

## 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
Worcs	1214 -1255	Mamble	St John the Baptist	28.144 Sh	Church tower. Also 1582-1618; 1753/4	SO 688716
Worcs	1302 -24	Bewdley	5, 7 & 9 Stourport Rd	37.116 Notm	2-bay open hall (No 7) - base cruck with cusped & moulded arch braces, crown post with curved down-braces, straight up-braces & scissor-braced rafters. 2-bay E wing (No 9) has large panels, jowled posts, curved up-braces; tiebeam, crown post roof and scissor-braced rafters. CfA 45/2005	SO 787754
Worcs	1315 +	North and Middle Littleton	Barn	11.34 Fl (1)	11 bay stone barn with 8 raised base cruck trusses: arch-braces, spandrel struts, double tiebeams, braced arcade plates; short upper principals, collars, curved wind braces to single tier of upper purlins. In aisled truss at each end the aisle roofs have under-rafters and side purlins.	SP 079470
Worcs	1300 -35	Worcester	Cathedral	26.49 Notm	Nave roof. Re-used timbers reconstructed as from coupled rafter trusses with 'struts on the lower collars and soulaces and ashlar pieces beneath.' Also see 1730.	SO 850546
Worcs	1321 -53	Clifton on Teme	Woodmanton Manor	33.116 Sh	Open hall. Arch-braced crown post roof (inf. Nick Joyce). Floor inserted 1599-1635 (qv)	SO 719605
Worcs	1340	Warndon	St Nicholas Church	30.122 Sh AML 34/98.	'Bell frame' – but also see 1424-1456 and 1498.	SO 887568
Worcs	1344	Leigh	Leigh Court Barn	37.108 Sh (2)	Barn. Largest true cruck in Britain – 9 trusses with 10m span. Hipped roof. Main blades 10.5-11m long, whole trees, trimmed: arch-braced collars, saddles, short king-posts support ridge-plates, curved wind braces, tabled and bridled scarfs.	SO 783535
Worcs	1344 +	Bredon	Bredon Barn	13.49 Fl (3)	Aisled; strainer beam, passing arch-braces, raked struts, double rafters clasp side purlins	SO 918370
Worcs	1354 -56	Crowle	Crowle Court Barn	30.120 Sh AML 96/97	Arch-braced (to what?): 'swept' windbraces up to lower purlins. Also see 1506 -1539.	SO 921559
Worcs	1387-1408	Worcester	The Commandery	29.105	West range (N). No roof details.	SO 853545
Worcs	1390 -1415	Pirton	St Peter's Church	45.115 Notm	Brace in timber-framed tower has fdr of 1390-1415, but also see 1471-92, 1507, 1585-1606.	SO 885468
Worcs	1403 -28	Droitwich	31 High Street	47.83 Notm RRS 24/2015	Solar wing, formerly jettied.	SO 900633
Worcs	1420 -40	Shelsley Walsh	Court House	39.127 Notm	Box-framed. 3 bays including remains of a 2-bay open hall. One tiebeam & collar truss has curved struts from collar to principals. Also see 1517, 1580c., 1738.	SO 721630
Worcs	1428 -47	Stourport on Severn	Hartlebury Castle	40.120 DCL RDR 76/2008	Great Hall roof. Short wall posts on stone corbels, principals, collars, V-struts. Formerly with wind-braces, evidence of smoke louvre. Also see 1469, 1608 -29, 1678.	SO 836712

Worcs	1438 -39	Shrawley	Primrose Cottages, Rectory Lane	48.91 <i>WRPC/24/16</i>	Timber-framed, 2 open bays and 1 closed bay. Open cruck truss is arch-braced. Trenched side purlins, ridge purlin, curved wind braces.	SO 800656
