

Kelly's Directory 1855

WEST KNOYLE is 19 miles west of Salisbury, 3 east of Mere, 3 west of Hindon, and 6 north of Shaftesbury, and is entirely the property of Sir Hugh Hoare of Stourhead who is also lord of the manor.

There are 1,913 acres of land, which is pasture and arable, with some woodlands; the soil is of a chalky stratum and stiff loam clay. The population is 180. It is in Mere Hundred and Union and the Hindon division.

The church is 66 feet long and 16 feet wide, consisting of a nave and chancel; the latter is Italianised and painted and decorated with cherubim.

There is an inscription over the door within the church recording that in 1739 Richard Willoughby Esq, of this parish, embellished the alter and chancel in sacred memory of his ancestors whose bones are there deposited.

The tower stands at the west end of the church; it is turreted and ornamented with pinnacles and contains 5 bells.

The living is in the diocese of Sarum and the great tithes are impropriated; the value of the vicarage is £155 annually; incumbent the Rev. James Walter Cardew M.A; it is in the gift of the Rev. J.S. Stockwell.

There is a charity of £16 a year left by Christopher Willoughby Esq to four poor widows who do not receive parochial aid.

Upper Pertwood is a parish with 450 acres and 29 inhabitants. Higher and Lower Leigh 1 mile south, Red House 1½ miles south, Kingshay 1½ miles south-west, Old Street 2 miles south-east. Careys, West Whites and Manor are farms.

There is a lending library for the parish at the National School room.

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Cardew, Rev	James Walter	Rectory
Ayles	John	Farmer, Carey's Farm
Coward	James	Farmer
Feltham	James	Carpenter
Gough	Thomas	Farmer, West Farm
Matthews	Samuel	Baker & Grocer
Mead	John	Parish Clerk
Mitchell	John	Farmer, White's Farm
Norris	William	Farmer
Riddick	John	Farmer
Rumsey	John	Farmer