeth (Mrs), Jubilee St.  
 Carter George, Wellington St.  
 Carter Walter J, Collingdon St.  
 Chamberlain Alfred, Winsdon Rd.  
 Cherry Walter, Holley Walk  
 Clark Charles Henry, Wenlock St.  
 Clark Harry, Langley Rd.  
 Clark Thomas, Mill St.  
 Clarke & Stokes, John St.  
 Clarke Ernest, Old Bedford Rd.  
 Clarke Henry, Dumfries St., & Bonnet Manufacturer  
 Clarke Joseph, Collingdon St.  
 Coleman Joseph, Wenlock St.  
 Coles Richard, Buxton Rd.  
 Collyer Matilda (Miss), Guildford St.  
 Congreve James, Cheapside  
 Congreve William, Collingdon St.  
 Cook Edward, Melson St.  
 Cook F.J. & Co, Bute St.  
 Cook Francis F, Guildford St.  
 Cook William, Victoria St.  
 Cookson & Co, Bute St. & Felt Hat Manufacturers  
 Cooper Henry, Princess St.  
 Cooper Sidney Charles, Old Bedford Rd.  
 Cooper Thomas, Albert Rd.  
 Copestake, Lindsay, Crampton & Co, Guildford St.  
 Costin Ruth (Mrs), Bute St. & Princess St.  
 Cotchin Herbert, Upper George St.

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- Cox James, Princess St.  
 Cox Walter Harry, Waller St.  
 Crick Newby, Langley St.  
 Crick William, Holley Walk  
 Custance Caroline (Mrs), Old Bedford Rd.  
 Custance Frederick, Villa Rd.  
 Dale Frederick, Wellington St.  
 Daubin Annie (Mrs), Court Rd.  
 Davies Ernest, Crescent Rd.  
 Davis William, Inkerman St.  
 Dawson William, Melson St.  
 Day Albert, Old Bedford Rd.  
 Day Arthur, Holley Walk  
 Day George, Wellington St.  
 Day James, North St.  
 Day John, York St.  
 Day Joseph, Langley Rd.  
 Day Thomas, Alma St.  
 Day Thomas, High Town Rd.  
 Day William, Park St.  
 Dean Thomas, Villa Rd.  
 Dennet Emma (Mrs), Cardigan St.  
 Dickens Elizabeth (Mrs), Stanley St.  
 Dickins George, Albert Rd.  
 Dillingham Charles, Upper George St.  
 Dillingham Denbigh, Chase St.  
 Dimmock E., Old Bedford Rd.  
 Dimmock Ellen (Mrs), Cardigan St.  
 Dimmock George & Co, George St.  
 Dobbs Charles, Melson St.  
 Duncombe Fred H, Church St.  
 Durrant Alfred, Hitchin Rd.  
 Ellingham Edward, Ashton Rd.  
 Ellingham James, Spring Place  
 Ellingham John, Wenlock St.  
 Elliott Frederick J, Bute St. & Bonnet  
 Manufacturer  
 Elliott M & Son, Bute St.  
 Ellis Frederick, John St.  
 Elphick James, Manchester St.  
 Else Joseph, Old Bedford Rd.  
 Euinton Emma (Mrs), Langley St.  
 Eustace & Maier, King St.  
 Eyles John, Cardiff Rd.  
 Farmer Edward, Albion Rd.  
 Farr Henry, Villa Rd.  
 Farrow William, Langley Rd.  
 Felks William, Waller St.  
 Field Alfred George, Guildford St.  
 Field Arthur, High Town Rd.  
 Field George, Cardigan St.  
 Firmin Alfred William, Upper George St.  
 Flint Joseph & Co, George St.  
 Flitton Henry, Buxton Rd.  
 Fookes Joseph, Princess St.  
 Foster Charles, Wenlock St.  
 Foster Thomas, Vicarage St.  
 Foster William, High Town Rd.  
 Foxley Joseph, Elizabeth St.  
 Foxley William, New Bedford Rd.  
 Freeman George, Guildford St.  
 Frost Herbert Nicklin, Bute St.  
 Fullarton Thomas & Son, Collingdon St.  
 Gardner Francis, Guildford St.  
 Gardner William J, Stanley St.  
 Garrard & Staddon, George St., & Felt Hat  
 Manufacturers  
 Garrard Benjamin, Cheapside  
 Garrett Alfred, Cardigan St.  
 Gentle Amos, Gordon St.  
 Giddens Harry, Cardigan St.  
 Gilbert James, John St.  
 Gilder George Wilcox, George St.  
 Gillam James, Windmill St.  
 Ginbotham Jason & Sons, Bute St.  
 Gladwell Ernest, Victoria St.  
 Godfrey George, Wellington St.  
 Gomm Rebecca (Miss), Park St.  
 Goodwin David, Princess St.  
 Gray Lewis, Holley Walk  
 Greatorex & Simpson, Bute St.  
 Groom Alfred, Stanley St.  
 Groom Josiah, Inkerman St.  
 Gudgeon William, Hibbert St.  
 Harden Frank & Co, Bute St.  
 Harmer & Stonebridge, Guildford St.  
 Harvey George, Burr St.  
 Harvey William, Burr St.  
 Hawkes John, Princess St.  
 Hawkins Clara Jane (Mrs), New Town St.  
 Hawkins Joseph, Stanley St., & Bonnet  
 Manufacturer  
 Haye & Co, George St.  
 Hearn Charles, Holly St.  
 Hewson George, Queen St.  
 Hickinbottom Reuben, Langley Rd.  
 Hide Joseph, Cobden St.  
 Hide Mary (Mrs), Collingdon St.  
 Higgins Jason A & F, Bute St.  
 Hill & Shoosmith, Upper George St.  
 Hill Emma (Miss), Gordon St.  
 Hill John, York St.  
 Hillyard Arthur, Dudley St.  
 Hinson Francis Thomas, Wellington St.  
 Hope William & Co, John St.  
 Horn Henry Thomas, Peel St.  
 Horton Charles, Brunswick St.  
 Horton James, York St.  
 Horwood Joseph, High Town Rd.  
 Hucklesby A & Co, George St.  
 Hucklesby Albert, Melson St.  
 Hucklesby Joseph, Old Bedford Rd.  
 Hucklesby William, Duke St.  
 Hudson Albert Joseph, Stanley St.  
 Hudson Alfred, Buxton Rd.  
 Hudson Alfred William, Stanley St.  
 Hudson Amos, Peel St.  
 Hudson Caroline (Mrs), Buxton Rd.  
 Hunt Jason, Villa Rd.  
 Hunter Harry E, Inkerman St.  
 Impey Alfred, Wenlock St.  
 Impey James, Russell St.  
 Inwards Charles P, Guildford St.  
 Johnson Charles John, Cheapside  
 Kendrick Arthur, Bute St.  
 Kershaw John Chadwick & Co, George St.  
 Kidman Albert & Co, Bute St.  
 Kilby Cornelius, Park St.  
 Kilby Frederick, Villa Rd.  
 Kilby Thomas, Adelaide St.  
 King David, Adelaide St.  
 King Frederick, Napier Rd.  
 Kirby Sarah (Mrs), Princess St.  
 Knifton Edwin, Williamson St.  
 Lambie & Cain, George St.  
 Lathwell Daniel, Mill St.  
 Lathwell John, Hastings St.  
 Lawrence Alfred, Court Rd.  
 Lawrence James, Old Bedford Rd.  
 Lightfoot Edwin, Adelaide St.  
 Lines Reuben, Chapel St.  
 Longstaffe Pattie (Miss), Guildford St.  
 Loots Arthur William, Hastings St.  
 Loots James, Napier Rd., Guildford St.  
 & Bond St.  
 Lovell William, Regent St.  
 Lowin Henry, York St.  
 Luck & Co, Barber's Lane  
 Macdonald Eliza (Mrs), Wood St.  
 Mann Thomas, Waller St.  
 Mardle Joseph, Guildford St.  
 Mardle Walter Edward, Stuart St.  
 Mariner Isaac, Collingdon St.  
 Marshall George, Albert Rd.  
 Marshall James, Guildford St.  
 Matthew Hiram J, Chapel St.  
 Mayles & Son, Bute St.  
 Messenger George, High Town Rd.  
 Messenger Sarah (Mrs), Jubilee St.  
 Mimms Harry, Dumfries St.  
 Moody H & Co, Cheapside  
 Mullett William Frederick, Tavistock St.  
 Newbold & White, Cheapside  
 Newman George, Bute St.  
 Nicholls Albert, Elizabeth St.  
 Norris & Webb, Regent St.  
 Northwood William John, Victoria St.  
 Northwood William John, Albert Rd.  
 Nott Joseph N, Cheapside  
 Osborne Charles H, Bute St.  
 Overhill Edward, Buxton Rd.  
 Page Alfred, Buxton Rd.  
 Pakes Samuel, Cardigan St.  
 Palmer Thomas, Havelock Rd.  
 Panter Arthur & Co, George St.  
 Parker Thomas, Guildford St.  
 Peck Samuel, High Town Rd.  
 Pedder Thomas, Williamson St.  
 Percival Frank Ellard, Bute St.  
 Philpott Frank, Cardigan St.  
 Pinney William, Cheapside  
 Pitkin Martha (Mrs), Guildford St.  
 Platon Francis, Albion Rd.  
 Plummer & Son, Bute St.  
 Plummer Alfred, Buxton Rd.  
 Plummer George, Waller St.



