HAMPshire and the ISLE OF WIGHT

Hampshire lies on the south coast of England, and historically included the large island known as the Isle of Wight. The bordering counties are Dorset and Wiltshire to the west, Surrey to the north, and Kent and Sussex to the east. Although the county has large rural areas, it also contains the major ports of Portsmouth and Southampton, as well as several smaller towns, including Winchester, the ancient capital of England.

The county appointed inspectors for thirteen districts based on the petty sessional divisions in 1834, but they were replaced by police officers in 1844. The police force continued to act as inspectors until 1889. At the same time the Isle of Wight became a separate administrative county. The ancient boroughs of Andover, Basingstoke, Portsmouth, Southampton, and Winchester all exercised jurisdiction over Weights and Measures in the 19th century, and they were joined in due course by the seaside resorts of Bournemouth and Ryde.

The scale trade centred on the major ports, with the Sangster family active in both Portsmouth and Southampton before 1850.
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<td>High Constables appointed as examiners for 40 hundreds.</td>
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<td>1814</td>
<td>72 sets of standards on order for the parishes [PP 1813-14: III].</td>
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<td>1825</td>
<td>One set of standards [68] issued. Examiners were appointed for districts based on the petty sessional divisions.</td>
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<td>1834/5</td>
<td>The existing examiners were appointed as inspectors for the divisions. 13 more sets of standards issued [633-637, 655-662].</td>
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<td>1840</td>
<td>Police force set up.</td>
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<td>1843</td>
<td>Some inspectors said to be unsatisfactory.</td>
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<td>1844</td>
<td>From 1844 onwards the police superintendents acted as WM inspectors. Three more sets of standard weights issued [919-921].</td>
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<td>The letters denoting police districts in 1844 were NOT all the same as before (see below).</td>
<td>C*S</td>
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<td>District letters 1835-44: [Q1/38, p.624]</td>
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<td>District letters 1844 onwards: [Q1/41, p.18]</td>
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**Inspectors 1835-44:**

- A Alton [636]
  - Nathaniel Davis (1835-36)
  - Richard Blunden (1836-44)
- B Andover [633]
  - Thomas Southrop
- C Basingstoke/Odiham [637]
  - John Renouf
- D Droxford [635]
  - Edward Wyatt
- E Fareham
  - Edward Turner (1835-40)
  - George Poate (1840-44)
- F Kingsclere [634]
  - James Loft
- G Lymington [656]
  - Thomas Bridle (1835-39)
  - Samuel Belkin (1839-44)
- H Petersfield [662]
  - William Alberry
- I Romsey [657]
  - Thomas Butt
- K Ringwood [660]
  - James White
- L Southampton [655]
  - James. Plowman (1835-39)
  - Thos Couchman (1839-44)
- M Winchester [658]
  - Robert Muspratt (1835-39)
  - George Hillyer (1839-44)
- N Isle of Wight [662]
  - William Allen

Capt. W.C. Harris was chief constable 1843-56 and several more sets of standards were issued to him.
A bronze weight stamped with the Hampshire C * S mark, standing for the county’s old name, the County of Southampton. This weight also bears the marks of the Founders Company of London, one of whose members made it in the reign of George IV after 1826.

A 2oz brass weight stamped in Hampshire, district A (Alton) The style suggests a date c1860-1880, when the inspection was carried out by police officers.

Another 2oz brass weight, this one stamped in district M, Winchester.
Police officers as inspectors 1844-89
The superintendents moved from one division to another very frequently, and many of them appear in several lists. In some cases the inspection was done by a junior officer [4Rep:107]. New districts P (Gosport c1847) and R (Bournemouth c1885) were added after 1844, and Droxford district was united with Fareham c1875.

Alton A:
Samuel Everitt 1848
Thomas May 1852
Thomas Drew 1855
Isaac Martin 1859
Henry Rossiter 1865
William Cheyney 1867-78
Joseph Waters 1880
William Rapkins 1885-89

Andover B
Charles van Santen 1848:
James Marks 1852
Charles Wedge 1852-55
Thomas Campbell 1865-75
John Bennett 1878
George Mintram 1880
James Duke 1885-89

Basingstoke C:
Charles Dore 1848
William Sparshott 1852
Stephen Ayles 1855
Thomas Drew 1859
Charles Wedge 1865
John Fencott 1867
George Cook 1875
Robert Brinson 1878
William Rapkins 1880
Edw. Paine 1885-89

Droxford D:
Charles Wedge 1848
Charles Dore 1858
John Callingham 1859
William White 1867
Joined with Fareham by 1875

