

INDEX OF TREE-RING DATED BUILDINGS IN ENGLAND

COUNTY LIST approximately in chronological order, revised to VA47 (2016).

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County– Historic and later	Felling date range	Placename	Address	VA ref EH ref Other refs	Description / keywords	NGR
Dev	1244+	Braunton	St Brannock's Church	29.113 Oxf	Spire. Intersecting braces with refined entry notched lap joints. Also see 1267/68	SS 489370
Dev	1258 -63 1239 -59	Stockland	Townsend	34.98 Sh (1)	House. Caution: some re-used timbers. Chert walls, thatched roof. Inner room, hall, hip crucks. Most elegant truss (C) has arch-braced collars. Lodged purlins. Closed trusses with halved collars and braces: apex type H. (Open truss with ogee arch-braces to cranked collar, employing mortice & tenons, might be a replacement of c.1400). Also see 1490 -1524 and c.1493.	ST 245046
Dev	1267 /68 1271/92	Braunton	Church of St Brannock	32.76 Oxf	Spire recorded by Wessex Archaeol. 2 main stages. Corner posts tenoned into top frame: connected by criss-cross bracing. Notched lap joints with refined entries. Upper stage much repaired.	SS 489370
Dev	1299 -1300	Cheriton Bishop	Old Cheriton Rectory	28.140 Sh (2)	[Hall]. Cob. 4-bay roof with hip one end, gable the other. Main trusses raised cruck with arch-braces up to cranked collars; central strut from collar to saddle. Single tier of windbraced tenoned purlins, ridge-plate. Small scantling intermediate A-frame trusses include soulaces to the collars.	SX 773934
Dev	1302 +	Crediton	Elmside, East Leigh	23.44 Sh AML 43/91	Coupled rafters, collars, [in hall - smoke-blackened].	SS 698052
Dev	1305 /6	Bratton Clovelly	Chimsworthy	28.139 Sh (3)	Longhouse. Stone. Hall. Face-pegged jointed crucks and true crucks. Lap-jointed collars, single trenched purlins: yokes support ridge-plate.	SX 463938
Dev	1301-26	Lustleigh	Uphill, Mapstone Hill	41.94 Notm RDR 77/2009	Formerly a rectory and possibly a manor house, with open hall. Dated solar roof includes cusped arch-braces up to straight collars carrying king posts with cusped ridge-braces rising to ridge plate. Cusped wind braces rise to single tier of tenoned side purlins and also to ridge-plate.	SX 783817
Dev	1316	Morchard Bishop	Rudge	28.140 Sh (4)	Hall with full-height partitions. Hip cruck. Jointed crucks – except N blade of truss 2, desc. as full cruck type. Face pegs and slip tenon. Arch-braces to cranked collars: 'massive' yokes. Double tenoned side purlins and ridge plate: windbraces. Collared common rafters.	SS 774076
Dev	1319 -20	Clannaborough	Thorne	28.140 Sh	Arch-braced hip crucks. Jointed (?) crucks, face pegs, slip tenon. Chamfered arch-braces to slightly cranked collars. 'Massive' yokes carry ridge plate.	SS 736002
Dev	1329 +	Cheriton Fitzpaine	South Coombe	29.113 Oxf	Re-used jointed crucks built into the extension of a house of 1464 /5 1465 (qv).	SS 890087
Dev	1317 -43	Barnstaple	St Anne's Chapel, Paternoster Row	44. 83 MB RDRS 41/2012	Wagon roof over chantry chapel. Inner & outer wall plates, sole plates, 25 rafter couples, ashlar pieces, arch-braced common rafter collars. (Crypt ceiling supported by post and spine beam construction - h/s boundary 1316).	SS 558332
Dev	1334 +	Bradworthy	Church of St John the Baptist	34.98 Sh	Sole pieces presumed to be from an earlier transept roof. Also see 1383 -1413	SS 325139

Dev	1328 -1339	Lapford	Bury Barton	28.139 Sh (5)	House, T-plan (3-bay hall range + 2-bay service range): Jointed cruck, post-scarfs secured by pegs & slip tenon. cob. Arch-braced collars. Yoke supports ridge plate. Wind-braced purlins become arcade plates over spere truss and aisle-type end trusses. In spere truss, arch-braced tiebeam carries king-post with arch-brace up to ridge on hall side. Dragon ties. ...	SS 733071
