

## INDEX OF TREE-RING DATED BUILDINGS IN ENGLAND

### COUNTY LIST approximately in chronological order, revised 2016.

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County – Historic and later	Felling date range	Placename	Address	VA ref EH ref Other refs	Description / keywords	NGR
Dors	1299 - 1317	Sherborne	Hall House, Newland	44.80	Supersedes VA 24.49. Base cruck. Lower tiebeam replaced by a stub tie to the arch-brace, 'but still carrying the arcade plate'. Crown post. Slip tenon. Similar to Chennelsbrook, Horsham (1296d).	ST 643168
Dors	1301 -33 1324-56	Sturminster Newton	Fiddleford Manor	34.91 MB CfA 13/2003	Hall and solar. Stone. Dates from solar: arch-braced collars plus cusped king strut, single tier of side purlins plus ridge-plate, 2 tiers of cusped, curved wind-braces, and cusped braces up to ridge, horizontal cusped braces from collars to purlins. Also see 1553-54.	ST 801136
Dors	1395 -1405	Alweston	Font le Roi Farm	45.115 Oxf	Originally a gatehouse. Main roof has inner & outer wall-plates 'connected by stub-ties': rafter feet sit in rebate on outer plate. Coupled common rafters with tenoned collars.	ST 671136
Dors	1411 +	Wimborne Minster	Lodge Farm, Kingston Lacy Estate	26.57 Sh AML 16/94 (1)	Stone first floor hall: dated floorboards considered primary & so may also date roof – arch-braced collar truss with trenched side purlins. Tiebeam and collar truss with 2 raked and 1 central strut ... Also see 1580+	ST 974021
Dors	1436 -64	Holwell	Church of St Lawrence, The Borough	35.73 MB CfA 17/2004	Wagon roof having 32 coupled rafter trusses with arch braces and collars.	ST 699119
Dors	1449 -62	Shapwick	198 High Street	39.133 Oxf	Cruck. Thatched.	SU 922989
Dors	1455 -87	Kington Magna	All Saints' Church	40.105 MB	Belfry floor, also 1487-1519.	ST 768231
Dors	1474 +	Sherborne	Abbey Church	24.48 MB (2)	Nave roof: tiebeams dated.	ST 638165
Dors	1468 -1500	Sherborne	Sherborne House, Newland	44.83 MB RDRS 31/2014	2-storey wing with heavily moulded ceiling beams. Roof replaced (inserted tiebeams 1671d)	ST 639169
Dors	1474-1506	Winterbourne Clenston	Manor Farm Barn	43.79 MB RRS 13/2014.	Re-used elements from 8 bays of a hammer-beam roof from Milton Abbey. Stone corbels support curved & moulded braces. Curved braces from hammer-posts to tiebeams. Raked struts from hammer-beams to principals. Upper collar. All now in a stone barn of c.1536 -9 (qv).	ST 838030
Dors	1504/05	Marshwood	Purcombe Farmhouse, Batts Lane	44.83 MB	Farmhouse. Partially floored from outset, but smoke-blackened roof timbers. Jointed crucks with type E apex, ridge purlin.	SY 411991
Dors	1494 -1517	Chard	Forde Abbey	29.114 Oxf AML 78/98	Refectory (later a library). 13 arch-braced collar trusses with curved <i>V-struts</i> AND 'straight cross-bracing' ... <i>tenoned purlins</i> and <i>ridge-piece</i> . '...three tiers of straight cross-bracing between the purlins ...'	ST 359051

Dors	1503 -35	Castleton	Portland Castle	32.71 MB AML 62/2000	Floor beam in great hall.	SY 684743
Dors	1536 c. – 1539	Winterbourne Clenston	Manor Farm Barn	43.79 MB EH Res Rep 13/2014	Roof of 1474-1506 (qv) from Milton Abbey re-used with new hammer beams in stone barn. In truss 6 deep arch-braces pass stub tiebeams and continue to soffit of a re-used cambered tiebeam now serving as an extended collar. Short raked struts to re-used principals. Upper collar. (NB – not a cruck truss.)	ST 838030
Dors	1553-54	Sturminster Newton	Fiddleford Manor (EH)	34.91 MB CfA 13/2003	Inserted hall floor and service rooms belonging to house first built with timber of 1301 -33 1324-56 (qv)	ST 801136
Dors	1555 +	Wimbourne Minster	Priest's House Museum, 23-7 High St	26.61	The date is a terminus post quem for crosswing to main range of 1634 (qv): they are plausibly contemporary, both having tiebeam & collar trusses, 2 tiers of tenoned purlins, plausibly of about same date as main range.	SZ 010000
Dors	1580 +	Wimbourne Minster	Lodge Farm, Kingston Lacy Estate	26.57 Sh	Attic floor inserted over hall: also see 1411 +	ST 974021
Dors	1590 -99	Charminster	Wolfeton Riding House	44.83 MB (3)	Riding house. Stone. (For re-roofing timbers see 1720/21).	SY 679923
Dors	1597	Lyme Regis	15 Coombe Street	40.105 MB	... 'jointed-cruck-like'... straight principals, collar, 2 tiers of purlins.	SY 341922
Dors	1597 1598 -1606	Charminster	Wolferton House	37.119 Oxf (4) CfA 55/2005	Riding House. A very early example. Roof timbers dated to 1720 (qv).	SY 679923
Dors	1611 c.	Sherborne	The Priory House	45.101 DTPH/21/13	Principal rafter truss with trenched side purlins. (Also a strut, of re-used timber, 1535-67).	ST 637169
Dors	1615 1616	Wimbourne Saint Giles	Riding House	46.90 MB	2 storeys, brick, ashlar dressings. Tiebeams, collars, queen struts, chamfered side purlins.	SU 031120
Dors	1634	Wimbourne Minster	Priest's House Museum, 23-7 High St	26.61	Tiebeam & collar trusses, double tenoned purlins.	SZ 010000
Dors	1656	Corfe Castle	Uvedale's House, 17-19 East St	35.98 Oxf	Merchant's house. Tiebeam and collar, struts rise to principals: 2 tiers of trenched purlins, wind braces to lower purlins.	SY 961811
Dors	1659 -82	Wimbourne Saint Giles	St Giles House	46.89 RRS 77/2025	Principals, purlins, brace, strut. (Also see 1734 -35)	SU 032115
Dors	1720	Charminster	Wolfeton House	37.119 Oxf	Roof timbers over riding house of {1597 1598-1606} (qv).	SY 679923
Dors	1720 & 1720/21	Charminster	Wolfeton Riding House	44.83 MB (5)	Re-roofing timbers. (For earlier phase see 1590/99).	SY 679923
Dors	1734 -35	Wimbourne Saint Giles	St Giles House	46.89 RRS 77/2025	King post in west range.. (Also see 1659 -82)	SU 032115

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