



# Post Office Directory Extract 1875



## Bowood

**Bowood** is a liberty, in the Northern division of the county, hundred, union and county court district of Calne, in the ecclesiastical parish of Derry Hill, 2 miles south-west from Calne, and 3½ south-east-by-east from Chippenham.

At Buck Hill is a school, with residence for a master, for educating about 80 children of both sexes, who are also clothed; this school is partly supported by the Marquis of Lansdowne.

The estates of Bowood anciently formed part of the royal forest of Pewsham.

Here is situated the seat of the most Hon. The Marquis of Lansdowne, a noble mansion in the Italian style, the principal portion of which was built by the Earl of Shelburne in the middle of the last century; to this was added, at the end of the last century, a wing to the west side, 300 feet long, after the model of the Emperor Diocletian's Palace at Spaintro. The park and pleasure grounds of this demesne are very extensive, the surface being greatly diversified by nature; they comprise a variety of beautiful scenery; in the midst is a noble lake of about 30 acres, the outlet of which, falling over a mass of artificial rock, forms a grand cascade.

About 1 mile west of the mansion, and deeply shaded by the woods, stands the family mausoleum, first consecrated to the memory of John, Earl of Shelburne.

The area is 989 acres; rateable value, £1,035; the population in 1871 was 93.

LETTERS through Calne, which is the nearest money order office.

Marquis of Lansdowne's Private School, Buck Hill, James Brooks, master.

### Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Lansdowne		The Marquis of		Bowood House
Fitzmaurice	Edmund	Lord, M.P.		Bowood House
Spencer	John			

### Commercial

Hart	Mungo		Clerk of the works to the Bowood estate	
Ransome	William		Wood bailiff to the Marquis of Lansdowne	Park farm
Spencer	John		Agent to the Marquis of Lansdowne	