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Plummer Harry, Buxton Rd.  
 Plummer William Sidney, Regent St.  
 Pope Nathaniel, Stanley St.  
 Pope William, Crawley Rd.  
 Potton Albert, John St.  
 Powell Thomas, Hitchin Rd.  
 Puddefoot Levi, Wellington St.  
 Puddephatt Albert, Princess St.  
 Punter & Child, Collingdon St., & Bonnet  
 Manufacturers  
 Punter Abraham, Buxton Rd.  
 Raines Elizabeth (Mrs), Upper George St.  
 Raines Frederick, Salisbury Rd.  
 Randall William, Rothersey Rd.  
 Rayment George, Buxton Rd.  
 Read Thomas W, Liverpool Rd.  
 Reed Joseph, Bailey Rd.  
 Roberts William, Buxton Rd.  
 Roberts, Gregory & Co, Bute St.  
 Robinson Sydney G, Guildford St.  
 Robinson Thomas, Villa Rd.  
 Robinson William, Buxton Rd.  
 Robinson William Sen., Hastings St.  
 Rodell Harry Jun., Chase St.  
 Roe Henry, Havelock Rd. & Bute St.  
 Rogers George, Cardigan St.  
 Rosson Henry & Co, Collingdon St.  
 Sale George & Son, Williamson St.  
 Sanders Frederick, Buxton Rd.  
 Sandon Sophia (Mrs), Brunswick St.  
 Sapwell Elizabeth (Mrs), Crawley Rd.  
 Sapwell Stephen, Collingdon St.  
 Saunders James, Cheapside  
 Saunders Thomas, Brache St.  
 Scales William, Old Bedford Rd.  
 Schakleton Joseph, Stanley St.  
 Scrivener Ephraim, Melson St.  
 Setchell Henry, Albert Rd.  
 Seymour Eustace, George St.  
 Shackleton William G, Peel St.  
 Shane Emma (Mrs), Victoria St.  
 Shepard William John, Williamson St. & Ashton  
 Rd.  
 Shepherd Charles, Rothersey Rd.  
 Sidley Henry, Court Rd.  
 Slough William, Dudley St.  
 Smart Frederick, Cardigan St.  
 Smart Thomas, George St.  
 Smith & Small, George St.  
 Smith George, North St.  
 Smith Sarah (Mrs), Queen St.  
 Smith Thomas, Old Bedford Rd.  
 Smith Walter, Foundry Lane  
 Snoxell Alfred, Hibbert St.  
 Snoxell J & Co, Williamson St.  
 Sole John, Williamson St.  
 Soper Walter, York St.  
 Squires Arthur, Liverpool Rd.  
 Squires James & George, Waller St., & Felt Hat  
 Manufacturers  
 Squires Joseph, Rothersey Rd.  
 Stanbridge Sarah (Mrs), Bute St.

Stangham Flowers, Dumfries St.  
 Stevens & Gee, Bute St.  
 Stokes Arthur, Wenlock St.  
 Stuart, Sons & Co, Wellington St.  
 Summerfield Francis, High Town Rd.  
 Swain Florence (Miss), Williamson St., & Felt  
 Hat Manufacturer  
 Tearle & Co, Waller St.  
 Terry Cornelius, Guildford St.  
 Thompson Annie (Mrs), Queen St.  
 Thompson George, Dudley St.  
 Thorogood Horace H, Buxton Rd.  
 Thrussell Henry, Waller St.  
 Tompkins Joseph, Cardigan St.  
 Toyer Alfred, Liverpool Rd.  
 Toyer Julia (Mrs), Queen St.  
 Toyer William, Burr St.  
 Trott James, Ashton Rd.  
 Turney Levi, Guildford St.  
 Underwood Arthur, Regent St.  
 Underwood Caleb, Wellington St.  
 Venus Thomas W, Bute St., & Bonnet  
 Manufacturer  
 Vyse, Sons & Co, Park Square & Merchants  
 Walker Matthew, Guildford St.  
 Walker William, Salisbury Rd.  
 Waller George, Cardigan St.  
 Waller Harry, Dudley St.  
 Waller Robert, Cardigan St.  
 Waller W & Co, Williamson St.  
 Walsh William & Son, George St.  
 Ward John, Collingdon St.  
 Warren Alfred & Sons, Bute St., & Felt Hat  
 Manufacturers  
 Warren George, George St. & Straw Plait  
 Merchant  
 Warren Walter, Midland Rd.  
 Weatherhead Stanley William, Bute St.  
 Webb & Taylor, George St., & Felt Hat  
 Manufacturers  
 Webb Edwin, King St.  
 Webb Henry, Cheapside, & Bonnet  
 Manufacturer  
 Weedon John, Princess St.  
 Welch George, King St.  
 Wheeler Mary (Mrs), Cardigan St.  
 White & Auborn, Princess St.  
 Whittemore Herbert, Wellington St.  
 Whittemore Hiram Thomas, Wellington St.  
 Wilkinson Harry, Guildford St., & Bonnet  
 Manufacturer  
 Williamson Charles, Hastings St.  
 Williamson Lewin Jun., Dunstable Place  
 Wilson Charles, Oxford Rd.  
 Wilson William, Cumberland St.  
 Wing, Arnold & Wing, King St., & Bonnet  
 Manufacturers  
 Wingrave Frederick, Brunswick St.  
 Wingrave Sidney, Inkerman St.  
 Wolff S & Son, Williamson St.  
 Wood Frederick, North St.  
 Wood Henry Alfred, North St.

Woodcroft Arthur, Langley St.  
 Woolley, Sanders & Co, Alma St.  
 Worboys Frederick, High Town Rd.  
 Worboys George, Windmill St.  
 Worboys Jane (Mrs), Wenlock St.  
 Worboys Lawrence, Jubilee St.  
 Worsley Samuel Joseph, Wellington St.  
 Wren Henry, Cumberland St.  
 Wren William, Liverpool Rd.  
 Wright Charles, Wenlock St.  
 Wright Francis, Dudley St.  
 Wright George, Bute St.  
 Wright Herbert, Castle St.  
 Wright James, Cardigan St.  
 Wright John Irving, George St., & Plait  
 Merchant  
 Wright Sidney, Wenlock St.

#### Straw Plait & Hat Materials Dealers

Day Frederick, North St., Shackleton Henry  
 Thomas, Wellington St.,  
 Pestell James Arthur, Park St.  
 Carter Sarah (Mrs), Albert Rd.,  
 Dimmock Emily (Mrs), John St.  
 Gillam William, Brache St.  
 Newham James A, Old Bedford Rd., Dealer  
 Wallbank Annie (Mrs), Lea Rd.  
 White George, Hitchin Rd.  
 Brewer George, High Town Rd., & Straw Hat  
 Merchant  
 Humphrey W & Son, Wellington St.,  
 Hobbs Thomas George, Cheapside & Hobbs  
 Tours  
 Merry Thomas & Co, Wellington St.  
 Hubbard Stewart, Plait Hall, Cheapside.