Fareham E:
Charles van Santen 1844
Peter Gow 1848
David Harvey 1852-59
Thomas Drew 1865-67
James Littlefield 1875-80
George Kinshott 1885-89

Kingsclere F:
Phillip Sparshott 1848
Charles Dore 1852
Edmund Horan 1855-59
Thomas Fey 1865-75
Joseph Waters 1878
George Kinshott 1880
Joseph Waters 1885-89

Lymington (New Forest) G:
Edward Pilbeam 1852-59
Isaac Morton(?) 1865
Charles Wedge 1865-67
George Troke 1875-78
William White 1880-89

Odiham H:
John Callingham 1848-59
Henry Brinson 1865
William Howard 1867
Charles Stephenson 1875-85
Robert Brinson 1889

Petersfield I:
Thomas Fey 1852-59
Oliver Longland 1865-67
John Bennett 1875
William Masterman 1878-80
Henry Adams 1885
Henry Ransom 1889

Ringwood K:
Samuel Everitt 1844
David Harvey 1848
Charles Smith 1852
Charles Dore 1855
Harrison Stannard 1859
Charles Stephenson 1865-67
William White 1875-78
Robert Brinson 1880-85
Samuel Foster 1889

Romsey L:
Charles Gough 1848
Stephen Ayles 1852
William Sparshott 1855-59
George Cook 1865-67
Edward Kellaway 1875-85
Isaac Russell 1889

Southampton M:
Oliver Longland 1859
Harrison Stannard 1875-80
George Mintram 1885
Henry Adams 1889

Winchester N:
James Blair 1847-48
Thomas Everett 1852-59
Samuel Everitt 1859-67
William Elliott 1875
Thomas Fey 1878-80
Julius Sillence 1885-89

Isle of Wight O:
Thomas Campbell 1852-59
Edmund Horan 1865-78
Henry Elderfield 1880
Henry Ransom 1885
Charles Stephenson 1889

Gosport (Alverstoke) P:
James Marks 1848-52
George Grant 1859
James Horningold 1865-78
William Cheyney 1880
George Catchlove 1885-89

Bournemouth/Christchurch R:
William Knapton 1889
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<td>Hampshire CC formed. Isle of Wight became a separate CC.</td>
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<td>1891</td>
<td>Three inspectors qualified:</td>
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<td>Gosport 559</td>
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<td>Southampton 561</td>
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<td>1926</td>
<td>Gosport office closed. Three divisions reduced to two.</td>
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<td>North: Basingstoke 559</td>
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<td>South: Southampton 561</td>
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<td>1940</td>
<td>Chief inspector appointed.</td>
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<td>c1947</td>
<td>One district only; office in Basingstoke; No.559 only in use.</td>
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<td>1960</td>
<td>Office moved to Winchester.</td>
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<td>[MR 60:35]</td>
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<td>1974</td>
<td>County takes over from Portsmouth, Southampton and Winchester.</td>
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**Qualified inspectors:**

**Gosport Division**
C.E. Davis (1891-1925)
[MR 30:179; 37:41]
C.O. Perry (1925-26, office moved to Basingstoke)

**Basingstoke Division**
D. Bayley (1891-1926)
[MR26: 1277]

**Southampton Division**
W.E. Robinson (1891-1923)
[MR23: 194]

**Chief inspectors:**
C.O. Perry 1940-58
[MR 59:4]
J.S. Preston 1958-74
[MR 74:94]
### County of the ISLE OF WIGHT (from 1890)

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<td>1890</td>
<td>The Isle of Wight became a separate administrative unit. No. 520 issued; WM offices in Newport.</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="VR520" /></td>
<td>In earlier times the island was divided into the Liberties of West Medina and East Medina. It was a petty sessional division of Hampshire until 1890 and then an administrative county in itself. For the details from 1835 to 1890 see <a href="#">Hampshire</a>. Qualified inspectors: H.C. Smith (q1894/5) E. Crabtree (q1895/6) [AR 1896]. F. Caulton (q1898/9 - 1899) [MR99:195]. Tertius W.T. Nobbs (q1900/1, still in post 1939) G. Holden (1948-72-) [MR 48:59]</td>
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<td>1895</td>
<td>First qualified inspector.</td>
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<td>1974</td>
<td>Originally it was planned that the IoW should be re-united with Hants; but at a late stage it was allowed to remain a separate county.</td>
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¶ A 2oz brass weight stamped by the inspector for the Isle of Wight after it became a separate administrative county in 1890. The identity of the maker is a mystery, although there may be a link with William Osland who is recorded as a shopkeeper in Newport in 1898.
B: Localities with separate jurisdiction in HAMPSHIRE and the ISLE OF WIGHT

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Standards were obtained in 1826. In 1835 it was reported that William Titheridge had been appointed as inspector, there being none previously. In 1848 [K] John Holdup was listed as IWM.

