

Worksheet comparing the Medieval Cricklade Court Leet with its role today. Page 3 is an answer sheet, an answer table is on page 4.

The Manor Court of the Hundred & Borough of Cricklade.

= Medieval Cricklade.

= Cricklade Today.

Use 2 colours to show which statements are about Medieval Cricklade & which are about today.

22. The Court Leet - is a Manorial Court.

19. Management of a 110 acre meadow, Cricklade's North Meadow. Protecting the snakeshead fritillary flower.

16. An early Lord of the Manor was called Baldwin de Reviers. He was given the right to hold markets & fairs in 1257.

25. Responsibilities were to oversee town markets & fairs.

23. The Lord of the Manor is Mr Ralph Neeld who is 'tenant for life of the Grittleton Estate.' He lives in Bridport, Dorset.

24. The Steward is the court secretary or clerk.

6. Maintained the Blind House.

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5. The High Bailiff writes to the Crown if there is to be a new monarch, is involved in local charities and Town meetings. They also oversee the North Meadow pasture rights.

18. Looked after the town stocks where people were punished.

2. The 8 Jurors oversee the grazing rights and who are 'freemen.'

20. Responsibility for the Town Mill which was used for grinding corn.

7. The Hayward is responsible for the grazing of North Meadow - checking that only authorised animals are grazing there. The Hayward also works with English Nature to manage this National Nature Reserve.

26. The Sealer was responsible for leather goods in Cricklade.

21. Responsibility for the Rough Commonland & Common pasture.

27. The Carner is responsible for checking the quality of the meat in Cricklade. This is monitored at a yearly BBQ.

3. The Ale Taster gives certificates to local pubs to show their beer is of a high quality.

8. The Sealer visits the local shops and checks the weights and measures used.

4. The High Bailiff had an important role in elections when Cricklade was electing a new member of Parliament.

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14. The Scavenger organises 'Tidy Cricklade Days.'

31. The High Bailiff reported to the Lord of the Manor any bad behaviour in the town or village. He also checked the meadows, woods & corn fields.

29. The Town Crier advertises local events like fetes and rummage sales.

28. The Pinder was responsible for stray cattle.

11. The Lord's Steward was in charge of the Court and everyone in the village had to attend or pay a fine. He also checked that rents & services were being paid.

10. The jury was made up of twelve villeins or peasants. People tried to avoid this job, it was not popular.

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