Dev	1356 +	Exeter	Exeter Cathedral	41.92 Sh RDRS 35/2009	Song School door.	TQ 914381
Dev	1387	Clyst St Mary	The Great Barn, Bishop's Court	28.164 Oxf (6)	Barn. Stone. Base cruck, raised aisle posts [like Stokesay?] ...	SX 981918
Dev	1383 -1413	Bradworthy	Church of St John the Baptist	34.98 Sh CfA 2/2003.	[Nave roof?]	SS 325139
Dev	1396 -99 c.	Mariansleigh	Yeo Barton	36.84 Sh	3-room and cross-passage plan. Side-pegged jointed cruck trusses, smoke-blackened [hall?]. 2 tiers of 'threaded' purlins, the lower tier wind-braced, and a ridge-piece. One truss is arch-braced. The other truss uses 'small triangular yokes' . Evidence of former intermediate trusses.	SS 760230
Dev	1396 – 1400 c.	Nymet Rowland	Cleavanger	36.84 Sh	Rear range of cob construction. Service end to E. Jointed crucks with tenoned purlins and a large scantling ridge purlin. 2 of the jointed cruck trusses have face pegs and slip tenons: the 2 in the hall have chamfered arch, wind braces, slip tenons.	SS 713071
Dev	1388 -1413	Braunton	St Brannock Church	36.80 Sh CfA 81/2004	Nave roof. Wagon roof of 45 coupled rafter trusses with 2 tiers of curved braces and a collar. Decorative bosses. Serious fire damage in 2003.	SS 489371
Dev	1404 -21	Drewsteignton	1 -3 Glebe Cottages (N. Trust)	39.130 DCL	Village. Cob walls. Smoke-blackened rye thatch. Crucks. Apex type L2. The blades have scarfed extensions of varying lengths. Ridge purlin.	SX 735908
Dev	1401 -25	Jacobstowe	Church of St James	47.71 EXSJ/15/15	Nave roof – double arch-braced common rafters (wagon roof).	SS 586016
Dev	1401-26	Alwington	St Andrew's Church	41.94 Notm RDRS 42/2009	Wagon roof with moulded ribs and foliate carved bosses over nave. For S aisle roof see 1499-1524.	SS 405232
Dev	1402 -27	Exeter	8-9 The Close (front range)	43.88 Notm RDR 21-2011	Stone ground-floor, continuous jetty timber-framed first floor. Deep double arch-braced collar, principals, 2 tiers of tenoned side purlins. Also see Law Library (1417 -42).	SX 921926
Dev	1406 -31	Exeter	9A The Close	43.88 Notm RDR 21-2011	Rear east range. Roof 2 at N end of range – principals with mortices for former collars; 2 tiers of side purlins. Also see Law Library, 1417 -42	SX 921926
Dev	1415 -40	Exeter	Archdeacon's House, The Close	33.104 Notm	This date is for hall. 7 arch-braced collar trusses with short / truncated principals; traceried spandrels. Tenoned lower side purlins. Upper purlins set square (like arcade plates) and tenoned into tiebeam. Upper roof of coupled rafters with arch-braced collars. Intermediate arch-braced trusses with coved upper section.	SX 921924
Dev	1417 -42	Exeter	Law Library, The Close	43.88 Notm RDRS 21-2011 (7)	3-bay open hall with hammer beams combined with arch-braced collars; open-work tracery infill, coved upper section. Carved angels and bosses. Intermediate trusses. Also see 8-9 The Close (1402 -27).	SX 921926
Dev	1418 -53 1420 -55	Exeter	The Deanery	33.104 Notm	Beam in Great Chamber floor dated to 1414 -49. Dates are for Great Chamber roof of 5 bays. Arch-braced collars: arch-braces in two sections. Intermediate trusses with short hammer beams, ashlar, very high collars, pendant bosses.	SX 920925
Dev	1436 -41	Atherington	St Mary's Church	45.109 Notm	Waggon roof over nave. For N aisle roof see 1494 -1519.	SS 591231
Dev	1425 -57	Axminster	Church of St Mary the Virgin	37.97 MB CfA 53/2005	Ringling chamber floor. Also see 1529 -61.	SY 296985