Worcs	1439	Stoulton	Mucknell Farm	39.127 Notm	Remains of cruck truss with collar in later house.	SO 906513
Worcs (WMid)	1440	King's Norton	Primrose Hill Farm, Meadowsweet Ave	40.117 Notm RDR 41/2008 VAG Conf 1995 3.6	Primary hall range roof includes a spere truss with an arch-braced collar, an intermediate truss with arch-braced collar, and an open truss with arch-braced tiebeam, a king post and raked struts': trenched purlins, 2 tiers of wind- braces. Evidence for a louvre or ventilator. Also see 1475 for NW bay, 1521 for S bays of wing and 1555 for ceiling over hall.	SP 050777
Worcs	1424-1456	Warndon	St Nicholas Church	30.122 Sh	Nave roof and 'bell turret', but also see 1340 and 1498.	SO 887568
Worcs (WMid)	1434-60	King's Norton	Old Grammar School	35.101 Oxf (4)	School. Central truss is deep arch-braced collar passing stub tie: V-struts. Single tier of side purlins, curved wind braces. Intermediate post and rafter truss with arch-braced collar.	SP 049790
Worcs	1442-64	Bewdley	7 & 9 Stourport Rd	37.116 Notm	Crown post, scissor-braced rafters.	SO 787754
Worcs	1442-64	Worcester	The Commandery	29.105 JPB	West range (centre) Also see 1387 -1408 & 1465 -70	SO 853545
Worcs	1439 -69	Redditch	Meadow Farm	38.125 Oxf	Date range for timbers in east wing ground floor, but S and E wing upper floors dated 1603 (qv). Close studding. Also see 1598 (granary).	SP 042693
Worcs	1456	Bewdley	Tickenhill Manor, Park Lane	39.130 DCL	(Bishop's? Palace). 3 bays of roof retain trusses with curved struts or braces from tiebeams to collars clasped purlins concave wind braces. Close studded end truss might be of this phase, but timber felled after 1444 and also of 1613 -28 was used in repairs. Also see 1591.	SO 784750
Worcs (WMid)	1457	King's Norton	Primrose Hill Farm, Meadowsweet Ave	40.117 Notm	Barn. 2-panel-high wall frames with downward braces. Arch-braced tiebeam & collar, crown strut and queen struts. Trenched purlins, curved wind braces.	SP 050777
Worcs	1443 -73	Kemerton	The Farthings	45.119 Oxf	Timber-framed middle section 4 panels high – oak and elm, possibly re-used.	SO 943364
Worcs	1467/8	Pixley	St Andrews Church	37.99 MB CfA 7/2006	Timber-framed south porch. For bell turret see 1567 after.	SO 661388
Worcs	1465 -70	Worcester	The Commandery	29.105 Notm	Hospital. Hall roof in N range originally hammer beam (see below, 1468 -71). Evidence for two louvres. Also see 1387 -1408 & 1442-64.	SO 853545
Worcs	1469	Stourport on Severn	Hartlebury Castle	40.120 DCL	Kitchen roof. Also see 1428 -47 ...	SO 836712
Worcs	1468 1471	Worcester	The Commandery	39.126 Notm RDR 71/2006	Comprehensive sampling yielded the following dates: Infirmary range 1470; Solar range 1468 1471; Corridor partition wall 1468 -73; Long chamber roof 1470 1471 1473. Great Hall 1472 originally hammer beam. Louvres. Storey-high close studding, tiebeam and collar trusses (multiple struts); 2 tiers of tenoned purlins, ridge-piece, wind braces. 'House' on street frontage 1461 -80. Also see 1708.	SO 852544
