

For the year 1738 there were two collections from the tythings (Parishes) of Shrivenham and Beckett, for the relief of the poor, which was granted by Vestry meetings held on 7th May and 8th October. They were both at 3 pence on the pound. The Overseers were Thomas Homar and James Hare. Money was collected from:

Shrivenham

The Right Hon Lord Barrington. 17/2
Stallpitts Bargain. £1.12.3
Sir Mark Stuart Pleydell £1.4.6
Stainswick (tenement) Richard Wilkins £2.12.2
Fyas Farm (tenement) John Fairthorne 12/10
Mr Blagrove 15/-
Mr Liddiard £1.8.8
Rev Mr Colton 3/1
Vicarage Mead 6d
Mr Eyloe 5d
Farmer Homar £1
John Benwell 1/3
Tom Haines, Pennyhook 6/6
Thomas Ainger 3/5
Mr Cox 2/11
Thomas Homar for Sir Mark S. Pleydell 3/7½
Richard Wilkins for Sir Mark S. Pleydell 1/4½
Mr Boyer tenement Joe Laurence 3/2
Samuel Day 3½d
Phillip Young 2/11
Estate Late Triplets 9d
William Geering 15½
Farmer Ainger 4/6
John Naish 6d
William Horne 4d
Joan Horne 5d

John Sutton 1/-
John Lewis for Damson Trees 1/4
George Knapp 1/3
Richard Whitway 5d
Estate Late Attwell 5/-
Robert Jenner 5/7
Mr Church 4/-
Edward Hunt for his own 1/1
John Green for the Cherry Orchard 3/-
Mr Cartwright 1d
Thomas Midwinter 5½d
Mr Naish 6d
Land Late Smith 7d
Thomas Pemberton 5d
John Lewis – Butcher 3d
Thomas Fairthorne 2d
John Young – Miller 4d
Mercy Warren 4d
John Claridge 3d
John Blackwell 5d
Robert Jenner 2d
Mr Coker 1/-
John Farr 3d
Widow Lewis 2½d
John Lewis 2d

Beckett

The Rt Hon Lord Barrington 1/11
Benjamin Laurence £1.12.10
Robert Godwin £1.10.4
John Rowe 10/2
Farmer Caplin 11/4
Farmer Vokin 11/4

Farmer Warren 14/2

During the year of 1738, there were several people who received help from the Overseers:

Ruth Edmond

Jane Wicks (widow)

William Stratton

Widow Thatcher

William Jenner

John Pyke

Ben Arnold's boys

Robert Gosling

The above names amount to 64 people, and if we take into consideration spouses and children, it would not be hugely inaccurate to suggest that the population of the village was around 200. This is at a time when the population of the entire country was estimated to be 6 million

Further information can be found in our listing Nos: N272 & N275

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