

INDEX OF TREE-RING DATED BUILDINGS IN ENGLAND COUNTY LIST approximately in chronological order, revised to VA51 (2020).

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HERTFORDSHIRE

County – Historic and later	Felling date range	Placename	Address	VA ref HE ref Other refs	Description / keywords	NGR
Herts	1184 -1219	St Michael	Westwick Cottage, Leverstock Green	39.107 Notm AML 77/97 (1)	Aisled hall - remains of. Passing braces, arcade brace.	TL 092066
Herts	1253 /4	Bishop's Stortford	Thorley Hall	33.108 Notm (2) (3)	Moated site. 2-bay aisled hall. Moulded capitals. Curved arcade braces, arch-braces to tiebeam, lap-jointed spandrel struts. Primary roof coupled rafter, plausibly with scissor-bracing and collar.	TL 476188
Herts	1266 -68	Sandon	Black (Wheat) Barn Sandon Bury Farm	44.84	Originally 6 bays with side and end aisles, but roof replaced above tiebeam. Arcade plate with splayed & tabled scarfs, passing braces.	TL 322344
Herts	1268 +	Ware	Place House, Bluecoat Yard	48.96 Notm AML 90/97 (4)	F.d.r. of 1246 -71 for timber used in brace up to spere truss tiebeam. However, post felled after 1268. 2½ bay aisled hall with moulded tiebeams and crown post with 4-way bracing attrib. by Hewett to c.1295.	TL 359143
Herts	1277 -97	Berkhamstead	173 High Street	32.72 MB	Urban. Shop. Primary phase has a crown post roof.	SP 991079
Herts	1340 /41	Standon	The Old Post Office	48.113 Oxf	Supersedes VA 34.91. Crown post roof.	TL 389221
Herts	1367	Wallingford	Clothall Bury	34.106 Notm	Barn. Timber framed. 'Weather-boarded internally'. Aisled. Arcade posts support tiebeams above which two angled struts clasp side purlins.	TL 289320
Herts	1360 -82	Stevenage	St Nicholas Church	43.99 Oxf	Tower stairs – solid treads attached to 2 supporting bearers.	TL 240262
Herts	1365 -76	Ashwell	Church of St Mary the Virgin	34.110 Oxf	Ringling chamber beams.	TL 268399
Herts	1373 /4	St Albans	Kingsbury Manor, Branch Road	34.106 Notm CfA 79/2002 (5)	Barn. Aisled. 5 bays, midstrey. Jowled wall posts. Close-studding. Now weather-boarded, but studs grooved for former laths. Curved passing braces from wall-posts cross arcade posts to tiebeams. Central bay has arch-braced tiebeams supporting crown posts braced only to collar purlin. Remaining trusses are of tiebeam and collar form [but are they same date?]	TL 138076
Herts	1378 1378 -80	Little Wymondley	Wymondleybury	37.107 Sh	Hall with in-line parlour bay(s) and lower end wing. Raised aisle hall (later than more easterly examples) with arcade posts and crown posts. One tiebeam in hall acts as wall-plate for wing.	TL 216270
Herts	1380 -85 c.	St Albans	Cathedral	26.47 Notm	Tower ceiling and belfry. Ceiling panels were dated to after c. 1373.	TL 145071
Herts	1397 c.	Bishop's Stortford	Thorley Hall	33.108 Notm CfA 61/2001	Aisled hall of c.1254 (qv) converted to raised aisle hall. Arcade posts truncated below capitals, tiebeam inserted, supported by curved brackets, creating a raised aisled form; primary coupled rafters replaced by crown-post roof with four-way curved braces. Also c. 1397, wing added with arch-braced tiebeams, cruciform crown-posts with four-way up-braces, soulaces, collars. (No tree-ring date for subsequent conversion of hall roof truss to hammer-beam form by cutting out tiebeam).	TL 476188
Herts	1397 /8	Rickmansworth	Croxley Hill Farm, Croxley Green	31.86 MB AML 25/2000	Barn. 'Intermediate arcade shores' are primary. No other roof details.	TQ 070946
Herts	1401 /2, 1401 -4	St Alban's	Market Place, Clock tower	40.106 MB	Flint clock tower. The bellframe yielded 1627-57.	TL 146071