In 1852 [K] Charles Wedge was IWM and superintendent of police (in the county force). He received the standards after reverification in 1860 [Sbk]. No non-uniform mark has been recorded for Andover, and it is possible that the mark of the county district (C*S and B) was used. However, the borough retained its authority. Thomas Campbell was IWM and superintendent of police in 1867 and 1875 [K], and John Bennett was superintendent of police in 1878 [W].

The number 205 was assigned in 1879, and this has been seen on weights. In 1880 and 1885 [K] Alfred Purkess (the borough surveyor) was IWM. The borough was disqualified in 1889 because its population was less than 10,000.

¶ A 4oz brass weight stamped with the uniform mark (number 205) allocated to Andover c1879. This shows that the borough retained its jurisdiction over weights and measures. The weight also bears the mark of the county inspector for district B, the area surrounding Andover.
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The inspector named in 1835 was John Renouf who was also the county inspector for the Basingstoke division. A borough police force was established in 1836.

Stephen Franklin, superintendent of the borough police <1852-1862, received the standards after reverification in 1860 [Sbk].

Mark Hibberd (CC 1862-89) was named as IWM in 1867 [K] and 1880 [K]. The non-uniform mark was still in use in 1882 [AR], and it is likely that Hibberd served as IWM until the borough was disqualified in 1889, because the population was less than 10,000.

| Bournemouth   | MB:1890 CB:1899 | --- | 582 | s:1892 n:1892-1974 |

Bournemouth became a WMA in 1891, soon after being granted borough status. The chief inspectors were: F.W. Dacombe (q1890/1-1929) [MR 36:5], J.S. Blaker (1930-45) [MR 46:3], and J.R. Beasley (1946-69) [MR 69:102].

**Havant and Waterloo.** This Urban District became a WMA in 1965.

**Romsey** This ancient borough became a MB in 1835, when it was reported that it had appointed inspector Thomas Butt, who was also appointed for the county district of Romsey.

¶ A bronze weight with, at the bottom, the rare mark of the Borough of Basingstoke. The other marks denote the City of Westminster (probably the oldest mark) and the county of Wiltshire,
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The mark represents a moon and star. It is often accompanied by the initials HM (see below). Standards were issued in 1826 for the use of the 'measurer', John Bishop. Under the Act of 1834 the inspectors appointed were William Love and John Sangster, but the latter was a scale maker and would have been disqualified in 1835. In 1847/8 [K; SBk] George Bishop was mentioned as the inspector, and John P. Bishop was listed in 1852 [K].

Henry Moncreaff, whose initials sometimes accompany the non-uniform mark, was listed as IWM in 1859 [K]. He was recorded as the inspector in 1881 [Census], and continued until c1897. His son, A.A. Moncreaff, qualified in 1890/1. In 1896 they shared the inspection, Henry Moncreaff being inspector for the North Division, and A.A. Moncreaff for the South Division.

Subsequently A.A. Moncreaff became chief inspector and continued until his death in 1926 [MR26: 44]. The subsequent chief inspectors were: C.J. Vine (1926-28) [MR 53:168], G.A. Pickering (1930-55) [MR 55:176], and (probably) W.C. Bundy (1955-65) [MR 65:182].

¶ A 4oz brass weight bearing the mark of Portsmouth and the initials of Henry Moncreaff, who was the inspector for about 40 years, starting around 1859.
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Southampton

In 1829 the town council agreed that the Court Leet was ineffective as a means for regulating weights and measures, and recommended that the Justices should be appoint an inspector [2]. Nathaniel Pegler and George Pegler his son were appointed in 1830, and the GR mark shown above may date from this time. Nathaniel was listed in 1836 [F] and George in 1839 [F].

The non-uniform VR mark is surprisingly rare, suggesting that Southampton did not take the inspection of weights and measures as seriously as it should. Inspectors are listed in directories as follows:

John Lisle 1851 [PO] and 1863 [PO]
Position vacant 1865 [H].
Charles Gilfoy 1867 [K]
George Collis 1875 [K] and 1889 [K]

The first qualified inspector was Charles S. Herd (q1890/1 in Guildford), who was in Southampton from 1894 [SC 3/8/87a-c] until 1901. He was followed by

A.L.P. Holdaway (1901-28) [MR28:123]
L.T. Gunstone (1929-66) [MR 66:148],
J. Trendell (1966-74) [MR 66:54].

