

Deddington Association

A Deddington-based Society for the Preservation of Property and Prosecution of Felons was formed in 1783 under the aegis of Samuel Churchill, treasurer, and his brother, John Churchill, in Woodstock, but this seems to have lapsed, for, in 1805, following a public meeting at the King's Arms, a 'Deddington Association for the Protection of Property, and Prosecution of Felons and other Offenders' was established.

There were 57 subscribers in Deddington and surrounding villages within a ten mile radius in 1806. 17 of the subscribers were from Deddington, 5 from Clifton and 2 from Hempton, listed below in the order in which they appear in the newspaper notice:

John Griffin, surgeon and apothecary

Samuel Churchill [senior], attorney

Edward Hatten, baker

Elizabeth Slatter, Ilbury Farm

Samuel Churchill, jun., attorney

Henry Stilgoe, horse-dealer

Ann Bilson, King's Arms

Samuel Field, attorney

Henry Dean, Earl's Farm

William Bloxham, Farmer

John Brain, Deddington

Henry Churchill, grocer

Robert Rogers, Deddington

Henry Hitchman, draper

John Faulkner, Vicar

Sarah Irons, Deddington

Thomas Harris, windmill

William Merry, Clifton, landowner

Elizabeth East, Clifton, farmer and grocery

Robert Killby, jun., Clifton

William East, Clifton, dairy farmer

Joseph Wright, Clifton

Joseph Ibell, Hempton

John Hollier, Hempton

The above may be taken to be the principal inhabitants and property owners in the Parish. The Treasurers of the Association were Messrs. Churchill and Field.

A notice indicates that the Association was in existence in 1812, but it seems it must have lapsed again since in 1818 a public meeting was convened with the object of reviving and re-establishing the Association.

15 December 1804, page 3

DEDDINGTON and its NEIGHBOURHOOD
*Intended ASSOCIATION for the PROSECUTION
of FELONS and other OFFENDERS.*

SEVERAL Gentlemen confidering it proper to eftablifh an Affociation for defraying the Expences in the Profecution of Felons and other Offenders, *Notice is hereby given*, That all Perfons who wifh to become Members of fuch Affociation are requefted to meet at the King's Arms, Deddington, on Monday the 24th Day of December Infant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, for the Purpofe of taking the Meafure fully into Confideration. Iith December 1804.

15 November 1806, page 2

DEDDINGTON ASSOCIATION
*For the Protection of Property, and Profecution of Felons and
other Offenders.*

THE Members of this Affociation, in order to prevent, as far as can be, Robberies, Thefts, and other Offences being committed againft their Properties, and for bringing Offenders to Juftice, have refolved that the following REWARDS, independent of thofe allowed by Act of Parliament, be paid by the Treafurers, on the Conviction of Perfons guilty of the under-mentioned Offences:-

	£	s.	d.
Burglary, Houfe-breaking, or Highway			}
Robbery, Setting Fire to any Building, Hay,			}

or Corn, Stealing or Maiming any Horfe,	}	5	5	0
Mare, or Gelding, Cow, Calf, or Sheep, or	}			
Stealing Corn or Grain out of any Barn, -	}			
Receiving Stolen Goods, knowing them	}			
to be Stolen, - - - - -	}	2	2	0
Stealing Pigs or Poultry, - - - - -		I	I	0
Cutting or Lopping Trees, Stealing Hedges, }				
Wood, Underwood, Gates, Pofts, Rails, Pales, }	}			
or Iron Work belonging thereto, Stealing any }	}			
Inftrument of Hufbandry, or any Hay, Straw, }	}			
or Corn, not being in a Barn, Stealing Tur-	}	0	10	6
nips, Carrots, Potatoes, Cabbages, or other }	}			
Roots or Vegetables, or any Sort of Fruit, }	}			
and for every felonious Act not here before }	}			
mentioned, - - - - -	}			

The following are the Members of this Affociation:

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| John Griffin, <i>Deddington.</i> | James Matthews, <i>Dunftew.</i> |
| Samuel Churchill, <i>Ditto.</i> | Michael Meffer, <i>Ditto.</i> |
| Edward Hatten, <i>Ditto.</i> | Thomas Preedy, <i>Ditto.</i> |
| Elizabeth Slatter, <i>Ditto.</i> | John Preedy, <i>Ditto.</i> |
| S. Churchill, jun. <i>Ditto.</i> | John Hatten, <i>Ditto.</i> |
| Henry Stilgoe, <i>Ditto.</i> | William Nickolls, <i>Ditto.</i> |
| Ann Bilfon, <i>Ditto.</i> | Robert Keartland, <i>Ditto.</i> |
| Samuel Field, <i>Ditto.</i> | William Haynes, <i>Ditto.</i> |
| Henry Dean, <i>Ditto.</i> | Thomas Staley, <i>Ditto.</i> |
| William Bloxham, <i>Ditto.</i> | William Soden, <i>Bartons.</i> |