#### Straw Plait Manufacturers

Bonham William, Barber's Lane.  
 British Straw Plaiting Co. Ltd., Cheapside

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Abraham Henry, Waller St. & Barber's Lane  
 Arnold Philip & Co, Cheapside  
 Axtell Alfred, Cheapside  
 Barford Brothers, Bute St.  
 Burgoyne Henry, Plait Hall, Cheapside  
 Dapples F. & CO, Barber's Lane  
 Dawson Charles, Cheapside  
 Dearberg Brothers, Bute St.  
 Dockrill Joseph, John St.  
 Durler & Suter, Guildford St.  
 Field Thomas A, Cheapside  
 Gentle James, Cheapside & Hitchin Rd.  
 Godfrey Alfred, Cheapside  
 Gray & Co, Waller St.  
 Hawkes & Randall, Barber's Lane  
 Higgins Walter, Upper George St.  
 Horn Charles E, Bute St.  
 Horn Henry & Son, Cheapside  
 Linsell Alfred William, George St.  
 Nicholls Isaac, Bute St.  
 Ostler W.W. & Co, Bute St.

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Pirotte J.L. Freney, King St.  
 Rayment Arthur, Cheapside  
 Roberts & Bird, Wellington St.  
 Rumbles William James, John St.  
 Sleight William, Cheapside  
 Smith William, Cheapside & Albert Rd. & Dyeworks  
 Squires Albert, Waller St.  
 Squires Charles, Barbers' Lane  
 Tearle George, Cheapside  
 Thompson Albert, Plait Hall, Cheapside  
 Thompson Edwin, Cheapside  
 Waller Walter, Bute St.  
 Weatherhead Samuel, Cheapside  
 Weatherhead William & Co, Bond St.  
 Webb William, Bute St.  
 Welch & Sons, Upper George St.  
 Worboys & Smart, Bute St.

#### Straw Hat Blockers

Brewer Alfred, Russell St.  
 Buckingham Herbert, Stuart St.

#### Straw Hat Finishers

Cockayne Mary (Mrs), Collingdon St.  
 Copleston Sophia (Mrs), Peel St.  
 Slough Caroline (Miss), John St.

#### Straw Hat Polish Manufacturers

Blacklock & Macarthur, Waller St.  
 Meredith & Co, Cheapside

#### Hat & Bonnet Wire Manufacturers,

Dould Charles, Barber's Lane  
 Rickard William, Cheapside

#### Straw Trade Miscellaneous

Brown Mary (Mrs), Liverpool Rd., Straw Hat Machinist  
 Ireland John, Salisbury Rd., Straw Hat Packer  
 Ordish George & Co, Bute St., Straw Goods Manufacturers  
 Stevens William, Cheapside, Straw Hat Shape Designer  
 Vass Kate (Mrs), Guildford St., Fancy Straw Maker

#### Tailors

Alexander George, Cheapside  
 Asker William, Alma St.  
 Bailey & Son, Guildford St.  
 Barrett Francis Jabez, Park St. West  
 Bassett Samuel, Wellington St., & Outfitter  
 Bell William, Church St.  
 Bowler Charles, Manchester St.  
 Cane Thomas, Wellington St., & Taxidermist  
 Carrington Alfred, Cumberland St.  
 Carrington Arthur, John St.  
 Clarke George, Hastings St. & Barber's Lane  
 Cooper Charles Edwin, High Town Rd.  
 Day George, Victoria St.  
 Eays Ralph, Park St., & Woollen Draper

Edwards Henry, Cheapside  
 Everitt Walter, Hastings St.  
 Eyles Edwin, Park St.  
 Foster Jabez, Church St.  
 Gee Sydney, Dudley St.  
 Hickman John, Waller St.  
 Manyweathers William, Buxton Rd.  
 McDonnell John, Lea Rd.  
 Pates Frederick, Waller St.  
 Read Alfred, Wellington St.  
 Roe John, Wellington St.  
 Roe William, Langley St.  
 Samm William E, High Town Rd.  
 Sanders Fitzhugh C, John St.  
 Sharp William, Salisbury Rd.  
 Smith Frederick, Chapel St.  
 Southam Alexander A, Inkerman St.  
 Spires James, Boyle St. & Dunstable Rd.  
 Stanbridge Frank, Stuart St.  
 Stimson William Adolphe, George St.  
 Stonnell Arthur, Wellington St.  
 Strange H & Co, Wellington St., & Outfitters  
 Walker John, Alma St.  
 Ward R & Sons, Bute St.

#### Tea Dealers & Merchants

Bentley Brothers, Wellington St.  
 Home & Colonial Stores Ltd, Wellington St.  
 Star Tea Co Ltd, Cheapside.  
 Universal Tea Company, Wellington St.

#### Tobacconists

Anderson Hugh, Castle St., & Hair Dresser  
 Bailey Frank, New Bedford Rd.  
 Barker Charles, Manchester St. & New Bedford Rd.  
 Daniels Thomas Henry, Bute St.  
 Gibbs Ernest, Upper George St., (Wholesale) & Cigar Merchant  
 Hammond Richard James, Ashton Rd.  
 Johnson Martha (Mrs), Bute St.  
 Moore Charles, High Town Rd.  
 Rayment Horace, Cheapside

#### Undertakers & Coffin Makers

English Coffin Co, Chapel St., Coffin Manufacturers (Wholesale)  
 Matthew George W, Chapel St., Undertaker

#### Upholsterers

Chapman George, John St.  
 Dorrington John, Melson St.  
 Sills Daniel, Church St.  
 Wells Harty James, Duke St., Cabinet & Picture Frame Maker & Wholesale Bedding Manufacturer

#### Veterinary Surgeons

Leggatt Haydon, Park St.  
 Withington William, Dunstable Rd.

#### Watchmakers

Bailey George, Castle St.  
 Bootes Walter Frederick, Guildford St.  
 Bryan Mark, Boyle St.  
 Honeybone Richard, Park St.  
 Jeffs John Thomas, Wellington St. & Music Teacher  
 Judge Matthew, Manchester St. & Draper  
 Pridmore Alfred, High Town Rd. & Tobacconist  
 Rumblow Walter, Hastings St.  
 White Frank Charles, Manchester St. & Langley St.  
 Worsley Edwin George, Hastings St.

#### Wheelwrights

Hawkes William, Guildford St  
 Lane John, Vicarage St., & Timber Merchant

#### Writers, Grainers & Signwriters

Cain George, Church St., Writer & Grainer  
 Parkins Sidney, Collingdon St., Sign Writer  
 Wesley William, Princess St., Writer & Grainer

#### Miscellaneous

Arnold Harry & Co, New Bedford Rd., Packing Case Makers  
 Chapman Daniel, John St., Umbrella Repairer  
 Buckingham  
 Cooper Archibald Harold, Public Baths, Waller St., Swimming Instructor & Manager  
 Coote Edward, Post Office, Cheapside, Post Master & Stamp Distributor  
 David, Albert Rd. & Castle St., Tripe dresser,  
 Neat's Foot Oil Refiner & Sausage Casings Manufacturer  
 Forder B.J. & Son, Cranley Rd., Lime & Brick Burners  
 Gibbs & Harrison, Guildford St., Transfer Agents & Public House Brokers  
 Irons E & Sons, Park St., Bill Posters  
 Lee Susannah (Miss), Wellington St., Fancy Repository & Registry Office for Servants  
 Manlove S & Sons, Guildford St., Cotton Manufacturers  
 Minney Amelia (Mrs), Stockwood Crescent, Feather Cleaner  
 Ruffell Frederick Hiram, George St., Forwarding Agent  
 Shepherd Henry, Manchester St., Agricultural Implement Repairer  
 Smith William Hiram, Barbers' Lane, Manufacturers' Agent  
 Spratley A. V. (Mrs), King St., Costumier  
 Spratley John, Chapel St., Tent & Marquee Hire  
 Starke William, Market Hill, Mantle Warehouse  
 Treasure George, Church St. & Ashton Rd., Machinist  
 Vantum Louisa (Miss), Rothesay Rd., Nurse  
 Ward James, Albert Rd., Well Sinkers  
 Welch Thomas, Chapel St., Poulterer

## Auction Sale Details

**L U T O N.**

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**Particulars**

**VALUABLE FREEHOLD LAND,**

CONTAINING ABOUT

**EIGHTY ACRES,**

SITUATE IN DETACHED PORTIONS IN THE HAMLET OF STONLEY  
IN THE PARISH OF LUTON,  
And principally within Two Miles of the Town.

