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2000



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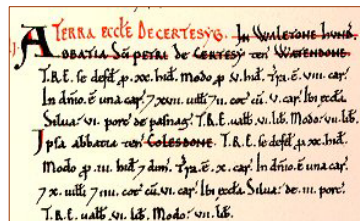
## INTRODUCTION



### **The Original Domesday Book**

*William, late King of England 'had much thought and very deep discussion about this country- how it was occupied or with what sorts of people. Then he sent his men all over England into every shire and had them find out how many hundred hides there were in the shire, or what land and cattle the king himself had in the country, or what dues he ought to have in twelve months from the shire. Also he had a record made of how much land his archbishops had, and his bishops and his abbots and his earls.. and what or how much everybody had who was occupying land in England, in land or cattle, and how much money it was worth. So very narrowly did he have it investigated, that there was no single hide nor a yard of land, nor indeed (it is a shame to relate but it seemed no shame to him to do) one ox nor one cow nor one pig which was there left out, and not put down in his record: and all these records were brought to him afterwards'*

*The Anglo-Saxon Chronicler, relating the events begun at the Christmas Court 1085 A.D.*



The idea of producing Damerham's own Domesday Book as part of the Millennium celebration was conceived at a meeting in the village hall in the summer of 1998. The premise for the book was quite simple, why not capture a snapshot of Damerham at the eve of the new Millennium.

The Damerham Domesday Book 2000 contains a record of the households and the residents, their occupations, interests, thoughts about village life in the year 2000 and their aspirations for the future. Imagine what fascinating reading it would have made had the residents of Damerham produced such a book in the year 1900.

From small acorns large trees certainly do grow!

What started as a simple factual record of the households and residents of the village has grown into this wonderful book, still called the Domesday Book, but encompassing much, much more.

Whilst the 'Domesday' household profiles remain at the core of this book, it is proceeded by a map of most of the village which is used for later reference and some facts and figures derived from the research questionnaires.

Following the household profiles, we have sections about village life including living memories from a number of ex-residents of Damerham.

In preparing this book, we have made every effort possible to include everyone who wanted to be included and to ensure that the information was as accurate as possible. Due to residents moving house and a whole host of different changes of circumstances, it has not been possible to reflect the very latest situation at the time of going to print. Please accept our apologies if any of the information contained in this book is incorrect.

Sadly, this book doesn't include every household in the village. Of the households invited to participate in the Domesday Book around 71% have responded. Despite our best efforts, we were disappointed not to achieve a full response, however we respect the decisions of those who chose not to be involved in the book.

I know that I speak for all members of the Domesday Book Working Party in saying that the last eighteen months compiling this book has been an amazing experience.

Speaking for myself, as a relatively new resident of only four years standing, it has been wonderful to meet so many residents of Damerham who I may otherwise have never met. What has struck me in meeting and photographing some of the residents, is the incredible diversity of people who share our

relatively small community. I truly believe it is the broad cross section of people from so many different backgrounds and walks of life that contribute to making Damerham such a special place to live.

So many people have helped in the compilation of this book. It is difficult to mention every single person, however I will do my best.

Above all, an enormous thanks to two very special people; Mike Jerrard who has done an incredible job in contacting many of the ex-residents of Damerham and for persuading some of the more 'reluctant' current members to participate in the Domesday Book, and secondly to Brian Mair. Quite simply, this book would not have happened without the tremendous effort Brian has made in the co-ordination, printing and publishing this book, not to mention keeping me on my toes throughout!

My thanks to Rick Child who has contributed at all our meetings and who was a great help in assisting with the daunting task of photographing every participating household. To Penny May and Pete Doherty who were of great help at the early stages of formulating the format for the Domesday Book. Thanks to Lyndsey Cobb, Jo Child, Sarah Moretti, Robin Robins, Shaundra Waters, Cynthia & John Tyler, Paul Toynton, Dave Madell, Bob & Jean Rossington, Jo Coleman, Tim Bolton Carter and Val Mair who worked hard with all of the word processing. Also to Mike Jerrard, Cathy Godber and Ros Jones for their invaluable proof reading

I very much hope that when you have finished reading this book, you share my view that given the time, care and effort so many people have willingly put into compiling this book, that our community spirit is very much intact. Furthermore, in many years to come, any one reading this book will conclude that life in Damerham, in the year 2000 was very good indeed.

*Alan Powell, Cray Cottage, Mill End*

*Chairman of the Domesday Book Working Party*

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## Publishers Note:

This publication was produced using Microsoft Word 97 on a Desk Top PC operating in Windows 95. Typeset generally in Times New Roman. Household photographs were produced from digital cameras or from 35mm negatives stored on CD-ROM, using 16 million colours. Other photographs and drawings were electronically scanned onto the computer hard disk. All such artwork was stored in .jpg format. Stored in separate files the total publication size was in excess of 200 Mb. The information on the graveyard inscriptions is held on a Microsoft Access database.