Worcs	1474/5	Alvechurch	Seechem Manor	26.64	Hall range roof has cranked tiebeams, raking struts, no collars, straight wind braces: also see 1595.	SP 025727
Worcs (WMid)	1475	King's Norton	Primrose Hill Farm, Meadowsweet Ave	40.117 Notm	For hall range see 1440. 1475 is date for a single-bay NW building with close-studded walls, later attached to wing dated 1521 (qv).	SP 050777
Worcs	1465-1491	Lower Sapey	St Batholomew's Church	28.144 Sh	Also 1507-1552	SO 699602
Worcs	1471 -92	Pirton	St Peter's Church	45.115 Notm	Diagonal braces & rail in timber-framed tower, but also see 1390 -1415, 1507, 1585-1606.	SO 885468
Worcs	1468 -1503	Stourbridge	107-8 High Street	20.41 Notm	Tiebeam & collar.	SO 902842
Worcs (WMid)	1491 /2	King's Norton	Saracen's Head	35.87 Sh	Jettied N range. [Tiebeam & collar?] queen-strut roof + intermediate arch-brace trusses. Also see 1476 -1512.	SP 048788
Worcs	1476 -1512	King's Norton	Saracen's Head	35.87 Sh	NW block (VAG Spr Con Prog '95) (Worc until 1911)	SP 048788
Worcs (WMid)	1485 -1507	King's Norton	Saracen's Head	35.87 Sh	E range: arch bracing, queen struts. Also see 1491 /2.	SP 048788
Worcs	1496	Broadwas	Butts Bank House	38.99 MB RDR 84/2006	Barn. Long-house? Solar bay, 2 hall bays, 2 lower bays, broad passage. Solar and part of hall demolished. Cruck truss with cusped braces up to collar.	SO 764554

Worcs	1498	Warndon	St Nicholas Church	30.122 Sh AML 34/98.	'Bell tower' – but also see 1340,1424-1456.	SO 887568
Worcs	1489 -1514	Abberley	Town Farmhouse, The Village	47.83 Notm	Timber-framed. Main range of 3 bays, cellar, 2 storeys + attics. Only a stud was dated. (Repairs to main range employed timber felled after 1555, but for jettied bay see 1538 -63).	SO 754677
Worcs	1485 -1520	Rock	Bower Court	33.78 MB	E wing has wind-braced principals with no collars.	SO 732712
Worcs	1507	Dudley	Manor Farm (Site of Halesowen Abbey)	40.117 Notm RDR 90/2008	Barn. Re-used timbers, felled 1507, in roof constructed 1672 or after (qv).	SO 977829
Worcs	1507	Pirton	St Peter's Church	45.115 Notm	Posts, rail, braces in timber-framed tower, but also see 1390 -1415, 1471 -92, 1585-1606.	SO 885468
Worcs	1509 /1510	Bayton	Old School Cottage	27.91 MB	Hall floored from outset. 2½ bay cruck type A apexes.	SO 692733
Worcs	1489 -1531	Elmbridge	Badge Court	33.77 MB	Only a single timber from S wing dated. Also see 1579.	SO 905699
Worcs	1507 -25	Wick	St Cuthberts	12.39 MB	Floor beams.	SO 844525
Worcs	1517	Shelsley Walsh	Court House	39.127 Oxf	Ceiling inserted into hall of 1420 -40 (qv). Also see 1580c., 1738.	SO 721630
Worcs	1521	King's Norton	Primrose Hill Farm, Meadowsweet Ave	40.117 Notm	Wing. Arch-braced tiebeams, 'queen posts' (ie queen struts?), <i>trenched purlins, curved wind-braces</i> . Also see 1440, 1475, 1555. In this wing a fireplace dated 1608 after.	SP 050777
Worcs	1506 -1539	Crowle	Crowle Court Barn	30.120 Sh AML 96/97	Rebuilt portion of earlier barn of 1354-1356 (qv). Three tiers of side purlins with <i>straight windbraces</i> . Also see 1589.	SO 921559
Worcs	1535 /6	Areley Kings	Church House	35.103 Oxf	3-bay house, <i>jettied</i> on 3 sides. <i>Dragon beams. Tiebeam, queen-struts</i> , 2 tiers purlins, <i>straight wind braces</i> .	SO 801710