AND

CAPITAL HOMESTEADS, FARM COTTAGES, EXTENSIVE FARM BUILDINGS, &c.,

SEVERAL VERY IMPORTANT

**PLOTS OF FREEHOLD BUILDING GROUND,**

In George Street, Luton,

**FOUR SUBSTANTIALLY BUILT COTTAGES,**

IN CHAPEL STREET,

**THE EXCELLENT BLEACHING HOUSE IN THE MEAD,**

AND

**TWO PLOTS OF FREEHOLD BUILDING GROUND ADJOINING ;**

WHICH WILL BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

BY MESSRS.

**HOGGART & NORTON,**

AT THE GEORGE INN, LUTON,

On WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1845, at 1 for 2 o'Clock precisely,

IN VIRTUE OF THE

Will Direction of the Executors of the late Thomas Waller, Esq.,

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May be Viewed, and Particulars had of F. CROSS, Esq., Solicitor, Luton; at the George Hotel, Luton; Sugar Loaf Inn, Dunstable; The Inn, St. Albans; and of Messrs. HOGGART and NORTON, 82, Old Broad Street, Royal Exchange, London.

THOMAS HARRISON, Printer, Silver Street, Palace Square, London.

## Auction Sale Details

**LUTON, BEDS.**

Particulars and Conditions of Sale of

**SIX VALUABLE****FREEHOLD ACCOMODATION MEADOWS,**

IN PARK STREET:

**Eligible Building Ground,**

IN PARK ROAD;

THE REMAINING PORTION OF

**BROWN BRICK FIELD,**

IN 7 LOTS:

SITUATE IN THE HAMLET OF WEST HYDE,

**THE UPPER PONDWICKS GARDENS,**

IN ONE LOT:

**THE MIDDLE OR LOWER PONDWICKS BITTO,**

IN SEPARATE LOTS, AS NOW OCCUPIED:

**A SLIPE OF GARDEN GROUND,**

BY BEECHES CLOSE, HITCHIN ROAD:

**TWO VALUABLE ACCOMODATION MEADOWS,**

AT THE END OF CHURCH STREET,

As assigned by Mr. Chace and Mr. Plamou, and being in the Hamlet of Liberty and Broom,  
offers many advantages to intending purchasers.**THE MEADOW AND GARDENS,**

NEAR THE ENGINE HOUSE

IN SEVEN CONVENIENT LOTS:

AND

**5 COTTAGES AND GARDENS,**

IN THE OLD BEDFORD ROAD, LUTON,

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, BY

**MR. J. CUMBERLAND,**

At the "George" Hotel, Luton,

**On Thursday, June 26th, 1862;**

At TWO for THREE o'Clock, in the Afternoon, punctually:

BY DIRECTION OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MARQUIS OF DUTCHESS.

BY The respective Properties may be viewed prior to the Sale, on application to the several Trustees. Plans and  
various other particulars, which with Detailed Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be had of Messrs. WARRINGTON  
and GIBBS, Surveyors, Luton; at the place of Sale, the "Red Lion," Hitchin; "The Lion," Hitchin; "The Lion," Hitchin; "The Lion," Hitchin;  
Market Street, and of Mr. J. CUMBERLAND, Land Agent, Surveyor, and Valuer, Luton, Beds.WARRINGTON, GIBBS, AND GIBBS, SURVEYORS, LUTON, BEDS.

## Auction Sale Details

# BURY PARK ESTATE, LUTON.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale of the  
SECOND PORTION OF THIS DESIRABLE

# ESTATE

COMPREHENDING

**35 PLOTS**

OF THE CHOICEST

# BUILDING LAND,

MOST ADMIRABLY SITUATE FOR THE

ERECTION OF COUNTRY RESIDENCES,

WITH FRONTAGES TO

DUNSTABLE ROAD, BURY PARK ROAD,  
AND  
WALDECK ROAD,

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, BY

# MR. JOHN C. CONDER

AT THE "GEORGE" HOTEL, LUTON.

ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 8th, 1883.

AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING, PROMPTLY.

This Estate is situate in a very desirable position on an excellent dry soil, adjoining the High Road to Dunstable in favorable Promenade, being quite contiguous to the Town, and at the most only 10 or 12 minutes walk from the Railway Stations on the Midland, Great Northern, and London & North Western Systems, giving frequent access to all parts of the World, and only 40 miles from the Great Metropolis.

The Auctioneer desires to call particular attention to this most desirable Property, and the very low and advantageous terms under which it will be sold, viz.—The Purchaser by a payment of 10 per cent on the amount of his purchase-money may have possession, and pay the remainder by instalments extending over a period of 3 years.

In addition to the advantages above enumerated, the Vendor has agreed to give a Lease for years at a low Rent, and also, if required, to arrange for Mortgage at a very low rate, and further undertake to pay the Incumbrance and Title Tax.

The Land will be marked out, and full Particulars, with Conditions and Plans, obtainable on application to the office of Messrs. JOHN WICKHAM & SONS, Solicitors, 57, Baringhall St., London, E.C., or WALTER NEVE, Esq., Solicitor, Luton, or of the Auctioneer and Surveyor to the Estate, Mr. J. C. CONDER, Market Hill, Luton.

W. STUBBS, PRINTER, 140, BUCKINGHAM, WASHINGTON STREET, LONDON.

## Auction Sale Details

**BOROUGH OF LUTON.**

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**PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE**

OF

**38 VALUABLE PLOTS**

OF

**FREEHOLD**

**BUILDING LAND**

INTENDED FOR

**A NEWLY-FORMED STREET, TO BE CALLED HIBBERT STREET,**

BEING

*A continuation of Windsor Street into the upper part of Albert Road,*  
**LUTON, BEDS.,**

**TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, BY**

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**Messrs. J. CUMBERLAND & SONS**

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*AT THE "GEORGE" HOTEL, LUTON,*

**ON THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1883,**

AT FIVE FOR HALF-PAST FIVE IN THE EVENING.

By order of the Trustees of Mrs. FRANCES ASTOR'S Charity, and with the sanction of the Charity Commissioners.

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The Auctioneers beg to call Special Attention to the Sale of this the first portion of the Belley Place which forms part of Ashlea's Charity Estate, the soil being remarkably dry, the situation extremely healthy, and the street is well paved, curbed, and gkerelled.

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Printed Particulars and Conditions of Sale, with Plans of the Lots, may be had of Messrs. HENRY & HOWARD, Solicitors, Graham House, Old Broad Street, London, E.C.; at the "Ginger Tree," "Red Lion," and "Banquet Hall" Hotels, Dunstable, and of the Auctioneers, Park Square, Luton.

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*Asher Hucklesby's Hat Factory, George Street*

## Extracts from the 1850 Report to the General Board of Health

Report to the General Board of Health, on a Preliminary Inquiry into the Sewerage, Drainage, and Supply of Water, and the Sanitary Condition of the Inhabitants of the Town of LUTON, in the County of Bedford. By Edward Cresy, Superintending Inspector.

### Population

According to the Returns made to Parliament in the year 1801, the number of families was 656, and persons 3,095; and when the census was taken in 1841, the inhabitants amounted to 5,827, being about an increase annually of 2½ percent: at present it is reckoned at 8,327. The following table shows the increase that has taken place both in the parish and the township.

Years	<i>Luton Parish</i>		<i>Luton Township</i>	
	<i>Population</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Population</i>	<i>Increase</i>
1801	3095			
1811	3716	621		
1821	4529	813	2986	
1831	5693	1164	3961	975
1841	7748	2055	5827	1866
1849	10448	2700	8327	2500

### Houses

In the parish there were in 1841, 1560 houses; in the township, 1175; and it is supposed that since that period there have been about 500 more built, making the present number in the township 1675; there being on average 4.95 persons to each house.

### Mortality

The entire population of the Union, when the census was taken in 1841, was 44,237

The number of deaths that year 864, births 1,519.

The proportion of deaths being 1 in 51

The proportion of births 1 in 29

The proportion of deaths of infants under one year was 1 in 6

The proportion of deaths from epidemics, 1 in 330

The average age was 25 years and 1 month.

The average age of those who died above 20 years, was 51 years and 9 months

The Union, which comprises the above population, is that of Woburn, Leighton Buzzard, and Luton; and we have no means of ascertaining the present population of Luton with great accuracy: the amount given, must therefore be taken as an approximation.

In the year 1847, in the township of Luton, 94 died under five years of age, 127 above five, 111 under 20; and 110 above that age, making altogether 221 deaths, or about 27 in every thousand inhabitants.

