

DEDDINGTON.

FIRE.—On Saturday night, the 20th inst., about 10 o'clock, the inhabitants of Deddington were alarmed by the cry of fire. It was soon found that the fire was in the back premises of Mr. Jonathan Woolgrove, bootmaker, living in the High-street. It appears that on the night already named, a person in the employ of Mr. Woolgrove went into the yard to take out the shutters in order to close the shop, and his attention was then directed to the workshop, and upon examining the store-room found it nearly filled with flames. The alarm was instantly given and, much to the credit of the gentry and tradesmen of the place, there was soon a large number on the spot who exerted themselves in a very able manner in procuring water and getting the fire engines into working order to stem the progress of the devouring element. And through their exertions it was kept to the workshop, and after about two hours was entirely extinguished. It is evident the cause of the fire was a large beam being built in the wall too near a flue and a strong fire being in the place on the morning of the day it evidently had caught the end of the beam, which continued to burn unobserved during the day, and about the time we have named broke out in the flooring of the room. It was very fortunate that it was seen at the time it was. Had it been two hours later most of the inhabitants would have been in bed and the consequences might have been very serious indeed. We are pleased to find the place is insured. Although, as we have stated, strenuous efforts were put forth, yet there was much confusion and want of method in the arrangement. Some time ago when an event of the like nature occurred we had our attention called to the propriety of a proper brigade being formed who should be in readiness in case anything of this unfortunate nature should take place. But nothing of the sort has yet been done.

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