John Brain, <i>Ditto</i> .	William Hollis, <i>Ditto</i> .
Henry Churchill, <i>Ditto</i> .	James Parker, <i>Ditto</i> .
Robert Rogers, <i>Ditto</i> .	George Fortnam, <i>Ditto</i> .
Henry Hitchman, <i>Ditto</i> .	Thomas Hollis, <i>Ditto</i> .
J. Faulkner, Clerk, <i>Ditto</i> .	John Checkley, <i>Ditto</i> .
Sarah Irons, <i>Ditto</i> .	Wm. King, <i>Steeple Afton</i> .
Thomas Harris, <i>Ditto</i> .	Ann Burt, <i>Ditto</i> .
Sir C. C. Dormer, <i>Roufham</i> .	Ifaac Prentice, <i>Ditto</i> .
Edmund Creek, <i>Ditto</i> .	R. Lovedren, <i>Great Barford</i> .
O. Bowles, Esq. <i>North Afton</i> .	Thomas Owen, <i>Ditto</i> .
Richard Bifhop, <i>Ditto</i> .	E. Creek, <i>Lower Heyford</i> .
Samuel Cox, Esq. <i>Sandford</i> .	Thomas Cooper, <i>Ditto</i> .
Willian Merry, <i>Clifton</i> .	Rd. Taylor, <i>Great Tew</i> .
Elizabeth Eaft, <i>Ditto</i> .	John Bufby, <i>Ditto</i> .
Robert Killby, jun. <i>Ditto</i> .	John Eaft, <i>Souldern</i> .
William Eaft, <i>Ditto</i> .	James Minn, <i>Ditto</i> .
Jofeph Wright, <i>Ditto</i> .	B. Preedy, <i>Middle Afton</i> .
Jofeph Ibell, <i>Hempton</i> .	Geo. Hunt, <i>Aynho Wharf</i> .
John Hollier, <i>Ditto</i> .	Wm. Preedy, <i>Swalcliffe</i> .
Benj. Churchill, <i>Woodftock</i> .	Wm. Iorns, <i>Little Barford</i> .
H. Williams, <i>Stoke Lyne</i> .	Z. Hollier, <i>Upper Worton</i> .
B. Collingridge, <i>Somerton</i> .	John Butcher, <i>Wigginton</i> .

Perfons refiding in Deddington, or within Ten Miles thereof, defirous of becoming Members of this Affociation, may be admitted on Application at the Office of Meffrs. Churchill and Field, the Treafurers.

Deddington, 12th November, 1806.

1 August 1812, page 3

Dark brown horse stolen near Dorchester, Oxon.

Whoever will apprehend the offender or offenders, or give such information as shall lead to his or their conviction, shall receive a reward of FIVE GUINEAS of Mr. Wing, of Steeple Aston, Oxfordshire; and a further reward of FIVE GUINEAS of Messrs. Churchill, Field, and Weston, the Treasurers of the Deddington Association for the prosecution of felons.

3 January 1818, page 3

*Deddington and the Neighbourhood Association for
the Protection of Property and Prosecution of
Offenders.*

A Meeting of persons desirous of reviving and re-establishing this Association is appointed to be held at the King's Arms Inn, in Deddington, on Saturday the Tenth of January, 1818, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, when all persons wishing to become Members are requested to attend.

16 May 1818, page 2

DEDDINGTON ASSOCIATION,
For the Prosecution of Felons and other Offenders.

WHEREAS some person or persons did, in the evening of Monday the 11th, or early in the morning of Tuesday the 12th of May instant, feloniously steal and take away from a Ground at Middle Barton a STORE TEG SHEEP, the property of Mr. William Wing, of Steeple Aston, (a member of this Association); - Whoever will apprehend the offender or offenders, or give such information as may lead to his or her conviction, shall, upon such conviction, receive a reward of TEN POUNDS of Mr. Wing, and a further reward of TEN POUNDS of Messrs. Churchill and Field, of Deddington, the Treasurers and Solicitors of the above Association; and if more than one person was concerned in the felony, and either of them will impeach his accomplice or accomplices, he shall, on his or their conviction, receive the above Rewards, and endeavours will be used to procure his Majesty's pardon.

May 14, 1818.

20 March 1819, page 2

DEDDINGTON ASSOCIATION,
For the Prosecution of Felons and other Offenders.

NOTICE is hereby given, That a Meeting of the Members of this Association will be held at the King's Arms Inn, in Deddington, on Saturday the 3d of April next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of auditing, and settling, the Treasurers' Accounts, and renewing the Subscriptions, at which Meeting the attendance of the Members is requested.

Persons wishing to become Members of the Association are requested to signify the same to the Treasurers, before the above Meeting.

CHURCHILL and FIELD,

Treasurers and Solicitors.

Deddington, March 18, 1819.