In 1974 authority passed to the Hampshire County Council.

Stockbridge: a set of standards was verified for this Manor in 1826, and reverified in 1870 (probably for the county).
Two weights with the conjoined S H monogram of Southampton. The first one has the monogram surmounted by IV / GR, although it may have been stamped in the reign of his successor William IV. It also bears the county mark. The second one is Victorian.

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In 1834/5 the inspector appointed was Robert Muspratt, ironmonger, who was also inspector for Winchester division of the county.

In 1847 [Sbk] Josiah Carter was the inspector, and he was still listed in 1859 [W]. However, in 1859 and 1871 [Sbk], Edward Ventham was named as IWM. Ventham was still in post in 1881 [Census; M], and was succeeded by James Bennett (-1884-90) [Wa].

During the 1890s the situation was very volatile. In 1890/1 both Arthur Freemantle and William Futcher qualified in Winchester. The former was listed as IWM in 1891 [M], but the inspector named in 1892 [AR] was John Bennett, said to be temporary, possibly the retired police superintendent from Andover. Alfred E. Holdaway qualified in 1892/3 and was listed 1893-96 [Wa] but in 1896 [AR] another unqualified person, W.H. Thorpe, was listed. James Lalor (q1895/6 in Ireland) was named in 1899 [Wa]. He was followed by A.L.P. Holdaway (q1899/1900), who took up the Southampton appointment in 1901, but remained in Winchester until 1909. James N. Campbell was listed 1910-13. Subsequently, the inspectors were also police officers: A.J. Hunt (q1913-1923), W.G. Stillman (1925), H.R. Miles (1926-43, also CC 1942-43). The borough police force became part of the Hampshire force in 1943, and the county inspectors acted thereafter. A formal arrangement was made in 1951.
**Newport** was an Ancient Borough and became a Municipal Borough in 1835. In that year, the inspector for the Isle of Wight division of the county was also appointed as inspector for the borough, but there is no evidence of WM activity separate from that of the county.

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<td>MB:1868</td>
<td>548</td>
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Although standards were obtained in 1831, no record of inspection prior to the granting of the charter in 1868 has been found. The borough police force was established in 1869. John H. Burt (CC 1869-80) received the standards after reverification in 1874 [Sbk], and was stated to be IWM in 1875 [K]. George Hinks (CC 1880-1903) was listed in 1892 [AR] and 1899 [K]. Charles Greenstreet (CC 1903-22) took over as IWM in 1903 [MR03: 203], having qualified in 1902/3 in Margate. The borough police force was wound up in 1922 and inspection became the responsibility of the county.
## ALDERSHOT

| **Bannister** | Charles Bannister, scale repairer [1898 K].  
|              | • St Georges Road  
|              | Bannister & Co., scale makers [1911 K].  
|              | • 188 Victoria Road <1911-1915>  
|              | • Alfred Street <1927-1931>.  
|              | Acquired by Avery 1935. |

| **Avery**     | First noted 1911 [K]  
|              | • York Road <1911>  
|              | • 172 Victoria Road <1915>  
|              | • 107a Victoria Road <1927-35>  
|              | • 86 St Georges Road East <1965> |

## BASINGSTOKE

| **Avery**     | First noted 1929 [KBasingstoke]  
|              | • 6 Mortimer Lane <1929-1974> |

## WINCHESTER

| **Watts-Harris & Allen** | Watts-Harris and Allen, scale makers [1908 W advt]  
|                         | • 50 Andover Road 1908-1914  
|                         | • Downs Road, South Wonsdon 1915-1926. |
## BOURNEMOUTH

| **Haydon** | **W. HAYDON**  
| **BOURNEMOUTH**  
|  
|  
| **Seen on brass weights**  
|  
| William Haydon b<1853> ironmonger [1881 Census].  
| • 268 Old Christchurch Rd <1881-1915>.  
|  
| **Howard** | A branch of A.C. Howard, the *Southampton* firm.  
| • 31A Holdenhurst Road <1911-1914>  
| The parent firm acquired by Avery 1914.  
|  
| **Avery** | First noted 1911 [K].  
| • 127A Holdenhurst Road <1911>  
| • 79 Holdenhurst Road <1938-1965>  
|  
| **Curtis and Hoskins** | Curtis and Hoskins, scale makers [1915 Bennett]  
| • 67A Holdenhurst Road <1915>  
| Acquired by Avery 1917.  
|  
| **South Coast** | The South Coast Scale Co, [1927 K]  
| • 133A Holdenhurst Road <1927>  
| • 139 Holdenhurst Road <1931-1938>.  
|  
| **Stigwood** | Edwin Charles Stigwood, scale maker [1935 K]  
| • 21 Bennett Street  
|  
| **Pearce and Pearce** | Scale makers [1935 K]  
| • 368A Holdenhurst Road <1935-38>  
| Repair and contract side acquired by Avery 1936.  

