

Term Used in Years Gone By	Modern Day Equivalent
Oarsman	One of two or more men rowing a boat
Obstetrix	Midwife
Occupier	Tradesman
Oddman	Labourer employed and paid by the day
Oeconomus	Churchwarden; Steward
Oilman	One who trades in oil or pickles
Oliitor	Gardener
Operarius	Day labourer; Skilled workman; Craftsman
Opifex	Day labourer; Skilled workman; Craftsman; Joiner; Skilled artisan
Orfeure	Goldsmith
Orfever	Goldsmith
Osier	Basket maker
Ostler	Stableman at an inn; Hostler
Ostreger	Falconer
Ostregier	Falconer
Out-axed	Term used for when bans of marriage were called for the third and last time
Out-crier	Auctioneer
Out-rider	Bailiff's errand, employed by sherriffs to summon persons to the courts; Highwayman in Somerset; Commercial Traveller in some counties
Overlooker	Superintendent; Overseer
Overseer of Highways	Waywarden; Roads Inspector
Overseer of the poor	Principal parish officer administering the poor law; later a mere rate assessor and collector
Ovium pastor	Shepherd or Sheepgrazier
Owerman	Foreman or Overseer in a drift mine mainly used in Northumbria/Northumberland
Owler	Carrier of contraband goods; Smuggler
Oye	Customs or Excise Officer in the South of England;