

Kelly's Directory 1875

Sedghill (or Sedgehill) is a parish, on the Dorsetshire border, in the Southern division of the county, county court district of Shaftesbury, hundred of Dunworth, Mere union, Hindon petty Sessional division, Salisbury diocese and archdeaconry, and Chalke rural deanery, 3 miles north from Shaftesbury and 1¼ from the Semley railway station.

The church of St. Catherine is of stone, and was, with the exception of the tower, rebuilt in 1844, and a chancel added; it has a square tower at the west end, containing 3 bells; there is also a large porch on the south side.

The register dates from 1760.

The living is a chapelry, incorporated with the rectory of Berwick St. Leonard, yearly value £350, in the patronage of the Dowager Marchioness of Westminster and held by the Rev. George Biscoe Oldfield, M.A. of Exeter College Oxford.

There is a parochial school, supported by voluntary contributions. The Dowager Marchioness of Westminster is lady of the manor and principal landowner.

The soil is light clay; subsoil, sand and marl. The chief crops are beans and wheat in the west and in the south, pasturage. The area is 1,175 acres, rateable value £1,946.

The population in 1871 was 216.

Parish Clerk - John Parsons

Letters through Shaftesbury which is the nearest money order office.

Wall letter box cleared at 3pm, Sundays 10am.

Parochial School - Mrs Emily Osborne, Mistress

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Grove, Mrs	George	East Hayes
Oldfield, Rev	George Biscoe, MA	Rectory
Troyte-Bullock, J.P.	George	Sedgehill House
Bracher	Alfred	Landowner/Farmer, Berrybrook Farm
Bracher	Stephen	Farmer, Sedgehill Farm
Burt	Stephen	Shopkeeper
Crees	Sidney	Farmer
Lush	William	Farmer
Osborne, Mrs	Emily	Schoolmistress
Parsons	John	Parish Clerk
Pike	William	Farmer & Dairyman
Scammell	William	Farmer
Snook	Joseph	Farmer