Dev	1441 /2	King's Nympton	West Hele	28.140 Sh	Tree-ring date is for true cruck with curving collar and tenoned apex. Roof of several phases? Other trusses include face-pegged jointed cruck with cranked collar. True cruck with cranked collar and saddle apex. A-frame with lap-jointed collar. Trenched side purlins & ridge piece. Hip cruck at W end.	SS 668209
Dev	1439 -53	Exeter	21 The Mint	33.78 UoW CfA 55/2001	Monastic: refectory? SW portion of roof. Arch-braced collar trusses. Also see 1575 /6.	SX 917925

Dev	1447 /8	Rose Ash	South Yarde	24.47 Sh	Open hall roof.	SS 711212
Dev	1453	Coombe Martin	West Challacombe	30.116 Sh	Manor house. West range ceiling. Also see 1449 -74.	SS586475
Dev	1447 -70	Crediton	Holy Cross Church	35.86 Sh CfA 32/2004	Vestry floor. Also see 1535 /6 and 1793 /4.	SS 836002
Dev	1449 -74	Coombe Martin	West Challacombe	30.116 Sh	Manor house. Hall and two wings. Hall has five main hammer beam trusses and four intermediate hammer beam trusses. Moulded wall plates. Also see 1453. This entry updates details in VA 24	SS 586475
Dev	1451 -76	Exeter	Tuckers Hall, 140 Fore Street	39.122 Notm RDR 76/2007	Guild hall. Wagon roof with moulded ribs and carved bosses.	SX 917923
Dev	1463 -5	King's Nympton	Broomham	28.139 Sh	Upper crucks, cranked collars. Two bays have 3 tiers of purlins and a ridge, but third bay has no lower purlin (lower status?) (Keystone Rep K433)	SS 708212
Dev	1464 /5 1465	Cheriton Fitzpaine	South Coombe	29.113 Oxf (8)	Farmhouse. Cob. Stud and panel screen. Internal jetty [so open hall]. Re-roofed. Also see 1329 +.	SS 890087
Dev	1468 /9	Churchstow	Leigh Barton	31.120 Sh	Lintel in north range of stone gatehouse. Also see 1494-1521 and 1620-25.	SX 723468
Dev	1471 +	Sampford Courtenay	The Old Farmhouse, Incott Farm	- Notm RDR 33/2008	Date is for doorframe in cob wall; face-pegged jointed cruck did not date. Fireplace lintel 1518-43.	SX 623981
Dev	1475 +	Braunton	St Brannock Church	36.80 Sh CfA 81/2004	Pews and bench ends.	SS 489371
Dev	1463-87	Plymstock	Coombe Farm	43.82 PLCF/22/10	Main range stone, gabled. Arch-braced principal rafter trusses, 2 tiers of in-line tenoned purlins.	SX 527519
Dev	1478 +	Exeter	Bowhill	30.116 Sh	Courtyard house. Mainly jointed crucks with arch-braces. Hall and great chamber roofs highly decorated. Straight wind braces with curved feet. Also see 1491-1507.	SX 906915
Dev	1468-93	Exeter	9a The Close Rear east range	43.88	In rear E range roof 1 is of 4 bays, with 3 open arch-braced collar trusses. (For roof 2 see 1406-31).	SX 921926
Dev	1463 -98	Exeter	Guildhall	33.105 Notm	Dates obtained from 7-bay roof. Deep arch-braced collars in main trusses. Intermediate trusses with no collars. Pendant bosses. Two tiers of side purlins with wind braces.	SX 919924
Dev	1480 -90	South Tawton	Church House	36.81 Sh	Church house. Stone. Thatched. Mainly side pegged jointed crucks carrying two tiers of tenoned purlins and a ridge purlin. The date range of 1468 -1502 for the east floor is consistent with that for the roof timbers. A chimney was inserted in 1699, dated from the bressumer.	SX 652944
Dev	1483 - 90 c.	Sandford	Prowse Farm Barn, Prowse Lane	28.140 Sh	T-plan cob threshing barn. Side-pegged jointed crucks: collars tenoned into principals. Principals tenoned at apex. Two tiers of tenoned side purlins.	SS 843055
Dev	1488 +	Sherford	Keyedon Barton	31.121 Sh	Mansion. The feet of two crucks were dated.	SX 775433
Dev	1472 -1508	Dartmouth	Old Castle	35.86 Sh CfA 37/2004	First-floor ceiling in 'round keep'.	SX 887503
Dev	1462 -94 1476 -1508	Hockworthy	Hole Farmhouse	35.108 Oxf	Farmhouse. Stone. Formerly thatched. 3-cell plan with central open hall. Side-pegged jointed crucks, tenoned collars, trenched purlins, ridge piece. One timber with a felling date of 1460 was attributed to stock-piling.	ST 043207
