

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
Wilts	1222 +	Salisbury	Cathedral	34.113 Oxf CfA 101/2002.	West front doors. Also see 1219 -51 and 1220 -52.	SU 144294
Wilts	1222	Salisbury	Cathedral	31.98 Oxf	Trinity Chapels. The primary north and south chapel roofs, dedicated 1225, are virtually complete. Coupled rafters with collars, soulaces, ashlar pieces. Three tiebeams were supported on inner and outer wall plates and connected by intermediate struts. All mortice and tenon construction. Assembly marks are in Arabic numerals. The timber was imported from Ireland.	SU 144294
Wilts	1222 +	Salisbury	Cathedral	34.113 Oxf CfA 101/2002	West front doors. Also see 1219 -51 and 1220 -52.	SU 144294
Wilts	1236	Salisbury	Cathedral	32.78 Oxf	Re-used timber from earlier roof.	SU 144294
Wilts	1242	Salisbury	Cathedral	35.102 Oxf CfA 44/2004	In central tower and spire, re-set clock chamber floor. Also see 1344 -76.	SU 144294
Wilts	1244 1251	Salisbury	Cathedral	36.95 Oxf CfA 58/2005	Nave roof. Re-used rafters: E end of nave roof assembled shortly after 1244: west end of roof assembled shortly after 1251. For reconstruction of roof see {1533 /4 1542}.	SU 144294
Wilts	1219 -51 1229 -61	Salisbury	Cathedral	34.113 Oxf CfA 101/2002	Door to parvis chamber over north porch. Also see 1222 after and 1220 -52.	SU 144294
Wilts	1251 /2	Salisbury	Cathedral	32.78 Oxf (1)	N triforium and N porch. Locally sourced timber. '...saltire bracing, crown struts with wedged tenons, arcaded inner double wall plates. Under-rafters. On rafters, stop-splayed scarfs with under-squinted and sallied abutments with face pegs and nails...' Tenoned jack rafters have Arabic numeral carpenter's marks. Under-lead sarking boards of same date were imported from Ireland. Also see 1236, 1663 ...	SU 144294
Wilts	1236 -71	Salisbury	Cathedral	22.41 Notm	Floor over crossing vault: also see 1371 -6+20	SU143295
Wilts	1220 -52 1242-74	Salisbury	Cathedral	34.113 Oxf CfA 101/2002.	Door from parvis chamber to north nave triforium. Also see 1222, 1219 -51.	SU 144294
Wilts	1252-77	Lacock	Manor Farm, Lacock Abbey	47.82 Notm	'Manger Barn', 'Cruck blades' re-used as principals (in 7-bay tiebeam and collar roof of 1359 <i>qv</i>)	ST 196644
Wilts	1262 1249 -74	Salisbury	Cathedral	27.79 Notm (2)	Chapter house roof has 8 principal rafters of shallow pitch, supported by paired curved braces.	SU 143294
Wilts	1279 -1301	Avebury	Manor Barn	31.126 Sh	Barn. Re-used timbers; possibly originally alternating base crucks and aisle posts. (ex inf P Slocombe).	SU 100700
Wilts	1290 -1325	Bradford on Avon	Barton Farm West Barn	24.41 Notm	Demolished bldg: not clear whether cruck or base cruck	ST 823605

Wilts	1308 +	Potterne	Eastwell House	34.112 Oxf	Re-used timber in house altered with timber felled 1751/2 1758/9 (qv)	ST 992579
Wilts	1308 /9 1309	Wilsford	No. 18	33.88 Oxf	Four-bay cruck house: every apex different. Open truss is a two-tier cruck, the lower crucks with arch-braced collar, clasping the upper- as in Bradford-on-Avon tithe barn, apex type A. Also apex types C, F1. West end has half-hipped type V cruck. Ridge has a scissors scarf.	SU 100571
Wilts	1300 -19	South Wraxall	Manor Farmhouse	45.107 44.68 EH/Notm RRS 65/2014	Stone hall range with smoke-blackened tiebeam trusses. Stone wing, with crown-post roof, has fdr of 1291-1316, which overlaps that of hall range.	ST 834656
Wilts	1300 -25	Yatton Keynell	The Old Rectory	45.107 RDR 104-010	Base cruck [or 2-tier cruck?] <u>hall</u> . <i>Arcade plate</i> on top of cambered tiebeam. Upper roof – <i>double arch-braced collar</i> , principals, 2 tiers of <i>tenoned purlins</i> . Attic roof 1505 -30 (qv).	ST 867763