Endemic, Epidemic and Contagious Diseases – During 1847, in the township there were 31 deaths from these causes alone; the localities were Chapel-street, Burr-street, Duke-street, New Town, Park-street, High Town, Church-street, Workhouse, Stuart-street, Gaitskill-terrace, Elizabeth-street, George-street, Dunstable-street, Seven Acres, and Wellington-street.

From the evidence of Mr Clarke, an experienced medical gentleman, it appears that the diseases already alluded to prevail also on the outskirts of the town, and particularly where the houses are crowded together, and inhabitants numerous. On entering the sleeping rooms, he is always

conscious of an unpleasant effluvium. In New Town, High Town, Bevor, and Duke-streets, and several lanes in the middle of town, where there is no drainage, he is perfectly convinced that the walls, flooring, and the furniture, are literally saturated with exhalations from the bodies of the inmates.

Mr Alfred Heale, surgeon, observed, that every part of the town was equally subject to fever; and Mr Thomas G. Appleton, that the mild low fever, which occurred in his practice in the town of Luton, had an endemic character, and was chiefly found in New Town, London-road, Elizabeth-street, Hawkes-yard, and Dunstable Lane.

Mr Kitt Tomson, surgeon, during the last two years, 214 cases of fever, which in Spring-place and neighbourhood, assumed a very malignant character; the houses lately erected on the highest ground, particularly at New Town, were more effected than other parts, and where there was a want of drainage, the evil was more prevalent.

State of Town Drainage – During the last 30 years the population of the township has nearly tripled, and in the houses built to accommodate this increase, no general system, either for drainage or a supply of water, has been adopted, each builder following his own ideas as to arrangements and construction; this has led to inconveniences of a grave character, now requiring some outlay to remedy, the dumb wells, foetid cesspools, ill-arranged privies, and deficiency of water being universally complain of.

Several houses, indeed rows of cottages, pour their drainage upon the surface in open gutters; and the refuse of several establishments, where the straw-plait manufactory is carried on, runs, by an open channel, into the streets. The quantity of liquid which passes from bleaching houses is considerable, and no doubt the oxalic acid, or salt of sorrel, of which the bleaching liquid is composed, enters into new combinations, as when it meets with lime the carbonic acid is liberated, and an oxalate of lime formed. In several instances the drainage of these factories runs near wells, and not unfrequently oozes through the steining.

When the drainage is conducted into a dumb well, or shaft, sunk through the capping of earth, down to the chalk, the water of the neighbouring draw-wells becomes affected, and complaints are frequent of its being undrinkable.....

The walls of many houses are in a constantly damp state from their foundations standing on a soil thoroughly saturated with the soakage from the surface drains.

In many houses there is a total absence of ventilation, and the impure air which arises from the cess-pools and surface drains, being pent up almost without any admixture of fresh air, immediately affects the inmates. In situations where there is a free circulation of air, whatever gases arise, they are either dissipated or so much diluted, as not to be seriously injurious, or immediately so; but however small the proportions in which they exist, it should always be remembered that danger is lurking, the health of the inhabitants becoming imperceptibly weakened, rendering them, in the event of some epidemic influence, liable to become its victims.

It is not necessary to enumerate all the sources whence contamination might arise, which where presented on the inspection of the several houses throughout the town: the collections or dung and refuse from pig-styes, slaughter-houses, and from private dwellings are very numerous. To abate these evils, in the present state of drainage, would be impractical; to call upon the several inhabitants to scour, cleanse, and purify their premises, without affording them the means of doing so, would be useless. The sewer to carry off the noxious matters is everywhere wanting, and the supply of water for domestic and cleansing purposes very inadequate.

## 1871 Census data from numbers 50 to 75 George Street

Road, Street, &c. and No. or name of house	inhabited	uninhabited	Name and Surname of each person	Relation to head of the Family	condition as to marriage	Age last birthday	Rank, profession, occupation	Where born
George Street								
50 Warehouse		/						
52 George Hotel			William Wadsworth	Head	mar	46	Hotel Keeper & Brewer	Herts, Batchworth
			Elizabeth	Wife	mar	36		Surrey, Croydon
			Lassy	Daug		14	Scholar	Beds, Luton
			Edith	Daug		10	Scholar	Beds, Luton
			Kathleen M	Daug		6	Scholar	Beds, Luton
			Mary Bell	Daug		5	Scholar	Beds, Luton
			Gertrude	Daug		3	Scholar	Beds, Luton
			William H Burnett	Visitor	mar	51	Draper	Lancashire, Liverpool
			Elizabeth Tomkins	Servant	unmar	29	Barmaid	Beds, Potsmore
			Mary Asher	Servant	unmar	45	Cook	Northants, Willburston
			Annie Claydon	Servant	unmar	22	Waitress	Cambs, Skatchworth
			Elizabeth Hooper	Servant	unmar	22	Kitchenmaid	Northants, Brigstock
			Frances Moreton	Servant	unmar	22	Waitress	Northants, Peterborough
			Elizabeth Bendoe	Servant	unmar	35	Chambermaid	Lincolnshire, Stamford
			Eliza Wildman	Servant	unmar	40	Nurse	Cambs, Gamblingay
			Caroline Greenwood	Servant	unmar	15	General Servant	Herts, Hitchin
			George Clark	Servant	widower	32	Boots	Lincolnshire, Tallington
			John Chamberlain	Servant	unmar	11	Servant, Yard Boy	Beds, Barton
54 Straw warehouse		/						
56 Straw warehouse		/						
58 Straw warehouse		/						
60 shop								
62	/		Arthur Bury	Head	unmar	20	Draper, apprentice	Beds, Luton
			William Oliver	Boarder	unmar	16	Draper, apprentice	Beds, Wootton
			David Simkins	Boarder	unmar	17	Draper, apprentice	Herts, Kimpton
64	/		Charles L Baker	Head	mar	40	Factory Warehouseman	Beds, Luton
			Sarah	Wife	mar	34		Beds, Luton
			Sydney C	Son		6	Scholar	Beds, Luton
			Herbert W	Son		5	Scholar	Beds, Luton
			Edwin, C	Son		2		Beds, Luton
			Maud Sarah	Daug		3 months		Beds, Luton
66	/		Augustus J Vieweg	Head	mar	48	Straw Merchant	Germany
			Sophia E	Wife	mar	49		London
			Samuel J	Son	unmar	7		Beds, Luton
			Joseph	Son	unmar	5		Beds, Luton
68 straw warehouse		/						
70	/		Thomas C Wren	Head	mar	43	Warehouseman	Beds, Luton
			Sarah	Wife	mar	51		Beds, Caddington
			Eliza	Daug	unmar	18	Dressmaker	Beds, Luton
			Carter	Son	unmar	16		Beds, Luton
72	/		Elizabeth Colling	Wife	mar	25	Lithographer	Devon, Combe Martin
			Florence Colling	Daug		7 months		Beds, Luton
			Mary E Channing	Niece	unmar	8		Devon, East Down
			Priscilla Colling	Sister	unmar	23	Manager of Young Women's institute	Devon, Combe Martin
			Louisa Chennells	Visitor		8		Middlesex
			Mary Ann Skinner	Servant	unmar	19	General Labourer	Herts, Kensworth
74	/		Charles A Austin	Head	mar	48	Attorney & Solicitor	Beds, Luton
			Dora Austin	Wife	mar	45		Somerset, Bristol
			Agnes D Austin	Daug		8		Beds, Luton
			Sarah Bates	Servant	unmar	34	Cook	Bucks, Winslow
			Mary L Wimbush	Servant	unmar	18	Housemaid	Oxon, Little Boraston

