

# The Market Cross

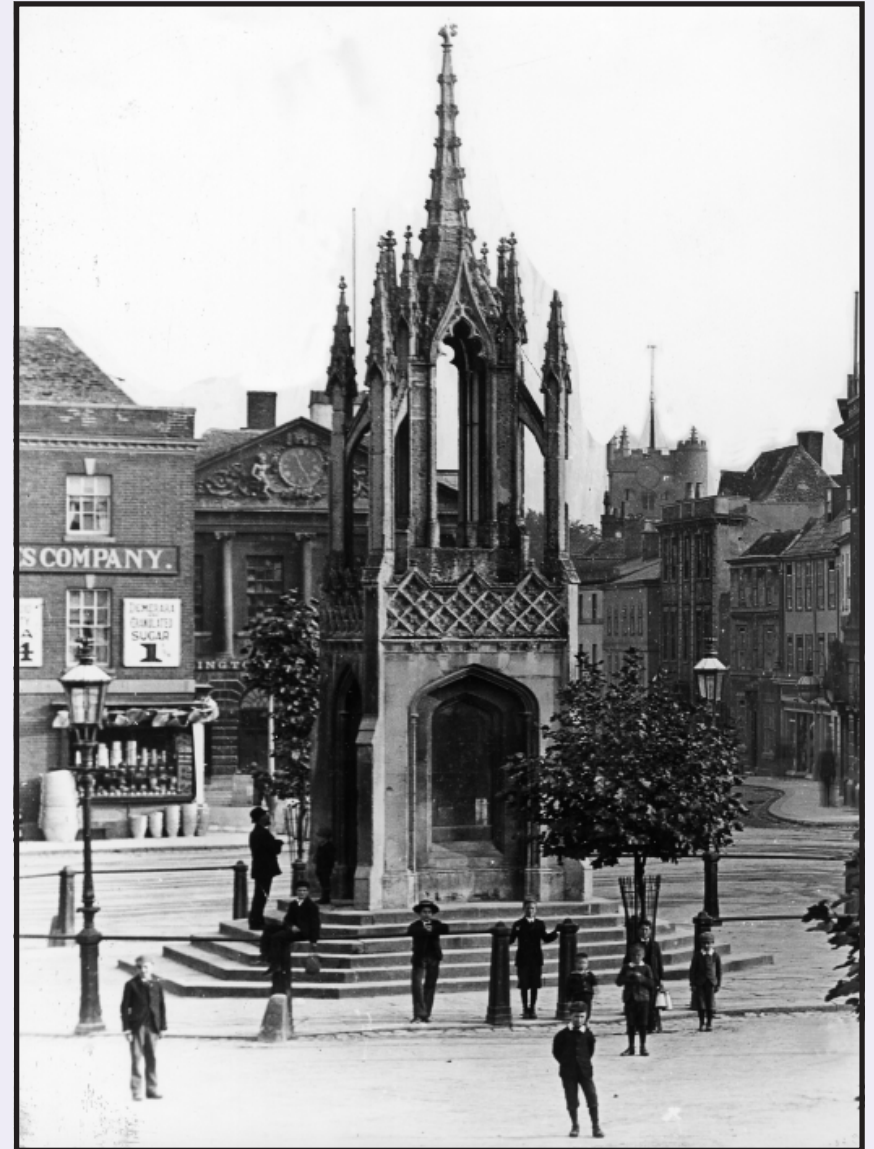
The Market Cross is built of Bath stone and was erected in 1814 at a cost of £1500. The money was provided by Henry Addington, a Devizes MP, who, after elevation to the peerage as Viscount Sidmouth, was 'reminded' by a Devizes colleague of his offer, in a conversation twelve years earlier, to pay for a new Market Cross! Although he denied ever taking part in such a conversation he did eventually provide the money to build it. During his time as MP he also provided £500 to rebuild the Shambles market hall.



Henry Addington,  
1<sup>st</sup> Viscount Sidmouth



Market Cross, 1870's



Market Cross in the 1890's.  
Before the Corn Exchange was built sacks of wheat for sale were propped against the posts and railings around the cross