Dev	1493 c.	Stockland	Townsend	34.98 Sh	Barn NW of farmhouse of 1258 -63 (qv). 2 surviving jointed cruck trusses. Originally believed to be 17thC.	ST 246047
Dev	1491 -1507+	Exeter	Bowhill	30.116 Sh	Parlour ceiling moulded ribs in house of after 1478 (qv).	SX 906915
Dev	1489 -1514	Feniton	St Andrew's Church, Feniton Court	40.113 Notm RDR 2-2009	S aisle: principal rafters, cranked tiebeams, principals, 2 tiers of purlins plus <i>ridge purlin</i> . (Wind-braces removed?) Nave roof failed to date.	SY 109994
Dev	1488 -1518	Coldridge	Lower Chilverton	28.140 Sh	Hall open trusses were side-pegged jointed crucks. Three sets of <i>tenoned purlins</i> and a ridge.	SS 698063
Dev	1492 -1516	Exeter	46, High Street	42.99 Notm RDR 71-2009	<i>Storey-high close studding</i> , buttress shafts, <i>coved jetty</i> . 8 <i>tiebeam</i> and <i>principal</i> trusses, 2 tiers of purlins + ridge-piece (not on drwgs).	SX 920926
Dev	1483 -1528	Westleigh	Eastleigh Manor	26.61	3-bay 1st-floor chamber over parlour or hall. Arch-braced collars: arch braces rise from timber corbel table: two tiers of <i>threaded purlins</i> originally with wind braces.	SS 488280

Dev	1494 -1519	Atherington	St Mary's Church	45.109 Notm	North aisle roof. Wagon roof, carved bosses on every 4 th moulded rib. (For nave roof see 1436 -41).	SS 591231
Dev	1490 -1524	Stockland	Townsend	34.98 Sh	Timbers in rear range which has 2 jointed cruck trusses. Smoke-blackening – kitchen? Also see 1258 -63 1239 -59 and c.1493.	ST 246047
Dev	1494 -1521	Churchstow	Leigh Barton	30.115 Sh (9)	Stone south range with 2 first-floor chambers open to roof, accessed by stone stair and gallery with open arcade. Nine jointed cruck trusses with 3 tiers of side purlins. Arch-braced collars in west chamber: no arch-braces in east chamber.	SX 723468
Dev	1499-1524	Alwington	St Andrew's Church	41.94 Notm	Wagon roof over S aisle: for nave see 1401-26.	SS 405232
Dev	1507 -30	Drewsteignton	Middle Venton Farmhouse, Venton	43.88 Notm RDR 23-2011	Longhouse. Stone and cob. Gabled, thatched. Upper end roof and ceiling of inner room. Truss 1: collar halved across principals (no tiebeam),. Truss 2: tiebeam, collar, principals, 2 tiers side purlins trenched across T.1, tenoned to T.2, ridge purlin. Hall ceiling inserted 1598 -1623 (qv).	SX 174877
Dev	1504 -36	Milton Abbot	St Constantine & St Aegidius	34.98 Sh	Nave: wagon roof with moulded ribs & carved bosses.	SX 407792
Dev	1521 -39	Holcombe Rogus	Holcombe Court	43.98 Oxf	Arch-braced [collar?] roof in NE range. For long gallery roof and its extension see 1542 -53.	ST 056190
Dev	1516-41	Staverton	Pridhamsleigh Manor and Farm	41.94 Notm RDR 59/2008	Other felling dates include 1571 and 1631-56. No roof details.	SX 749677
Dev	1518 -43	Sampford Courtenay	The Old Farmhouse, Incott Farm	40.113 Notm	Hall fireplace lintel retains mortices for <i>inserted ceiling</i> . (Jointed cruck failed to date).	SX 623982
Dev	1532	Crediton	Holy Cross Church	35.86 Sh	Re-used timbers in 18th / 19th C bell frame. Also see 1447-70, 1535 /6.	SS 836002
Dev	1535 c.	Christow	Reed Farm	11, 22 Sh	Lower end floor beam in open hall house	SX 835837
Dev	1535 /6 1537	Crediton	Holy Cross Church	35.86 Sh CfA 32/2004	These dates apply to the clock chamber ceiling, but timbers in its floor yielded date range 1524 -37. Forked struts in clock chamber yielded felling date range of 1519 -55.	SS 836002
Dev	1529-61	Axminster	Church of St Mary the Virgin	37.97 MB CfA 53/2005	Ringin chamber floor. Also see 1425 -57.	SY 296985
Dev	1544 -69	Poltimore	Poltimore House	37.111 Notm	East range roof & stud posts. Also see 1559, {1699 -24 1547 -72 }, 1725.	SX 967963