Wilts	1315 /16	Salisbury	Cathedral School	31.99 Oxf	Former Bishop's Palace. Drawing room roof reconstructed 1736, re-using timber from scissor-braced coupled rafters with Roman & Arabic carpenter's marks. Also see 1407 -23, 1432-64.	SU 144294
Wilts	1317	Winsley	Burghope Manor	37.122 Oxf	2-bay hall with arch-braced cruck truss. Yoke, ridge plate.	ST 797609
Wilts	1316 - 1319	Shalbourne	West Court Farm	36.95 Oxf	Base cruck hall with aisled end truss and crown post roof. Arabic assembly marks.	SU 332628
Wilts	1320 c. - 1328	Lacock	King John's Hunting Lodge (NT)	45.107 44.66	Rebuilt in stone, 1½ storeys. 'Raised cruck' hall. Screens passage, 2-centred arch doorways, 3-bay hall, evidence of a louvre.	ST 916685
Wilts	1324 c. -27	Bremhill	Bremhill Court	45.106 EH / Notm (3) RDR 77-2010	2 trusses from open hall house. Truss B may be base cruck. <i>Arcade plate</i> on top of <i>tiebeam</i> . Octagonal crown post, square for braces; upward curved braces (Arabic assembly marks). <i>Collar-purlin tenoned</i> into top of crown-post.	ST 980730
Wilts	1326	Bremhill	Bremhill Court	- RDR 77-2010	2 trusses from open hall house. Truss B may be 2-tier cruck. <i>Arcade plate</i> on top of tiebeam. Octagonal crown post, square for braces; upward curved braces (Arabic assembly marks). <i>Collar-purlin tenoned</i> into top of crown-post.	ST 980730
Wilts	1332 -33.	Lower Chicks Grove	Apshill House	45.107 44.67 RDR 102-2010, RDR 104-2010	Isolated. Open hall house, originally framed, now stone, thatched. Raised cruck truss with ogee-cusped arch-braced collar, and <i>saddle</i> [a <i>short principal</i> roof?] 2 tiers of purlins originally tenoned? Long cranked wind-braces.	ST 976294
Wilts	1334 /5 & 1335 /6	Heddington	Wick Farm Cottage	45.106 44.67 EH/Notm RRS 63/2014	1 truss survives from a cruck-built hall.	ST 981669
Wilts	1338 -39 c.	Lacock	Manor Farm	47.82 Notm	'Tithe barn' Stone. 8 bay S range has raised cruck trusses with arch-braced collars, 2 tiers of side purlins. Similar in 3-bay E wing.	ST 916684
Wilts	1334 -79	Bradford on Avon	Tithe Barn, Pound Lane	25.26 Sh (4)	Stone. Raised crucks : arch-braced collars: at least 4 types of upper truss, inc. 'two-tier'. 3 tiers of side purlins with curved wind braces + ridge plate on saddle.	ST 823605
Wilts	1359	Lacock	Manor Farm, Lacock Abbey	47.82 Notm	'Manger Barn', Rubble stone walls, stone roof. 7-bay roof includes cambered tiebeams, principals, collars; single tier of wind-braced clasped purlins. (This roof includes 'cruck blades' of timber felled 1252-77 re-used as principals (qv).	ST 196644
Wilts	1344 -76	Salisbury	Cathedral	35.102 Oxf CfA 44/2004	Central tower and spire. Scaffold, frame of spire. Boards on the underside of the tower base floor provided a broadly contemporary felling date range of 1358 -74. Also see 1242 and 1687 -1719.	SU 144294
Wilts	1356 -79	Dauntsey	Dauntsey House	45.106 & 44.66 EH/Notm RRS 62/2014	4-bay hall with 3 ' raised base cruck ' trusses (VCH) & 2 intermediate principal rafter trusses. (For wing see 1581).	ST 979825
Wilts	1365 -91	Salisbury	Cathedral	22.41 Notm	Ceiling under crossing vault floor (of1251 -15+20).	SU 143295
Wilts	1371 -87	Malmesbury	Cloatley Manor	47.82 Notm	Date-range is for W wing of U-plan house with hall range. In the wing, a 4-bay '1 st -floor hall' [chamber?] with cusped arch-braced collar trusses, ogee cusped wind braces, 2 tiers side purlins + ridge piece.	ST 977909
Wilts	1370 -90	Bradford on Avon	Barton Farm, Pound Lane	47.82 Notm	Granary. Stone. Half-hipped roof. 3 bays. Two-tier cruck trusses with arch-braced collars, small upper crucks. Intermediate trusses rise from lower purlins. Ridge piece.	ST 829604