Worcs	1535 -1540	Inkberrow	Thorn Farmhouse	38.125 Oxf	Open cruck truss in hall with <i>arch-braces, collar</i> , type C apex + a second <i>saddle</i> to raise the ridge. Primary <i>purlins tenoned</i> into blades? – <i>now trenched</i> . Wings at each end were elm and did not date.	SP 010557
Worcs	1538 -63	Abberley	Town Farmhouse, The Village	47.83 Notm	Timber-framed and jettied range. Three tiebeam and principal rafter trusses, one with 2 collars – struts above and below; single tier of <i>trenched purlins</i> . (For main range see 1489 -1514).	SO 754677
Worcs	1555	King's Norton	Primrose Hill Farm, Meadowsweet Ave	40.117 Notm	Ceiling inserted into hall range of 1440 (qv).	SP 050777
Worcs	1564 /5	Stoke Bliss	The Hyde – 'The Barn'	35.104 Oxf	Stables? Box-framed. Weatherboarded on ground floor. Jettied on 3 sides. Interrupted tiebeams, principals stop at collar, V-struts.	SO 629619
Worcs	1567 +	Pixley	St Andrews Church	37.99 MB CfA 7/2006	Support to bell turret. The timber-framed south porch dated 1467/8 (qv).	SO 661388
Worcs	1567 /8	Stoke Bliss	The Hyde	35.104 Oxf	The date is for the <i>inserted floor</i> . (Base cruck did not date).	SO 629619
Worcs	1552 -77	Shelsley Beauchamp	Redhill Farm	47.83 Notm	Formerly box-framed. Tiebeam and collar roof, principals, single tier of side purlins, wind braces.	SO 737639
Worcs	1576 /7	Wribbenhall	Whispering Cottage, 12 Westbourne St	38.119 DCL	Wing of T-plan, 2 storeyed house. Side walls 4 square panels high, long down braces, interrupted tiebeams.	SO 790754
Worcs	1571 -85	Bayton	Plowstall Farmhouse	40.124 Oxf	3-bay hall, 2 bay 2 storey wing. Side purlins. [Worcs. Archaeol. Service].	SO 695732
Worcs	1579	Elmbridge	Badge Court	33.77 MB	N wing 1579. Also see 1489 -1531.	SO 905699
Worcs	1572 -87	Hanbury	Old Astwood Farm, Astwood Lane	37.123 Oxf	Two-bay south wing. Storey-high studs, decorative panels, short straight braces. Jettied attics. Tiebeam & collar trusses, struts.	SO 933650
Worcs	1580 c.	Shelsley Walsh	Court House	39.127 Notm	2-storey N wing to house of 1420 -40 (qv). Close studding in gable. Also see 1517 and 1738.	SO 721630
Worcs	1575 - 86	Droitwich	Priory House	11.34 Sieb	Floor beams.	SO 898635
Worcs	1583	Weobley	Ye Olde Salutation Inn	30.122 Sh	Inn. In extension, tiebeam, queen struts (to collar?), <i>trenched purlins</i> ; 'central truss is of king post type'.	SO 403515
Worcs	1583 c. 1586 /7	Evesham Badsey,	4 High Street	40.109 EVHS/08/08	Decorative panelling on front wall. Small square panels, straight 'down-braces' [?] Roof modified.	SP069434
Worcs	1589	Crowle	Crowle Court Barn	30.120 Sh AML 96/97	Re-roofing of barn. Also see 1354-1356, 1506 -1539.	SO 921559

Worcs	1591	Bewdley	Tickenhall Manor, Park Lane	39.130 DCL	Felling date of timber in cellar floor. Also see 1456.	SO 784750
Worcs	1595	Alvechurch	Seechem Manor	26.64	Wing roof: [tiebeam & collar ?] queen-struts, trenched purlins. (For hall range see 1474 /75).	SP 025727