Dev	1542 -53	Holcombe Rogus	Holcombe Court	43.98 Oxf	Long gallery roof 1542 -53. Extension to long gallery, with a king post roof, has felling date range of 1528-60, but it must be after 1542. (For N range roof see 1521 -39).	ST 056190
Dev	1538 - 1560 c.	Sandford	Ivy Cottage, Bremridge Farm	28.140 Sh	2-bay house with single bay hall. Side- jointed cruck with mortised collar, two tiers of <i>trenched side purlins</i> and a <i>ridge</i> .	SS 847041
Dev	1559	Poltimore	Poltimore House	37.111 Notm	Courtyard house. North range roof. Also see 1544 -69, {1699 -24 1547 -72}, 1725.	SX 967963
Dev	1564/5	Chawleigh	West Dockworthy	34.98 Sh	Date is for purlins and principals. Cruck undated.	SS 724137
Dev	1574/5	Totnes	16a Leechwell St	43.82 TLNN/23/10	3 A-frames: cranked collars bare face dovetail jointed to principals. 2 tiers threaded purlins. Demolished 2007.	SX 800603
Dev	1575 /6	Exeter	21 The Mint	33.78 UoW	Three-storey partition. Also see 1439-53.	SX 917925
Dev	1589 -96	Exeter	Guildhall	17.53 MB	'Roof beams'	SY 919926
Dev	1591 -1601	Berry Pomeroy	The Castle	24.46 Sh	Lintels	SX 839623
Dev	1599	Bridestowe	Great Bidlake	42.99 Notm RDR 13-2011	Manorial, stone. Ceiling joists dated to 1574 and 1599. Main range roof now 19thC softwood. For stable roof see 1772.	SX 494886
Dev	1599	Cockington	Cockington Court, Cockington Lane	43.79 MB RDRS 120/2011	Dated floor beam does not correspond to any of the known phases of work.	SX 891639
Dev	1601 /02	Barnstable	The Exeter Inn, Litchdon St	44.86 EXEI/04/12	Inn. Front range is a 4-bay 2-storey end-chimney building. Gabled slate roof. Principals, lap-jointed collars, 2 tiers of purlins + ridge piece.	SS 560328
Dev	1598 -1623	Drewsteignton	Middle Venton Farmhouse, Venton	43.88 Notm RDR 23-2011	Ceiling inserted into longhouse hall of 1507 -30 (qv).	SX 174877
Dev	1604-27	Malborough	Yarde Farmhouse	41.95 Notm RDR 103/2009	Manorial. Three tiers of threaded purlins plus a threaded ridge-piece in N-S range roof.	SX 717401

Dev	1620 -25	Churchstow	Leigh Barton	31.120 Sh (10)	Gatehouse. This date is for North range roof, with 7 roof trusses: some principals with curved feet, others are jointed to short posts in the wall. A ceiling beam dated 1615 -51. Also see 1494 -1521 and 1783/4	SX 723468
Dev	1625	Bradninch	Lower Coombe Farmhouse	34.110 Oxf	Plank and muntin screen.	SS 987036
Dev	1670 -74 c.	Down St Mary	Chaffcombe	36.84 Sh	Manorial. 3 room and cross-passage plan + stair turret & storeyed porch. A-frame roof trusses with lap-jointed collars having pegs and iron spikes. 2 tiers of trenched purlins and a ridge-piece.	SS 759031
Dev	1658-88	Hatherleigh	The Old Mill, Bridge St	43.82 HAOM/24/11	Cob & brick former mill; date is for in situ beam.	SS 541042
Dev	1699 -1724	Poltimore	Poltimore House	37.111 Notm	S and E ground-floor and 1st-floor frames. Also see 1559, {1544 -69}, 1725.	SX 967963
Dev	1725	Poltimore	Poltimore House	37.111 Notm	S range roof. Also see {1699 -24 1547 -72}, 1544 -69.	SX 967963
Dev	1772	Bridestowe	Great Bidlake	13/2011 Notm RDR 13-2011	Stone stable, half-hipped slate roof. 2 collars (one not much above tiebeam level, both pegged onto faces of principals); 3 tiers of trenched side purlins.	SX 494886
Dev	1783/4	Churchstow	Leigh Barton	31.120 Sh	Parlour joists. Also see 1620 -25 &c.	SX 723468
Dev	1793 /4	Crediton	Holy Cross Church	35.86 Sh	Vestry roof. Also see 1524 -37.	SS 836002
Dev	1806 -27	Exeter	Exeter Cathedral	38.109 Notm RDR 62/2006	Chapel of St John the Baptist. A roof formerly thought to be 14thC is now dated to 19thC, although it has re-used timbers of 1303 -28. 5 very shallow-pitch tiebeams.	SX 921925

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