## 1891 Census data from numbers 50 to 75 George Street

Road, Street, &c. and No. or name of house	inhabited	uninhabited	Name and Surname of each person	Relation to head of the Family	condition as to marriage	Age last birthday	Rank, profession, occupation	Where born
George Street								
50	/		William E Dibble	Head	m	42	Hotel Proprietor	London, Dalston
			Mary	Wife	m	29		London, Islington
			Elizabeth Key	Servant	s	32	Barmaid	Leics, Donnington
			Dora L Divers	Servant	s	27	Barmaid	Kent, Dunkirk
			Elizabeth Pearson	Servant	s	30	Chambermaid, domestic	Essex, Plaistow
			Ellen A Alldridge	Servant	s	27	Cook, domestic	Sussex, Brighton
			Nancy Whitehead	Servant	widower	34	Waitress, domestic	Yorks, Castleford
			Margaret K Hayward	Servant	s	22	Waitress, domestic	Suffolk, Sudbury
			Harriet Fensom	Servant	s	24	Kitchenmaid, domestic	Herts, Hamstead
			Arthur Wm Ireland	Servant	s	19	Underboots, domestic	Beds, Luton
			Alice M Gaymer	Servant	s	17	Chambermaid, domestic	Cambs, Silvery
			Paul Obershuller	Boarder	m	47	Hat Manufacturer	Westfalia, German subject
52		George Inn						
54		/						
56		/						
58		/						
60		Bank						
62		/						
64		/						
66		/						
68		/						
70		/						
72	/		Walter J Franklin	Head	m	38	Hotel keeper & chef	Berks, Windsor
			Alice F Franklin	Wife	m	37		Cornwall, Falmouth
			Minnie Dawes	Servant	s	23	Waitress in service	Herts, Ware
			Ernest Scott	Nephew	s	22	Cook (not domestic)	Devon, Plymouth
			Amy Underwood	Servant	s	18	Waitress in service	Beds, Luton
			Charles M Montford	Boarder	s	25	Commercial Traveller	Salop, Market Drayton
			John Hulme	Boarder	s	40	Journalist, Author	Derby
74	/		Horace Swarder	Head	widower	49	Physician Surgeon	Beds, Luton
			Julia Markham	Housekeeper	s	39	Housekeeper/domestic	Oxon, Newton Purcell
			Sarah March	Servant	s	29	Cook	Durham, Hunwick
			Louisa M Bamford	Servant	s	19	Housemaid	Northants, Dallington



Jones Yard, Luton in 1899 photographed by Frederick Thurston

Road, Street, &c. and No. or name of house	No of rooms occupied if less than 5	Name and Surname of each person	Relation to head of the Family	condition as to marriage	Age last birthday	Rank, profession, occupation	Where born
2 Jones Yard	4	Ann Gibbs	Head	Widow	78		Herts, Hexton
		Sophia Gibbs	Daug	S	38	Machinist	Herts, Kimpton
4 Jones Yard	4	Albert Poulton	Head	M	29	Dyer	Beds, Luton
		Annie Poulton	Wife	M	33	Machinist	Beds, Luton
		Lily Poulton	Daug	S	4		Beds, Luton
6 Jones Yard	4	Bransome Aylott	Head	M	21	Brass finisher	Beds, Luton
		Elizabeth Aylott	Wife	M	21	Hat Finisher	Beds, Luton
		Lily Aylott	Daug	S	1		Beds, Luton
8 Jones Yard	4	George Fensome	Head	M	28	Labourer	Beds, Slip End
		Elizabeth Fensome	Wife	M	24		Beds, Stopsley
		Bert Fensome	Son	S	4		Beds, Luton
		Rose Ada Fensome	Daug	S	3		Beds, Luton
		Walter W Fensome	Son	S	2		Beds, Luton
10 Jones Yard	3	Jane Cook	Head	Widow	48	Hat Finisher	Beds, Toddington
		Alice Cook	Daug	M	21	Machinist	Beds, Luton
12 Jones Yard	2	William Wells	Head	M	28	Labourer	Beds, Stanbridge
		Jane Wells	Wife	M	35	Sewer	Beds, Pepperstock
		John Wells	Son	S	3		Beds, Luton
14 Jones Yard	2	William Game	Head	M	29	Blocker	London
		Mary Game	Wife	M	28	Sewer	Beds, Luton

1891 Census data for Jones Yard





“Blackwater Lane and ditch, which probably formed the boundary or moat of the castle built here in 1221... is now one of the foulest spots in Luton; the mounds of the castle meadows still remain, but the ancient outlets for the water are impeded, and the drainage of the town, which finds its way to this filthy receptacle, has a difficulty in reaching, by the other open ditches, its final destination in the river Lea.....This ditch from four to six feet in width, is generally stagnant, and so foetid, that, according to the testimony of many, it is at times not to be endured....It is distinctly asserted that in the immediate neighbourhood, there is not a house that has a healthy inhabitant. The men, who are absent several hours in the day, and who are employed in agriculture, are not so great sufferers as the women and children, who pass nearly the whole of their existence within the influence of this nuisance.”

*from the 1850 Report to the General Board of Health*

## Home Missions Journal

**The Missionary is a familiar Victorian figure. However most would imagine him going amongst the 'heathen' tribes of some distant continent to spread the word of the lord. In fact Home Missions were a feature of most industrialised towns. These missionaries preached amongst the poor promoting patience and temperance and offering the hope of eternal life in a better place.**

**Luton had missionaries working in its poorest districts. The following are extracts from the diary of a Home Missionary working in Luton in 1872. He was employed by the local Congregational Church. Much of the diary is taken up with listing the many visits paid to households in the town; to the elderly and sick, to the Union Workhouse and to the cottage hospital.**

### Thursday 16th May

Made 15 visits, 1 to a sick woman in High Town, 14 to Amen Court and Church Street. Held a cottage meeting in Church Street in the evening, about 12 persons present besides a few children, a very good meeting. One poor woman who was so busy had brought her work and continued sewing while I was speaking, till it seemed she could do so no longer, and putting down her work she wiped her eyes with her apron and listened very attentively to the close.

### Wednesday 12th June

Was struck today with the contrast between three sick persons visited, a poor woman near eternity, when spoken to about her soul, thought if she begged very hard, prayed, and worked all that she could, then the Lord would forgive her. The 2nd a woman in High Town, with no prospect of recovery, appeared to be quite penitent, and anxious to be taught the way of salvation through Christ. The 3rd a very great sufferer, but who has known the Lord for some time, notwithstanding her pain, greeted me with a smile, and told me when her pain was great, she could not help wishing the Lord would release her, and take her to her other home. If the countenance be an index to the heart, her countenance indicates that she has a prospect of a bright and a glorious home away in heaven's light.

### Thursday 11th July

Visited a sick woman in Adelaide Terrace. Made 8 visits in Church Street and Amen Court, 3 in Windmill Cottages, where I held a cottage service in the afternoon, 6 women attended and a number of children. Preached in the open air in Amen Court in the evening. Called today upon the woman who was so much insulted by the gift of a dress, "Good morning," I said, she answered, "I don't want none o'yer blab." "Will you accept a tract?" "No! I don't want none o'yer blab, there's nobody here as does." "I am sorry for you." "I don't want you to feel sorry for me." Well, we will pray for you." "You want praying for yourself as much as ever I do." "I know it, I will pray for myself and you too." I then stepped inside the door to put a tract in the chair hoping she might read it after I had left. "You shant come inside the house" she said and took the tract, threw it out of the door, picked it up, tore it in the middle and slammed the door in my face. She sat within hearing during the whole of the open air service sometimes mocking and sometimes singing in a low tone. The Lord grant that his own word may teach her heart.

**Wednesday 2nd August**

In conversation with a milkman at Tower Hill, he told me it was impossible for him to be religious and live, if he did not tell lies in his trade he should starve. I asked him how he would do at the end if his soul was not saved, he said he must keep praying to God to forgive him. "What," I said "and keep sinning all the time? Do you think God would hear such prayers? The prayer of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord." He thought that if he lived as honestly as he could, to get a living, and attended a place of worship as often as he could, the Lord would not be hard on him. I endeavoured to show him the fallacy of such an idea and the necessity of a complete change of heart, a renunciation of all sin, and reminded him of the Saviour's words, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

**Sunday 22nd December**

Went to New Town in this evening a little before time for the service, in order to visit a few of the men, to invite them to the Chapel, but all with one consent began to make excuse; the first I called on had not put his clean shirt on, and could not come tonight, the next would like to go but had no Sunday clothes, and no chance of getting any now as he had no work, the next said he must wait another fortnight as 'Uncle' had his clothes and he could not get these yet, but when he could once get them again, he would see that 'Uncle' should have them no more, if 'Uncle' wanted clothes he should buy them the same as he did. The next could not come out and the last I called on, would come, but his wife was out and the baby sleeping in the cradle could not be left. Not much encouraged by the result of my visiting, I proceeded to the Chapel and found a better congregation than usual.

**Monday February 3rd**

Visited the Cottage hospital in the afternoon and held a temperance meeting in Chase Street in the evening 7 adults present and nearly 30 children. Called at 6 houses near the Chapel, to invite the people to the meeting; succeeded in inducing a woman and one man to attend. One poor woman has suffered very much through the wickedness of her husband, who has now left her. She has two children to support, and is very poor. She said she would like to attend the Chapel but could not come unless she borrowed a shawl to wear, which she did last week and enjoyed the meeting very much. While I was calling on some of the neighbours, she borrowed the shawl and went into the Chapel.