Herts	1391 1416	Ware	Ware Priory	33.109 Notm	Felling dates ranging from 1391 to 1416 are cited but they are not equated with particular roofs. Cloister roofs retain coupled rafters with scissor bracing and collars. In one chamber a cambered tiebeam carries an octagonal crown post.	TL 353143
Herts	1418 -19	St Alban's	Kingsbury Manor	33.75 MB	Remains of hall house. Crown post roof. Wall plate has a short halved and bridled scarf with long bridles.	TL 138076
Herts	1424 -55	Thunbridge	The Old Wagon, High Rd., High Cross	49.139 Oxf	Jettied wing. (Hall timbers proved unsuitable for tree-ring dating).	TL 362185
Herts	1440 1440/1	Hunsdon	Olives Farm	43.82 <i>HCOF/08/11</i>	Hall house, 3 bays originally open to roof. Close studding. Tiebeams, crown-posts, curved braces up to collar purlin.	TL 408126
Herts	1446 /47	Puckeridge	52 High Street	49.139 Oxf (6)	Wealden house. High end partition recessed to form canopy. Smoke-blackened roof. 2-way braced crown post with fillets & broach stops on a square shaft. Cross-passage set within service bay. Curved down-braces. Knee-braces to flying plate. Continuous jetty formed later, when hall floored over.	TL 386232
Herts	1446 /47 1448	Hoddesdon	105 High St (former Salisbury Arms)	46.104 Oxf	Storey post, ceiling joists & studs were dated. The building has arch-braced tiebeams, clasped purlins, wind-braces.	TL 373088
Herts	1452 /53	Wheathampstead	Wheathampstead Place, Station Road	51.120 <i>ALWP/24/19</i>	Main 2-bay open hall range, originally with 2 wings. Formerly close-studded. Crown strut on cranked tiebeam, clasped purlins, diminished principals. (3-bay S wing includes timbers felled 1447/79, apparently re-used).	TL 177141
Herts	1438 -70 & 1460 -92	Ashwell	Town House, Swan Lane	51.140 Oxf RRS 186-220	Timber-framed, close-studded, jettied, gabled. Two bays. Crown-post roof.	TL 266396
Herts	1453 -72 1453-84	Braughing	The Gables, Green End	33.75 MB	Door-posts in front of east service wing dated to 1453-72: re-used post in hall dated as 'after 1379'. Corner post in rear east wing dated 1453 -84.	TL 392253
Herts	1465 -80	Chorleywood	The Retreat, Turney's Orchard	36.90 Oxf	2 storeyed bays. [Tiebeam], collar, queen struts, clasped purlins.	TQ 028956
Herts	1470 -75	Welwyn	23 Mill Lane	47.89 MB DM	Central jettied block of two bays. Moulded arch-braces, tiebeam and collar, clasped side purlins, curved wind braces.	TL 232162
Herts	1471 -83	Croxley Green	The Stables, Finches Avenue	37.120 Oxf	Barn contains timbers re-used from a former hall house.	TQ 066970
Herts	1496 c.	Sarratt	The Great Barn Micklefield Hall	43.82 <i>HHMH/21/11</i>	Barn with L-shaped plan. In main barn re-used timbers include wall plate, posts, stud, tiebeams, principal, purlins. For E wing see 1571/2. For threshing floor see 1887.	TQ 053975
Herts	1527	Hemel Hempstead	132 Piccott's End Rd, Piccott's End	48.113 Oxf (7)	2-bay hall and service end of a 5-bay house. 3 studs from tiebeam to collar, clasped purlins, curved windbraces. Wall paintings. (Also see 1549 /50).	TL 051091
Herts	1540 /41	Little Wymondley	Priory Barn	31.86 MB CfA 18/2001	Barn. Aisled. Two tiers of <i>tenoned side purlins</i> ... unique set of scarf joints ...	TL 218279
Herts	1549 /50	Hemel Hempstead	132 Piccott's End Rd, Piccott's End	48.113 Oxf	This date is for an inserted floor. For primary phase of guesthouse see 1527.	TL 051091
Herts	1554 /55	Chorleywood	Appletree Farm House, Chorley Common	50.107 Oxf	Intermediate phase has an A-frame roof. (Hall phase timbers unsuitable for dendro).	TQ 037963
Herts	1554 /55	Redbourn	The Bull Inn, 43 High Street	50.108 Oxf	Smoke-blackened roof timbers, evidence of louvre.	TL 107123
Herts	1571/2	Sarratt	The Great Barn Micklefield Hall	43.82 HHMH/21/11	Barn with L-shaped plan. East wing – Gabled roof. Close studding. Tiebeams, principals, collars, queen struts, clasped purlins. For main range see 1496 c., for threshing floor see 1887.	TQ 053975
Herts	1588 -90	Mackerye End	Mackerye End House	48.113 Oxf	At rear of a red brick house with a date plaque of 1665 is a 2-storey, 4-bay box framed kitchen range. Jowled posts, principals, common rafters with collars.	TL 156155
Herts	1678	Cromer	Windmill	30.122 Sh	Windmill. Original timbers? Also see 1831? And 1840-85?	TL 304287
Herts	1593/94 to 1597/98	Welwyn Garden City	The Barn Theatre, Barn Close	46.91 <i>ALBT/24/14</i>	Barn, 3 bays. Small rectangular panels, straight down-braces, jowled posts. 'Raking queen posts [i.e. struts?]. In-line tenoned purlins	TL 231126

Herts	1680 1681	St Albans	150, Fishpool Street	39.114 SAFS/12/07	2½ bay central chimney house. Gabled. Raking struts, clasped purlins, diminished principals..	TL 140074
Herts	1708 /09	St Albans	92 Fishpool St	44.87 ALFI/18/12	Timber-framed. Unjowled posts, 1 straight brace remains in gable wall. Tiebeams, principals, [collars ?] clasped purlins.	TL 141072
Herts	1727 -52	Clothall	Clothall Bury Farmhouse	- Notm CfA 87/2003	Roof structure variously described as '...upper cruck...' and 'arch-brace'	TL 289320
Herts	1887	Sarratt	The Great Barn Micklefield Hall	43.82 HHMH/21/11	Threshing floor in barn. (For re-used timbers in main range see 1496 c., & for east wing see 1571/2).	TQ 053975

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