Worcs	1585 -1606	Pirton	St Peter's Church	45.115 Notm	Head beams in timber-framed tower, but also see 1390 -1415, 1471 -92, 1507. Later repairs include a sill beam felled 1600 -25 and 'outriggers' felled 1747.	SO 885468
Worcs	1598	Redditch	Meadow Farm	38.125 Oxf	Granary. Also see 1439 -69: 1603.	SP 042693
Worcs	1585 -1610	Yardley	Blakesley Hall	20.41 Notm	Fully floored. Jettied.	SP 128851
Worcs	1599	Dodderhill	Astwood Court Farm	40.125 Oxf	Wings. Close studding, long straight down-braces. Herringbone framing above . Hall range failed to date.	SO 942656
Worcs	1546 -71 1590 -1615	Naunton Beauchamp	Naunton Court	39.126 Notm	This date is for the N-S range. Box framed: close studding and square panels. Principal rafter and collar trusses. The E-W range was dated 1583 after.	SO 957524
Worcs	1603	Redditch	Meadow Farm	38.125 Oxf	S and E wing upper floors. Also see 1439 -69: 1598 (granary)	SP 042693
Worcs	1600 -1610	Bewdley	Bailiff's House	11.34 Sieb (5)	'The first building in England to be dated by dendrochronology' (in 1969). Inscribed date T 1610 B. 2½ storeys, jettied, close studding, small square decorative panels, ovolo-moulded mullion and transom windows. Interrupted tiebeam and collar trusses, 2 tiers of side purlins, ridge purlin.	SO 786753
Worcs	1600 -28	Wribbenhall	Pleasant Harbour House	38.118 DCL	Brick house, now part of a terrace with hipped end.	SO 788755
Worcs	1607 1610/11	Hanbury	Mere Hall	36.96 Oxf	Box-framed. H-plan. Second-floor gallery with side gables.	SO 951618
Worcs	1613	Dodderhill	Impney Farm	35.103 Oxf	Cellar ceiling joists. Also 1467-1497: all re-used timbers.	SO 906767
Worcs	1611 1612 1614	Bewdley	Hoarstone Farm	40.120 DCL	Timber-framed. H-plan + porch. Central range and wing roofs all have A-frames with clasped purlins, diminished principals, interrupted collars (for doorways), straight wind braces. In both cross-wings purlins are clasped at central truss but tenoned at each end. Porch 1617 -28.	SO 793768
Worcs	1599-1635	Clifton on Teme	Woodmanton Manor	33.116 Sh	Floor inserted (into hall of 1321 -53?) (qv)	SO 719605
Worcs	1618	Wribbenhall	3 Beales Corner	38.117 DCL	Close studded, jettied. 2 bays, 2 storeys +attic. For wall paintings see VA 34, 61-2.	SO 788754
Worcs	1608 -29	Stourport on Severn	Hartlebury Castle	40.120 DCL	Saloon roof. Tiebeam [& collar?], queen struts. Also see 1428 -47, 1469, 1678.	SO 836712
Worcs	1619 -20	Wribbenhall	Bridgewater Cottage	38.118 DCL	Box-framed, 2 storeys +attic, originally with 3 dormers. Walls 4 square panels high. Internal trusses have interrupted tiebeams.	SO 788755
Worcs	1625	Bransford	Gilberts Farm	35.103 Oxf	Single bay addition to (undated) cruck-framed building. Large panels. Tiebeam 'queen posts'[queen struts?], 'upper diagonal bracing'	SO 801519
Worcs	1632 /3	Wribbenhall	The Dog Wheel, 6 Kidderminster Rd	38.118 DCL	2 bays, 3 storeys, box framed, jettied. Rear range added 1647 -62 (qv)	SO 788754
Worcs	1633	Wribbenhall	Malthouse Row, Westbourne St	38.118 DCL	Malthouse. 4 bay 2 storey box framed. Walls 4 square panels high, long down-braces. Interrupted tiebeams. Cargo or merchant's marks.	SO 789753