**Tuesday 27th May**

Made 5 visits in Inkeman Street and visited Mrs Johnson, Collingdon Street. Held a cottage meeting in Langley Road in the afternoon, and at Windmill Cottages in the evening. A man attended the meeting this evening who had been on a drinking bout for a week. In answer to his inquiring after his health, he said, 'it's no use trying to hide my faults I'm very poorly, I've been having a week's spree, but I must stop it, or that will stop me.' He was very attentive to the meeting, and promised to come again.

*Extracts from the Journal of a Home Missionary working in Luton in 1872*

## Factory Inspector's Report 1890

The first Factory Acts applied to cotton mills. In 1819 children younger than 9 were not allowed to work and older children could only work a 12 hour day. In 1833 the daily hours of children under 12 were reduced. By 1844 women were restricted to working not more than 12 hours a day.

In Luton the second half of the 19th century saw a decline in the local straw plaiting industry and an increase in the hat trade. The factory workers were on a piece rate system; they were paid a set amount for each hat they produced. At the height of the season people could earn five or six times as much as at the start. Many firms employed homeworkers who collected work from the factory to do at home. Neither employees or workers took much notice of the Factory Acts' rules about working hours. However public opinion was against all night work for girls and Sunday working.

Most workers in the hat factories were women. Almost everyone agreed that to be a female sewer with a major firm was a good job: they had pleasant working conditions, flexible hours and was well-paid. By 1893 the factories were described as 'well up to the standard required by the Act – light and well-ventilated, the girls have a great advantage in being able to chat over their work – a facility which always produces cheerfulness, and in consequence, health'.

*The Factory Inspectors produced regular reports. The following are comments made about Luton factories in their 1890 Report.*

'Most of the workshops contrast favourably with those of many other trades. Lime-washing is well attended to, and generally speaking, the shops are clean and not overcrowded. In the matter of hours of labour and overtime the Luton manufacturers claim that their trade is peculiar to itself, that their season only lasts three months a year, and that they ought to be allowed to work as long as they like in those three months...The manufacturers also complain of the warehouses where no work is done on the premises, but all is put out. They state that this work is done at the people's homes, and that children and young persons are worked very late hours by their parents, and that they (the manufacturers) cannot keep the law as long as people at home work as long as they like for the warehouses, and that it is much better for the girls to work late in large, healthy work-rooms than in their pokey rooms at home.'

'Trade has been bad in Luton this year, owing chiefly to the fashion of having hats of fancy work and not of straw. In England the straw plait trade is now a poor business, and a person has to work hard at it to earn 6d. a day.'

'Some people in Luton blame what they call the greed of a few persons there; who, for a small premium, allowed foreigners to come and be taught all about the trade. However that may be, a lot of trade is gone. This shows how foolish it is for any town to put all its eggs in one basket or rely on a single trade. In Luton and Dunstable there are factories and machines idle; in other towns the manufacture of boots, corsets, and other things is extending, but in Luton people do not seem to care for anything, beyond the straw hat trade.'

## Recollections of Old Luton by Mr T.G. Hobbs

*These are extracts from articles published in the Luton News and Bedfordshire Advertiser in 1933. Mr Hobbs celebrated his 80th birthday that year.*

### **When Cheapside was a Garden**

Among the local families of those days the Wallers were perhaps the most influential. Their house was where Barclays Bank now stands and attached to it was a huge garden. I well remember this land being sold as building ground and the streets being laid out.

This garden comprised practically all the space between Guildford-street, Church-street and Barber's-lane, as well as a separate section between Barber's-lane and Bute Street for about 100 yards. A long row of trees (willows I believe) over hung the Lea from Barber's-lane to Church-street. Cheapside from George Street existed only as far as the site of the old post office....The streets and the site of the garden were named after the family who sold the ground.

### **Boneshaker Days**

I think it was about 1870 or 71 when I learnt to ride a boneshaker. This was chiefly done upon the ½ mile stretch at the top of London-road hill and it was probably about 1872 I rode a race; a youth on foot with 100 yards start and I upon a 'penny-farthing' with thick iron spokes and iron tyres about an inch wide; the race was from the first to the second mileposts and he beat me by about 6 yards.

About '78 I rode a somewhat improved 'penny-farthing' from Luton to Leighton Buzzard in 72 minutes. In 1910 I did the same journey by cycle in 55 minutes.

In penny-farthing days brakes were not fitted to every machine, experts deemed them infra dig, but to descend even our London-road hill without one ran very near disaster.

I believe I was the first owner of a 'safety' in Luton, as the present form was first called, this was probably in 1886.

Until the advent of the cycle, which by the way was soon capable of out-running a horse, the usual mode of road transit for me was on foot. The cycle increased my possible radius enormously so that a much larger district became open to me.

### **The Coming of the G.N.R.**

It was probably the first big concourse of people that I had ever seen when I witnessed the opening of that section of the 'Dunstable and Hertford' railway, between Luton and Dunstable on March 8th 1858. Until that time, and, indeed, until the railway was completed to Hatfield, Luton traffic had to be conveyed by lorry to Hitchin! My father once told me of a yokel who, seeing an engine for the first time, exclaimed, "Now I woon't believe but what they're a lot o' little ponies underneath."

### **How the Main Line was Constructed**

Until the Midland Railway, from Bedford via Luton to St. Pancras, was made, passengers had to travel from the Midlands and Bedford via Hitchin to King's Cross. It was probably in 1865 that the company started upon the venture to carry a more direct line via Luton to St. Pancras, and as a boy of twelve I watched with feverish interest, the attacks made by the gangs of navvies at certain pre-arranged points along the sides of our hills. They threw the earth into close-by valleys, and so accurately had the surveyors mapped out the way and arranged where brick culverts (which would ultimately drain the water under the expected embankments) and girder bridges were to be placed, that these soon sprang up at the precise spots needed. Hundreds of navvies attacked the hill-sides and conveyed the earth along the pre-arranged level until, with the aid of metals and

trucks, drawn by horses, they 'tipped' the big loads and built up embankments of imposing height.

### **The Opening of the Plait Halls**

In January, 1868, the foundation stones of the Plait Halls and Corn Exchange were laid, and the occasion was proclaimed a general holiday....During the building of the Corn Exchange and what are now the Market Halls, there were two remarkable accidents. A man fell from near the clock of the Corn Exchange, about 50 feet, but, breaking his fall by the scaffolding, escaped. At the Plait Halls, however, another man fell but three feet and it cost him his life.

The opening of the new halls on January 18th, 1869, was a most auspicious occasion, Mr Reverdy Johnson, the American Minister, attending. The only fly in the ointment was a persistent and dense fog.... Until the opening of the Halls in Cheapside and Waller-street, the collectors of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire straw plaits exposed their goods upon temporary stalls along much of George-street. Subsequently the Halls became a busy emporium on a Monday morning. But the imported plait soon gained a preference and buyers found they could do better upon the premises of the plait merchants.

### **Bedford Road on a Sunday Night**

*This is taken from a local newspaper published in the 1890s - no precise date is known*

It is no mere spirit of chivalry on the part of a crusty old bachelor to say that the ladies of Luton dress well. Observation has led me to note that sartorial feature conspicuously in my register of indisputable facts. See the belles go by in Wellington Street of an afternoon or drop their billets doux into the PO in Cheapside, and, if you love smart costumes and delight in noting the turn of a ribbon, you may enjoy your fancy to the full. But for the one you notice in the centre of town of an afternoon you will witness a whole legion in Dunstable road on a Sunday. Yes, Dunstable road on the Sabbath day is certainly the firmament of fashion in Luton. Now, every one is disposed to have his or her favourite walk. Are you in love's young dream, then you poetise in that most charming of rambles across Stockwood Park, the Lawn, or stroll eastwards along that country lane, the Old Bedford road; should you have plenty of time on hand and dress up to the fashion of the hour, you are sure to be admired in Dunstable road; are you a married man and enjoy the pleasure of the company of your esteemed mother-in-law, then you select the peaceful retreat of Park road; do you enjoy the prose and poetry of a crowd, then you promenade the New Bedford road of an evening, particularly a Sunday. Should you feel you are not subject to influences as these, and have no domestic cares to interfere with your benevolence, go and study the problem of how to make the People's Park a popular resort.

