

Kelly's Directory 1880

SEDGEHILL (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, second portion.

Sedgehill is 3 miles north from Shaftesbury, 1.5 miles north-west from the Semley railway station on the South Western railway, and 102 from London.

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 the year 1760.

The living is a chapelry incorporated with the rectory of Berwick St. Leonard, yearly value £350, in the gift of Sir M. R. Shaw-Stewart, bart, and held by the Rev. George Biscoe Oldfield M.A. of Exeter College Oxford.

Sir M. R. Shaw-Stewart, bart, is lord 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 1,173 acres, rateable value £2,054.

The population in 1871 was 216.

Letters through Shaftesbury which is the nearest money order office.

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

The nearest telegraph office is at Semley station.

Parish Clerk, John Parsons

Parochial School, Miss Emily Osborne, Mistress

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Grove, Mrs	George	East Hayes
Oldfield, Rev	George Biscoe, MA	Rectory
Vesey, Captain, the Hon	Eustace	Sedgehill House
Bracher	Alfred	Landowner/Farmer, Berrybrook Farm
Crees	Sidney	Farmer
Lush	William	Farmer
Osborne, Mrs	Emily	Schoolmistress
Parsons	John	Parish Clerk
Pike	William	Farmer & Dairyman
Snook	Joseph	Farmer