Wilts	1397 /98	Chilton Foliat	67 Chilton Foliat	45.105 RGCF/06/13	3-bay cruck -framed hall house. Collar, packing pieces, purlins, yokes, cruck apex type C.	SU 321704
Wilts	1400 c.	Bradford-on-Avon	Barton Farm, Pound Lane	47.81 Notm	Chamber range. Cruck blade, arch brace, collar, side purlins. (For hall range see 1473 +).	ST 823605
Wilts	1408-9 & 1409/10	Kingston Deverill	Manor Farm Barn	45.107 44.66 EH/Notm	7-bay barn, aisled + 2 base cruck trusses flanking entry bay. Base cruck blades, arch-braced single tiebeams, arcade plates under tiebeams: upper truss – principals, collar, curved windbraces, side purlins, ridge purlin. Cruck-like blades in aisles, arch-braced tiebeams, curved arcade braces.	ST 847371
Wilts	1407 -23	Salisbury	Cathedral School	31.99 Oxf	Former Bishop's Palace. Chapel roof: re-used Baltic ceiling panels. Also see 1315 /16: 1432-64.	SU 144294
Wilts	1408 -30	Devizes	St John's Church	37.122 Oxf	Ex situ carved heads on sole pieces removed from the church and now in Devizes Castle.	TQ 292459
Wilts	1437 +	Lacock	Porch House, High Street (N.Trust)	39.134 Oxf	The date is for a cruck truss which is a fragment of an earlier structure. The building now there had close studded walls, but is now also part stone, and inside there is an undated king post truss with curved cross-bracing.	SU 922989
Wilts	1422 -55	Lacock	Lacock Abbey	21.38 Notm	Dormitory roof. Also see 1576.	ST 919684
Wilts	1438/ 39	Trowbridge	9 Church Street	45.105 BACS/07/13	Much-altered 2-bay timber-framed building. Wall of large rectangular panels, jettied, jowled posts.	ST 857580
Wilts	1444 1445	Lacock	2 High Street	39.134 Oxf	Cruck. Service bay, cross passage, single bay open hall, storied parlour bay.	SU 922989
Wilts	1432-64	Salisbury	Cathedral School	31.99 Oxf	Former Bishop's Palace. Also 1460-1492. Re-used 15thC timbers in Drawing Room and West Wing roofs. Also see 1315 /16: 1407 -23: 1520 1521.	SU 144294
Wilts	1446 -57	Berwick Bassett	Old Farmhouse	39.134 Oxf	6 bay main range, storied porch, jettied wing. Date is for main range. Stone to ground floor, box framed upper floor with curved down-braces. Tiebeams. Arch-braced collar intermediate trusses. Two tiers of side purlins.	SU 974735
Wilts	1446 -58	Chippenham	Yelde Hall	31.117 UoW	Urban.	SO 349357
Wilts	1465	Latton	Church of St John the Baptist	28.162 Oxf	Nave. '... arch-braces from lower collar down to purlin and extended ashlar pieces...' '... collar purlin under the lower collars ...'	SU 093958
Wilts	1473 +.	Bradford-on-Avon	Barton Farm, Pound Lane	47.81 Notm	Hall range; the few surviving timbers include a ceiling beam. (For cruck-framed chamber range see 1400 +).	ST 823605
Wilts	1461 -93	Compton Bassett	Church of St Swithun	31.101 Oxf CfA 15/2001	Nave roof over inserted clerestory. Moulded arch-braced principals. Each principal stands on an outer wall-plate and on a stub tie notched over an inner plate.	SU 031716
Wilts	1475 -15+20	Lacock	Lacock Abbey (N.T.)	21.38 Notm	Frater roof: tiebeams, collars, principals.	ST 919684
Wilts	1468 -99	Potterne	Porch House	31.88 MB	Front (NW) wing roof. Hall with hammer beam roof failed to date. See VAG Wilts Conference Guide (1990), 53.	ST 995587
Wilts	1484 /5	Bremhill	Bremhill Farm Barn, Bremhill	22.46	Cruck: apex types A, L1, V	ST 979741
Wilts	1470 -1501 1487	Malmesbury	Saxon House, 37 -41 High Street	34.112 Oxf	Originally two timber-framed structures. Two bays, three storeys, jettied on both floors. Originally thought to be 17thC.	ST 932870
Wilts	1486 -1511	Bromham	Church of St Nicholas	40.116 Notm RDR 37/2008	Chantry (Baynton Chapel) on S side of chancel. Fine painted panelled ceiling. Slightly cambered moulded transverse beams and a moulded ridge purlin.	ST 963651
