



Wells City Archives Database Petty Sessions Records, 1850-1874

List of Offences / Charges

This list has been drawn up with specific reference to these Petty Sessions records. It does not necessarily match any published classification of offences / crimes.

- A Assault / threat of assault / threatening behaviour
- Ab Absenteeism / absconding
- Af Causing an affray
- Aw Arrest warrant
- B Bastardy
- Ba Bail application
- Be Breaking and entering
- Bg Bigamy
- By Bestiality
- C Cruelty to animals
- Cm Court martial
- D Drunkenness / disorderly conduct
- Dd Dangerous dog (uncontrolled, unmuzzled)
- Df Defamation
- Dh Disorderly house
- DI Owning an unlicensed dog
- Dp Disturbing the peace
- Ds Desertion (of a family)
- E Environmental waste, pollution, litter
- Ec Encroachment, e.g. building encroaching on someone else's land
- Em Embezzlement
- Ev Warrant for eviction
- F Furlough
- Fm Firearms offence
- Fr Fraud, including false claims on parish relief
- Fy Forgery
- H Offence against Highway Act (including failure to repair)
- HI Owning an unlicensed horse
- I Indebtedness / bankruptcy
- ia Illegal abortion
- lb Illegal burial
- lc Incitement to break the law, e.g. to cause a breach of the peace
- le Indecent exposure
- Im Illegal immigration, including return from transportation for life sentence
- It Ill-treatment (of another person)

L Licensing act
 La Licence application
 Lm Livestock movement (e.g. outside permitted hours, against Cattle Plague Act, etc.)
 Lu Lunatics / lunacy
 M Mutiny / desertion (of military unit)
 Mo Maintenance order
 Ms Manslaughter
 Mu Murder
 Mw Married woman's application for security of assets (after desertion by her husband)
 N Non-payment of toll / rates / benefits
 Nc Non-completion of contract
 O Obstruction of highway / footpath
 Obstructing the police (or others) in the execution of their duty (includes refusal of entry)
 Op or obstruction of execution of the law
 Pj Perjury
 Po Protection order
 Pr Profanity / use of profane or obscene language / selling obscene publications
 Ps Personation
 Pt Petty trespass (similar to Wilful damage)
 R Rape
 Riding / driving offences, including driving without reins, furious riding, illegal parking of
 Rd vehicles or animals
 RI Request to release prisoner
 Rr Poor rate relief application
 Rw Refusal to work
 S Suspicion (of felony)
 Sa Indecent or sexual assault
 Su Sureties against future behaviour
 Sw Search warrant application
 T Theft
 Ut Unlawful toll or tax
 V Vagran(t)cy
 Wd Wilful damage (sometimes appears to overlap with Petty trespass)
 Wm Weights & measures
 * Internal administrative document / notes / memorandum