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Venn Ottery

Venn Ottery is located within East Devon local authority area. Historically it formed part of East Budleigh Hundred. It falls within Ottery Deanery for ecclesiastical purposes. The Deaneries are used to arrange the typescript Church Notes of B.F.Cresswell which are held in the Westcountry Studies Library.

The population was 127 in 1801 111 in 1901. Figures for other years are available on the local studies website. The lay subsidy of 1524 valued the community at £02/10/04. Davidson see Fen Ottery, Cresswell see Harpford with Fen Ottery.

A parish history file is held in Ottery St Mary Library. You can look for other material on the community by using the place search on the main local studies database. Further historical information is also available on the Genuki website.

Maps

The image below is of the Venn Ottery area on Donn's one inch to the mile survey of 1765.



- On the County Series Ordnance Survey mapping the area is to be found on 1:2,500 sheet 81/12
- Six inch (1:10560) sheet 81SE
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is SY078912
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
 - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) sheet SY09SE
 - o Explorer (1:25,000) mapping sheet 030
 - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping sheet 192
- Geological sheet 326 also covers the area

Extract from Devon by W.G.Hoskins (1954), included by kind permission of the copyright holder:

Venn Ottery church (St. Gregory) was rebuilt in 1882, except the tower, and has nothing of interest except a few carved bench-ends.

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Virginstow

Virginstow is located within Torridge local authority area. Historically it formed part of Lifton Hundred. The population was 101 in 1801 115 in 1901. Figures for other years are available on the local studies website. In 1641/2 31 adult males signed the Protestation returns.

A parish history file is held in Holsworthy Library. You can look for other material on the community by using the place search on the main local studies database. Further historical information is also available on the Genuki website.

Maps

The image below is of the Virginstow area on Donn's one inch to the mile survey of 1765.



- On the County Series Ordnance Survey mapping the area is to be found on 1:2,500 sheet 74/11
- Six inch (1:10560) sheet 74SE
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is SX377927
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
 - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) sheet SX39SE
 - o Explorer (1:25,000) mapping sheet 112
 - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping sheet 190
- Geological sheet 323 also covers the area

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Virginstow church (St. Bridget the Virgin) is well sighted on a ridge, commanding far views of Cornwall. Only the font now remains of the 12th century church, which was entirely rebuilt in 1851-2. The farms of Bradaford and Telleslow were Domesday estates.