Wilts	1460 -86 to 1507 c.	Colerne	Daubeneys, High St	45.106 EH/Notm	Several fdrs so construction dates uncertain (attrib. to c.1497-1507 in VA44, 67-68). 2-bay cruck hall house with timber from several felling phases. Cruck-built stable roof timbers felled 1497 & 1498, stable ceiling 1493-1518.	ST 817710
Wilts	1508	Wanborough	Erlescote Manor	31.88 MB	Panelled partition wall.	SU 216855
Wilts	1513 c.	Trowbridge	63 Fore Street	45.105 BAFS/03/12	Rear range – 2 timber-framed bays, gabled: jowled posts, crown-strut & queen-strut trusses. In-line tenoned purlins, curved windbraces. (Also a front range, fdr 1496 -1528).	ST 855580
Wilts	1505 -30	Yatton Keynell	The Old Rectory	45.107 44.65 RDR 104-2010	In 'extension', 3 cruck trusses visible in attic. Truss E has <i>arch-braced cambered collar, tenoned side purlins</i> . For hall see 1300 -25.	ST 867763

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Wilts	1520 1521	Salisbury	Cathedral School	31.99 Oxf	Rafters re-used from a 16thC coupled rafter roof. [Had these consciously replicated and replaced an earlier roof?] Also see 1432-64 &c. 1541 &c	SU 144294
Wilts	1511 -36 & 1505 -30	West Lavington	The Old Manor	45.107 EH/Notm RRS 66/2014	Hall range 1511 -36, in house with 2 wings. E wing timbers 1505 -30, overlapping date range for hall range timbers. W wing timbers unsuitable for dating.	SU 005530
Wilts	1509 -31	Warminster	6 High Street	46.95 BAHB/32/14	Jettied front, large rectangular panels, jowled posts. Gabled. ?'clasped purlin construction with two tiers of in-line butt purlins.'? Cambered collars, curved wind braces.	ST 873451
Wilts	1510 c. to 1513	Warminster	16 High Street	46.95 BAHA/33/14	3 bays. Gabled. 2-bay 1 st -floor chamber open to roof, front bay may have been jettied. Large rectangular panels, jowled posts. Tiebeam, cranked collar, tenoned purlins, curved wind braces.	ST 873451
Wilts	1513-40	North Tidworth	Holy Trinity Church	41.85 MB	Belfry and bell frame.	SU 234490
Wilts	1541	Salisbury	Cathedral School	31.99 Oxf	Former Bishop's Palace. Roof over Chapel. Also see 1432-64 &c. 1520 1570 &c	SU 144294
Wilts	1533 /4 1542	Salisbury	Cathedral	36.95 Oxf CfA 58/2005	Timbers employed in reconstruction of E end of nave roof. (Also see 1697/8 to 1704).	SU 144294
Wilts	1544 +	Clarendon	Queen Manor Farmhouse	30.125 Sh	Dated principal rafter 'may identify the construction or remodelling date' of a roof which contained re-used timbers of 1336-81 and 1537-38.	SU 177312
Wilts	1547	Etchilhampton	Church Holding	37.122 Oxf	<i>Box framed, 4 smoke-blackened bays</i> with 2 tiers of purlins and a <i>ridge purlin</i> .	SU 045601
Wilts	1545 /7+0	Lacock	Lacock Abbey	21.38 Notm	Stable courtyard range: <i>collar, principal</i> .	ST 919684
Wilts	1557 c. (1555 -80)	Avebury	Avebury Manor (NT)	43.93 Notm	E range ceiling. E range roof yielded felling date range of 1574-99 – tiebeam, principals, collar, purlin. For E range extension and S range see 1600.	SU 098699
Wilts	1570	Salisbury	Cathedral School	31.99 Oxf	Former Bishop's Palace. Drawing room roof: re-used 16thC timbers. Also see 1432-64 &c. 1520 1541 1662	SU 144294
Wilts	1575 /6 1576	Chute	Gable End, Upper Chute	29.116 Oxf	Single bay non-domestic. Close studding with mid-rails? Straight braces to wall plates, curved braces to tiebeams. Dragon ties. First fabricated hipped roof. [Tiebeams ?] purlins, collars, queen-struts, tenoned with wind braces.	SU 429153
Wilts	1561 -96	Lacock	Lacock Abbey (NT)	21.38 Notm	Extension or repair to dormitory roof.	ST 919684
Wilts	1581	Dauntsey	Dauntsey House	45.106 & 44.66 EH/Notm RRS 62/2014	Wing. (For hall range see 1356-79).	ST 979825