The publication was printed using an Epson Stylus Photo EX ink jet printer on Epson Photo Quality paper at 720 dpi..

All original text and graphics files are preserved on 100Mb ZIP disks which are kept by the Village Hall.

A colour photocopy of the Book is also kept by the Village Hall and a bound colour A4 copy was presented to the Hampshire Records Office at Winchester.

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## KEY MAP

## FACTS & FIGURES

## HOUSEHOLD PROFILES

Boulsbury & Hyde

Court Hill

East End

High Street

Lower Daggons & Lopshill

Mill End

North End

South End & Cornpits Lane

The Common

West Park Lane

## ART

## ANCIENT & MODERN

## DAMERHAM CHURCHES

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SOME VILLAGE INSTIUTIONS

## A MISCELLANY OF PAST DAMERHAM LIFE

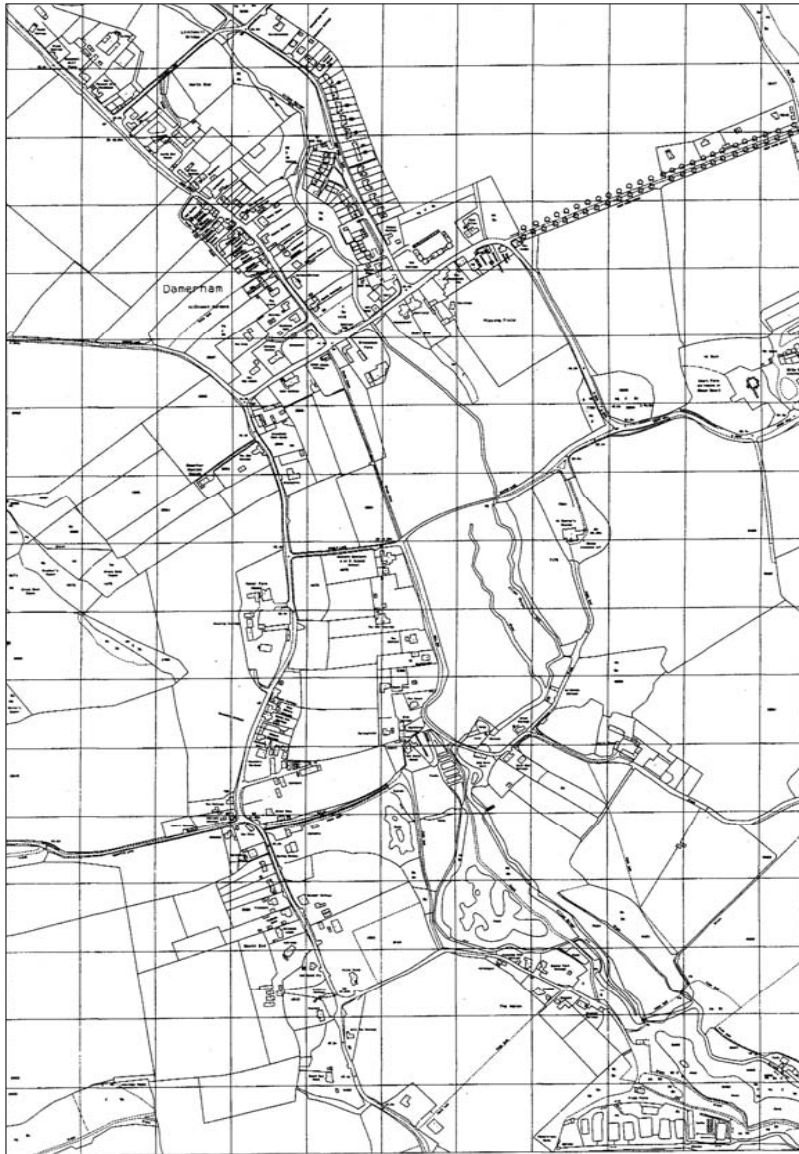
## LIVING MEMORIES

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## Maps of Damerham used in the Domesday Book

