

ALTON PANCRAS VILLAGE MAP

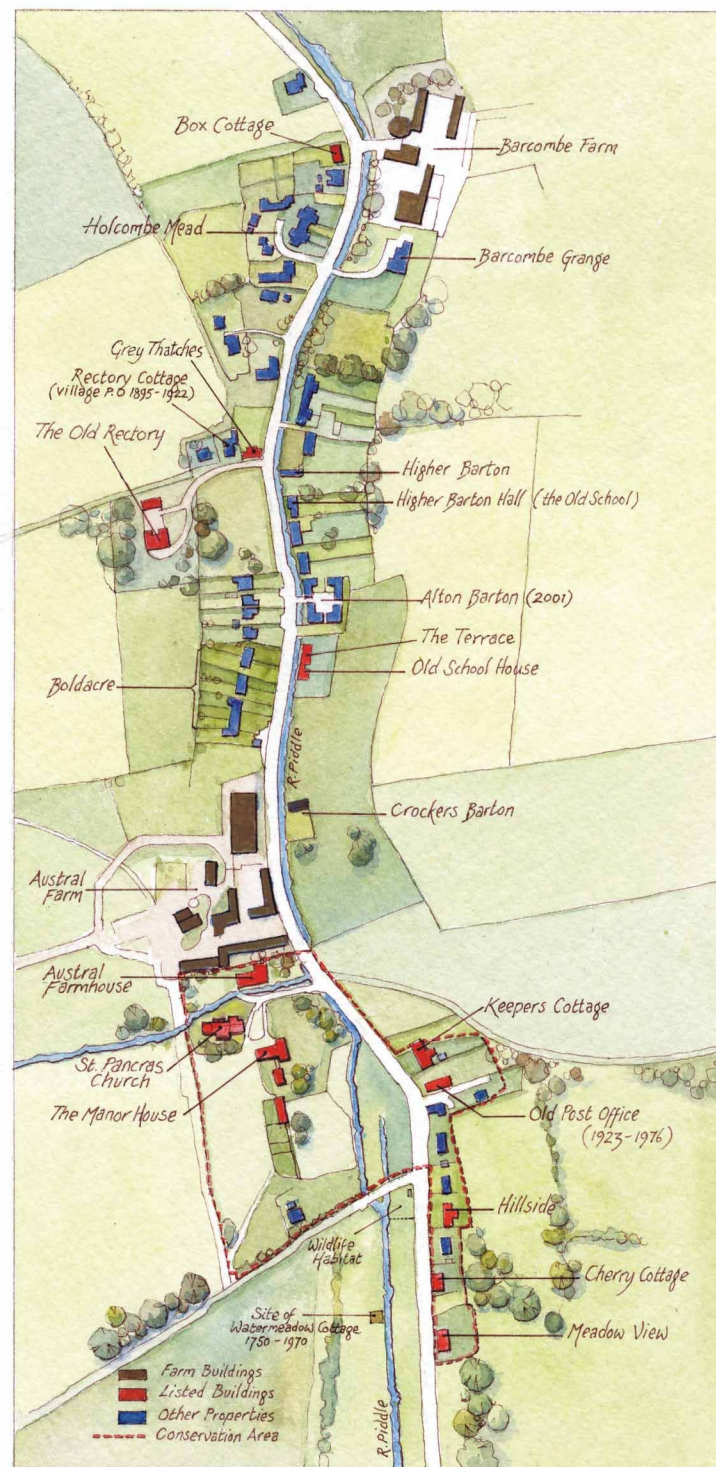
Located in the West Dorset downs and at the source of the River Piddle, Alton Pancras is a parish of chalk and flint hills etched by historic and prehistoric cultures and events; its traditional buildings constructed from the same chalk and flint. "Alton" is Saxon, meaning settlement at a spring; St Pancras, to whom the church is dedicated, was a Phrygian boy martyred for his beliefs at the age of 14.

A walk along the parish footpaths will reveal perspectives from ancient Celtic barrows and field systems over 4000 years old, a Roman fort, medieval animal enclosures and strip lynchets, monastic ponds and water systems for harvesting fish and duck, straight hedgelines (the mark of 19th Century enclosures) and endless views from the top of the watershed towards the coastal hills to the south and the Blackmore Vale to the north.

The village buildings, with a Church dating partly from the 15th century on an even earlier site, an 18th Century Manor, two large sets of farm buildings (Austral and Barcombe), old school, school house and rectory, reveal a village community steeped in an agricultural past impacted by the march of time. While the use of buildings changed and population rose and fell following agricultural and industrial revolutions, the village and parish have retained their timeless charm.

A few examples of the natural history of Alton Pancras

Mammals	Birds	Game Birds
Hare	Coal Tit	Partridge
Rabbit	Blackbird	Pheasant
Badger	Buzzard	Snipe
Water Vole	Kestrel	Woodcock
Roe Deer	Chaffinch	
Sika Deer	Tawny Owl	
Otter	Robin	
	Skylark	
Butterflies	Plants & Flowers	
Small Copper	Bluebell	
Brimstone	Campion	
Small Tortoiseshell	Cowslip	
Peacock	Primrose	
Large Skipper	Dog Rose	
Painted Lady	Salad Burnet	
Common Blue	Betony	
Red Admiral	Small Scabious	
Marsh Fritillary	Wild Thyme	
Meadow Brown	Yellow Rattle	
Small Heath	Common Spotted Orchid	
	Rockrose	
	House Martin	
Reptiles	Aquatic Wildlife	
Grass Snake	Stickleback	
Adder	Bullhead	
Slow Worm	Crayfish	
	Trout	
Trees & Shrubs		
Hawthorn		
Bramble		
Ash		
Sycamore		
Elder		
Blackthorn		



Barcombe Grange
Farmhouse 1874-1974



Meadow View
18th Century Cob and Thatch



Old Rectory
1846 Victorian Rectory



St Pancras Church
Sited 12th Century, Tower 15th Century,
Main Church 19th Century



The Terrace
18th Century Cob and Thatch



Manor House
1726 Queen Anne



The Old Post Office
1750 as grocery, Post Office 1923 to 1976



Boldacre
1956 Council designed housing



Austral Farmhouse
18th Century Georgian Farmhouse
Austral Farm Buildings
1864 Victorian Farm flint building Courtyard



The Millennium Seat
lists villagers in 2000 AD