Wilts	1585/6	Marlborough	25 The Green	42.92 MATG/09/10	Timber-framed. 2 bays, central chimney. ½-hipped. Jowled posts, large rectangular panels, girding beams, short straight braces. Tiebeams, queen struts.	SU189692
Wilts	1570 - 1602	Newton Tony	Wilbury House	30.105 Oxf	Re-used timbers employed in the construction of the Neo-Palladian house of 1710. Also re-used timbers of 1659-1691.	SU 222414
Wilts	1588 1588 /9	Clarendon	Dog Kennel Park Farm	35.102 Oxf	(On Clarendon Park Estate).Box-framed, now tile-hung. Sampled timbers include tiebeam, collar, principal rafters, struts. Re-used timbers with felling dates 1439 /40 and 1532 /3. Also see {1612 -44 1624 -56}.	SU 193285
Wilts	1600 c.	Avebury	Avebury Manor (N.Trust)	43.93 Notm	E range (south extension) roof and S range (upper and lower) roofs. For E range ceiling see 1557 c.	SU 098699
Wilts	1604 -1640	Clarendon	The Old Mansion	30.126 Sh	Transverse floor beams. Also see 1638 -80.	SU 195285
Wilts	1609 -34	Clarendon	Queen Manor Farm	30.125 Sh	Granary.	SU 177312
Wilts	1612 -44 1624 -56	Clarendon	Dog Kennel Park Farm	35.102 Oxf	Timbers employed in construction of inserted attic floor in building of {1588 1588 /9}.	SU 170286
Wilts	1643 +	Clarendon	The Old Mansion	31.127 Sh	Ground-floor beams.	SU 195285
Wilts	1645 -47 1647 /48	Devizes	4-5 St John's Alley	21.47 Oxf	Cellar + 3 storeys + attic. Industrial? Jettied. Poor construction: nailed studs and rails. Staircase with timbers dated from 1645 to 1647 /48, apparently an early insertion.	SU 005614
Wilts	1653 1653 /4	Clarendon	Clarendon Park Estate	35.102 Oxf	(Garage). Sampled timbers include principal rafters, tiebeam & collar, struts.	SU 193285
Wilts	1655	Marlborough	121-122 High Street	26.65	122 is a 3-storeyed jettied building. No roof details.	SU 187690
Wilts	1638 -80	Clarendon	The Old Mansion	30.126 Sh	Beam and window lintel. Also see 1643 after.	SU 195285

Wilts	1662	Salisbury	Cathedral School	31.99 Oxf	Former Bishop's Palace. Re-used timbers in Drawing Room roof. Also see 1432-64 &c. 1520 1541 1735/6 1736.	SU 144294
Wilts	1663	Salisbury	Cathedral	32.78 Oxf	Repairs to north nave triforium on both sides of porch.	SU 144294
Wilts	1669	Salisbury	Cathedral	32.78 Oxf	Boards from west side of parvis chamber roof – repairs directed by Wren.	SU 144294
Wilts	1697/8 - 1704	Salisbury	Cathedral	36.95 Oxf CfA 58/2005	Timbers employed in reconstruction of central bays of nave roof. Also see {1533 /4 1542} {1710 /11 to 1720}.	SU 144294
Wilts	1687 -1719	Salisbury	Cathedral	35.102 Oxf	Central tower and spire. Timber support tower erected to underpin the timbers from which the 1344 -76 scaffold rises (qv).	SU 144294
Wilts	1710 /11 - 1720	Salisbury	Cathedral	36.95 Oxf CfA 58/2005	Timbers employed in reconstruction of west end of nave roof. Also see {1533 /4 1542} {1697/8 to 1704}.	SU 144294
Wilts	1736	Salisbury	Cathedral School	31.99 Oxf	Roof over Drawing Room. Also see 1432-64 &c. 1520 1541 1735/6 1736.	SU 144294
Wilts	1736	Salisbury	Cathedral	32.78 Oxf	Roof repairs by Price.	SU 144294
Wilts	1733 1732 -60	Chippenham	Yelde Hall	33.80 UoW	Repairs to an older roof of 1446 -78 (qv).	ST 920730
Wilts	1751/2 1758/9	Potterne	Eastwell House	34.112 Oxf	Probably late 16thC, but felling dates are for timbers used in raised roof. Also see 1308 after.	ST 992579
Wilts	1765	Clarendon	Clarendon House	31.127 Sh	Granary. Timber-framed. Three bays. Paired diagonal bracing. Queen struts.	SU 196285
Wilts	1798 -1820	Bishopstone	Church of St John the Baptist	31.88 MB AML 26/99	An older roof has been left in place under the 'new' roof dated here.	SU 085265

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