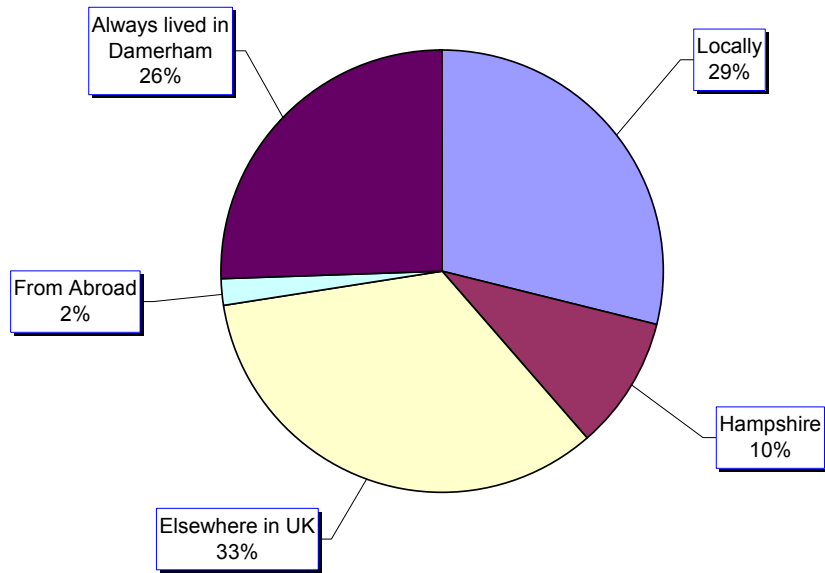
**D**amerham is a very spread out village. The northern boundary is close to Tidpit. The southern and south-western boundaries extend to Lower Daggons and border with Crendell. The north western boundary reaches Bousbury while the eastern boundary is with Sandleheath. Within these boundaries the major concentration (90%) of housing lies within the map shown on this page. This map, specially produced for the Domesday Book by the Ordnance Survey, is the best compromise between numbers of houses and legibility of printed house names. Apologies to those householders whose property is not shown.

The section of the Domesday Book detailing residents and their dwellings has been divided into the following distinct areas:

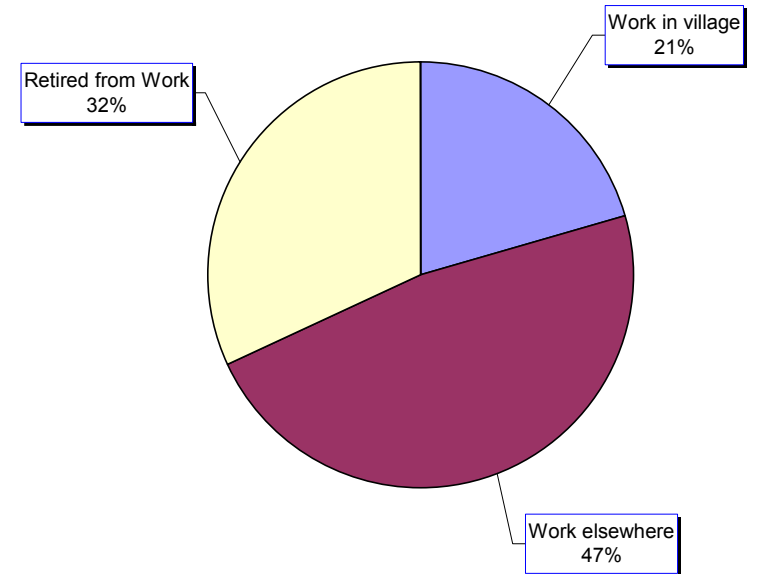
- Bousbury & Hyde
- Court Hill
- East End
- High Street
- Lower Daggons & Lopshill
- Mill End
- North End
- South End & Compits Lane
- The Common
- West Park Lane

For all but two of the sections there is a part of the main map which uses the same grid reference as the main map. With each map there is a list of households who have contributed to the Book showing their location on the map (e.g. D7) and the page in the total households section where the details are recorded.

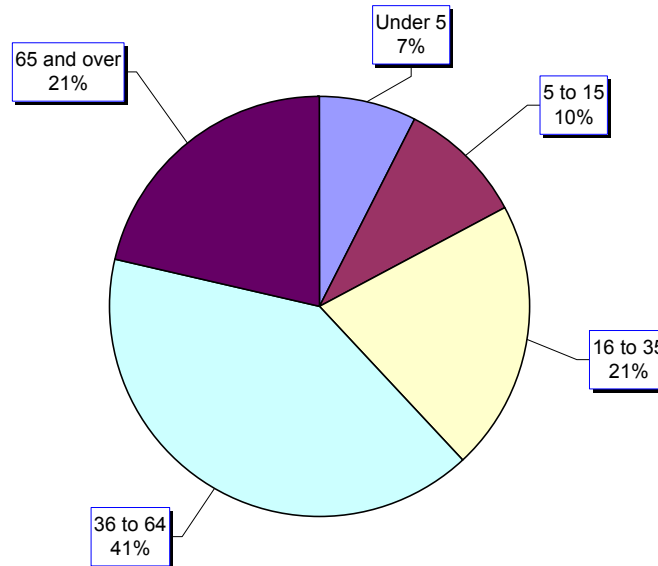
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Distribution by Place of Work



Distribution by Age



These facts are taken from the questionnaire which was completed by 163 households. The total number of people in those households numbered 427.

Not everyone chose to answer every question so the figures should be treated with a little caution.

The latest electoral roll shows that in October 1999 there were 427 registered voters occupying 216 different addresses.