¶ A 2oz brass weight bearing the name of W. Haydon, an ironmonger of Bournemouth. It also has the Bournemouth uniform number 582 and a date code C3, which may indicate March 1893.
NEWPORT (Isle of Wight)

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| Ashby  | Arthur R. Ashby, ba. 1879, scale maker [1901 Census]  
  - 4a Holyrood St. <1911-35>  
  A set of scales marked A.R. & G. Ashby has been seen. |
| Osland | F. OSLAND  
  MAKER  
  *Seen on 2oz brass weight with VR520 mark*  
  (Possibly) William Alfred Osland, shopkeeper [1898 K], brother of Frederick Osland, at:  
  - 77 Upper St. James St, Newport. |
| Avery  | First noted 1898 [K].  
  - 63a Pyle Street <1898>  
  - 16 High St <1965> |
| Shields| Edwin C. Shields, scale maker [1889 Kelly].  
  - 2 Somers Road <1889> |
| Barwood| A. BARWOOD  
  23, ST. JAMES' RD  
  SOUTHSEA  
  *Seen on brass weights*  
  Albert Barwood b<1868> in Winchester, scale maker [1901 Census], at:  
  - 23 St James Road <1911-1915>.  
  Barwood & Son at same address <1926-1949>. |

|| A 2oz brass weight bearing the name and address of Albert Barwood of Southsea.
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| Sangster | John W. Sangster from London, moved to Portsmouth before 1830 [P]; scale, weight, etc maker [1865 Harrod], at:  
- 87 Queen Street, Portsea <1844-1889>  
Sangster & Co at this address <1899-1911>.  
Robert Sangster, s. of John, b <1819> scale maker in Southampton c1843-1852, moved to Portsea [1855 K advt], at:  
- 41 St James’s St <1855>  
In Landport [1878 White], at:  
- 286 Commercial Road <1878-1885>  
- 11 Staunton Rd <1889> |
| Smith | H. Smith, scale maker [1848 K].  
- Great Charlotte Street, Landport <1848> |
| Avery | George E. Couzens, ironmonger, agent for Avery’s [1893 business card]  
- 219-223 Commercial Road.  
Avery, first noted [1898 K] at  
- 243 Commercial Road <1898>  
- 280 Commercial Road <1915-1935>  
- 288 Fratton Road <1965> |
| Gould | A.E. Gould, scale maker [1898 K]  
- 154 Lake Road <1898> |
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Advertisements for Robert Sangster (above), after his move from Southampton to Portsea around 1851, and for William Wren (right) who filled the gap left by Sangster’s departure.

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| **Sangster** | 1843-49 | Joseph Sangster, scale maker [1843 PO]  
- 12 West Street <1843>  
  Robert Sangster ba.1819, s. of John Sangster of Portsea, scale maker in Southampton [1845 PO], [1847 PO advt]  
- 5 French St <1845-49>  
  Moved to Portsmouth (Portsea) [1855 K advt]. |
| **Wren** | 1853-76 | William Wren, from London, scale maker etc. [1853 PO advt].  
- Upper Back of the Walls <1853-83>  
  Wren was not there in 1884 [S], but by 1887 [KS] A.C. Howard was at this address. |
| **Howard** | 1865-1914 | David C. Howard, ba.1825, owner of the 'Veterinary Forge', formerly G. Love, selling weights, scales, etc [1865 H advt].  
- 114 East Street <1865>  
  Alvin C. Howard (1859-1932, son of D.C. Howard) scale maker [1887 KS] at Wren’s former premises  
- Upper Back of the Walls <1887-89>  
  Moved to family premises at  
- 114 East Street <1898 –1914.  
  Acquired by Avery 1914, who were in business at this address in 1915 with A.C. Howard as manager. |
| **Wood** | 1878 | Henry Wood, scale maker [1878 White]  
- 1 Osborne Terrace, Bridge Street <1878>  
  Acquired by Wedderburn c1882. |
| **Lilley** | 1885-1901 | John Lilley, ba. 1843, scale maker [1885 K].  
- 2 Rose Villas, Adelaide Road, St Denys <1885-1901>  
  Gone by 1907. |
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