Worcs	1624 -49	Worcester	Guildhall, High Street	39.126 Notm	Rebuilt 1722 -7 but it contains timbers with felling date ranges of 1624 -49, 1587 -1612 &c.	SO 849548
Worcs	1650 -55	Tenbury Wells	Little Birches Farm, Bockleton	47.83 Notm	Stone. Demolished. Retained timbers include post, beams, rafters (also of 1681).	SO 607616
Worcs	1647 -62	Wribbenhall	The Dog Wheel, 6 Kidderminster Rd	38.118 DCL	Parallel rear range added to building of 1632 /3 (qv).	SO 788754
Worcs	1660	Worcester	Cathedral	- Notm CfA 41/2005	Re-sampling in 2005 confirmed that Chapter House wall plates were made of timber felled in 1660; so roof not assembled 1386-92 as formerly proposed.	SO 850545
Worcs	1665 c.	Stourbridge	10 Lower High St	24.41 Notm	No roof details.	SO 900845
Worcs	1665	Wribbenhall	1 Kidderminster Road	38.118 DCL	Brick, 3 storeys plus attic. Interrupted tiebeam. Framed truss inside brick walls.	SO 788754

Worcs	1666	Wribbenhall	Abbotsford, 12 Kidderminster Rd	38.118 DCL	Extensive undercroft or basement, 2 storeys, attic. E gable close studded. Interrupted tiebeam truss.	SO 788754
Worcs	1666 -71	Alvechurch	St Laurence Church	41.101 Notm RDR 45/2009	Belfry floor. Also 1681 (1669 -93), but there is a date-stone – 1676.	SP 027724
Worcs (WMid)	1672	Dudley	Manor Farm (Site of Halesowen Abbey)	40.117 Notm (6) RDR 90/2008.	Barn incorporates S wall of St Mary's (Halesowen) Abbey Church. Re-used timbers (felled 1507 <i>qv</i> ) in roof with tiebeam trusses, raked struts, trenched side purlins, of 1672. (Crown-post roof in 'Abbot's Lodging' failed to date).	SO 977829
Worcs	1678	Stourport on Severn	Hartlebury Castle	40.120 DCL	Chapel roof. Hipped at E end. Queen struts. Also see 1428 -47 &c.	SO 836712
Worcs (WMid)	1672 - 1700 c.	King's Norton	Lifford Hall	25.25 Sh AML 35/93	Former mill.	SP 058797
Worcs	1688	Bewdley	27 Wyre Hill	47.83 Notm	Front range gable truss with tiebeam, principals, raking struts; 2 tiers of side purlins. (Also re-used timbers of 1605-30).	SO 778750
Worcs	1708	Worcester	The Commandery	39.126 Notm	Garden wing roof. Also see {1468 1471}.	SO 852544
Worcs	1730	Worcester	Cathedral	26.49 Notm	Replacement king post trusses over nave.	SO 850546
Worcs	1738	Shelsley Walsh	Court House	39.127 Notm	East range roof, and re-roofing of N wing of 1580 c. Also see 1420 -40, 1517.	SO 721630
Worcs	1743 1746	Worcester	Cathedral	- Notm CfA 50/2001	Almost flat roof over St John's Chapel. 5 tiebeams, lodged side purlins and propped ridge purlin.	SO 850546
Worcs	1733 -68	Worcester	Cathedral	- Notm CfA 96/2003	Lady Chapel N aisle roof. Other timbers felled 1727 & 1742. Tiebeams set in wall, posts against wall, principals, raked struts. Earliest re-used timbers dated to 1226-61.	SO 850545
Worcs	1753	Croome d'Abitot	Croome Court (NT)	36.88 Notm CfA 80/2004	Service range. Principals with curved feet rise from beams at floor level. Straight collars, 'queen post' in top face of collar, staggered square-set purlins.	SO 885446

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