In one's peregrinations round town nothing is so noticeable as the tendency of people to converge on the West End. This is the more marked on Sunday evenings. As the Town Hall clock chimes the hour of 8 a stream of people is flowing at each side of the municipal buildings, one going down Manchester street for the New Bedford road, the other ascending Upper George street for the Dunstable road. Half-an-hour earlier the Chapels disgorged their thousands of worshippers, and now the tide of promenaders is swelled by church-goers. A few turn their backs on the town to seek the quiet and peace of the Park road, while others go along Castle street for the bracing heights of London road and the Lawn. For the most part the latter are in their period of courtship before passing away into the silent tomb of matrimony, and by that reason present a more interesting picture silhouetted in the moonlight than showing themselves off in the crowded promenades of the town.



"While the churches and chapels are yet filled, the Bedford road is not without its congregation. Then it is that the young people, of all others, have their innings by reason of having escaped the supervision of the elders. Passing down Manchester street before 7 o'clock a good deal of the lively element presents itself, and while on one hand you hear the singing of hundreds of voices from the Salvationists' barracks, on the other is the fun and frolic of the rapidly increasing habitués of the roadway. Scores of lads in their teens, with chests expanded and hands thrust deep in their trouser pockets, strut along as they blow the cloud of the cheap cigarette. If not indulging in this luxury, they occasionally test the strength of their vocal organs by shooting the arrows of sarcasm at inoffensive passers by, and should they soften their mood it will be to sing to you snatches of what were once popular comic songs. To add zest to their humours they will frisk about in a little horse play. Throw themselves against the zinc shoring near the Midland railway bridge, and awaken echoes by drumming against it with all their might. There are girls there, too, budding into womanhood and long skirts and they sport themselves in less vigorous but equally lively fashion. You generally see three or four together, and they take care that due attention will be paid to them by the rising gallants of the promenade."

### Extracts from 'View from the Alley' by Aubrey Darby.

*Aubrey Darby grew up in Luton in the early years of the 20th century.*

*He published his memoirs in the 1970s.*

#### My Life Begins

"I never got to know Pa, he hopped it before I was old enough to recognise him; couldn't bear the sight of me, I suppose. Ma did say he was in politics, a friend of Joey Chamberlain, and almost a gentleman. I found out he had also been a soldier, through playing with his Boer War decorations, but they soon disappeared, flogged to make ends meet. An endowment left by my straying sire also ran out, compelling Ma to seek work. My age handicapped her, not yet old enough for school. Eventually she found a job in the hat trade, with me sitting beside her not daring to move, for fear the boss took umbrage and booted us out. Nine hours was a long time to sit inactive and I looked forward to school, it could be no worse than this.

Edward was king, but it was still fashionable to wear black for Victoria. The globe was splashed with red, a gory reminder of our wealth and possessions, yet all our contemporaries were poverty stricken...Beer at a penny a pint called 'Porter' and bacca twopence half-ounce were cheap, so was food, boiled bread pudding, suet pudding and treacle, sheep's-head stew, and meat clangers filling the bellies of the poorest families.

Nothing seemed to change. All had a Sunday suit, worn only on that day and funerals. Carefully preserved, it was a source of income, pawned on Monday, redeemed on Saturday. We were all in the same boat, to have a job meant contentment, but apart from the religious sects who called on us to repent, my first impressions were of a wonderful world in which I would live forever."

#### School

"The day I crossed the portals of the school destined to be my only seat of learning, the rain poured down in sympathy with my depression. The academy blended with the squalid habitations surrounding it, the bell perched on top like a carrion crow, tolled for us, and we learnt to hate it.

Inside, two hundred and fifty boys, squatted on backless forms, in uniforms of corduroys, tattered

jerseys and handed down clobber: the few well-dressed boys, social outcasts, such was the class distinction...

The cane was a great persuader in hammering home how we were part of 'The Empire on which the sun never sets', kinsmen of men who charged with the Light Brigade, and sons of the heroes who routed the Zulus. Progress was fairly rapid, only an imbecile could have failed to cope with a curriculum so sparse and insipid....

### **Earning Money**

"At this time, the urge to make money dominated my life, so I found a job flogging newspapers. This was a lucrative business – on a good night I could make 4d. My education now broadened, pitting my wits against other boys bent on earning the magic lucre, and running like hell when caught on the bigger boys' territory. The word got round of the pickings to be had, and paper boys sprouted in the streets, like candles on a conker tree. The market became saturated and I was out of work. It would take a long war to restore the profession to its former affluence.

Everyone pawned in the locality, but most had dignity and preferred to use pawnshop porters as go-betweens. This was a chance for me to get into business again. The duties were in the main collecting the old man's Sunday suit, blankets or sheets, and presenting them to the pawnbroker as security for hard cash, a kind of overdraft with security. Often the draught was felt in bed through the absence of bedclothes. The fee or portorage was 3d – my charge 2d., but this cut price was exorbitant when compared with the few coppers advanced by Uncle. There was no sentiment, this was business. The poor fed off the poor, the rich built walls to keep the cannibals out!"

### **My First Job**

"Unemployment and poverty were accepted as part of life and at a time when a man could earn 16/6d for a sixty hour week, employers found it more economical to employ two boys part-time at an individual wage of 2/6d per week. The law, in its humanity, laid down that juveniles must be ten years of age before qualifying for part-time work. This seemed stupid to me. I was now eight years old, and tried in some way to get round the law. From our front window I could read 'Dairy fed pork – Families catered for', it was the local butcher's shop. I hung around the shop thinking of some excuse to speak to the butcher, and then, eureka!, he asked me to fetch him a pennyworth of snuff, and I was in. He refused my overtures at first, telling me I was too small, and I was not old enough in any case. For the reason of my size I suggested standing on a box, finally clinching the job by offering my services not for a regular wage, but a tip now and then. Hours of work were 7.30 to 8.30am, mid-day when required, and in the evenings, 5.00 to 7.30pm. Saturdays 7.30 to 9.00pm and the final advice to remind him on Saturday night if he hadn't given me anything."

### **The Workhouse**

"Though the workhouse had a good intake it never became full up. The old people didn't last long once inside, not so much heart failure as broken heart....My mother and I often visited old friends in the workhouse, the smell of soup and old age wafting strong as we traipsed along the stone flagged corridors. The inmates wore uniform, men in a grey jacket, the women in long grey frocks, a colour scheme blending perfectly with the environment....There were no complaints of ill treatment in the workhouse. They were fed, clothed and housed but the greyness and the lack of imagination for the needs of the aged people, cast off by their own flesh and blood, led to an indifference which was intolerable...This was the twentieth century and still the shadow of Dickens haunted these institutions."

## Diamond Jubilee Programme 1897

*Extract 1: Written in 1897 as Luton celebrated Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee*

### **Luton's 60 Years of Progress - A Diamond Jubilee**

"Sixty years of Progress! Does any Lutonian venture to suggest that this many not truthfully be taken as the epitomised history of the town during the period over which the reign of the Queen has extended?....Premising that every individual whose interests are in the remotest degree bound up in the town has a pride in its recent development and a faith in its future, one may proceed that there is something extremely fascinating in the wonderful strides which Luton has made in the memory of many who are yet living amongst us. The growth has been almost as mushroom-like as that of some American cities though there exists this difference, that whereas the advance in the case of our town was seemingly too rapid at the commencement to be continuous appearances have been falsified, and the borough has steadily proceeded along the lines of prosperity until, at the latter end of this century, it occupies a capital position amongst the commercial centres of the country."

*Extract 2: Published in a local newspaper in December 1899*

### **December 1899 Local newspaper**

"On Tuesday next the world will enter upon a new century, and it has occurred to us that readers would welcome a series of articles descriptive of the wonderful progress which the town of Luton has made in the hundred years which have expired since the 19th century was entered upon.... Not only has Luton progressed by leaps and bounds during what has been described as 'this wonderful century' for the story of advance has to be told also of the country and the Empire at large. Let readers picture to themselves, if they can, what life must have been like in the days when there were no railways or steamboats, no gas or electric light, no telegraphs or telephones, no daily newspapers or penny post. What would the business men of today, accustomed to being whisked to or from London in a little more than half an hour, think of having to give up a whole day to the journey to the Metropolis, as their forefathers were compelled to do at the beginning of the century, when George III was king."