HATHERN is a parish on the road from Loughborough to Derby, near the border of Nottinghamshire, with a station on the Midland Railway, about 3 miles north-west from Loughborough and 112 from London, and is in the ecclesiastical division of the county, West Goscote Hundred, Loughborough, petty sessional division, union and county court district, rural deanery of East Aspley, archdeaconry of Leicester and diocese of Peterborough. Hatherne railway station is locally in the parish of Normanton-on-the-Wold, Nottinghamshire, 15 miles from the village. The church of St. Peter is an ancient structure, of freestone and ashlar from Charnwood Forest, dating from the latter part of the 14th century, in the Decorated and Perpendicular styles, and consists of chancel, nave with clerestory, north transept, aisles, south porch and an embattled western tower containing 5 bells, dated 1228, 1250, 1378 and 1392: the stained east window was erected by E. G. Middleton esq. as a memorial to his parents: the communion plate includes a silver chalice given in 1598 by Mary, widow of Sir Ambrose Phillips of Garendon; the church was thoroughly restored in 1854 at a cost of about £1,000, and affords 325 sittings. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £500, with residence and 256 acres of glebe, in the gift of the trustees of the Rev. E. Smith, and held since 1801 by the Rev. Joseph Glenn Lawrance. Here is a Baptist chapel.

rebuilt in 1880, and Wesleyan, Primitive, and New Connexion Methodist chapels. An anonymous charity, now (1895) realizing about £80 yearly, is disposed of for the general good of the inhabitants at the discretion of the trustees, £125 a year being devoted to the support of the elementary school, by order of the Charity Commissioners. Near the church, in the centre of the village street, stands an ancient cross, raised on a high graduated base of apparently four steps; it consists of a square moulded plinth, from which springs a tapering octagonal shaft, finished with a square plainly moulded capital. Hatherne Turn is a famous meeting place of the Quorn Hunt. Hatherne was for some time the residence of Mr. John Heathcoat, the inventor of the bobbin-net machine, born at Duffield (or as others say, at Long Whatton), 7 Aug. 1783, and also resident at Esgworth and Loughborough. Two-thirds of the inhabitants are framework knitters. Everard March Phillips-de Lisle esq. J.P. of Grasslees, Whitwick, who is lord of the manor, Wyggeston’s Hospital, Leicester, Christ’s College, Cambridge, the rector and the Rev. R. Boyer are the principal landowners. The soil is for the most part a rich loam on the new red sandstone; the higher portions are a strong clay, overlaid by drift. The land is specially suitable for grazing and growing wheat and beans. The area is 1,736 acres of land and 11 of water, value of £1,575, and the population in 1891 was 1,153.

Post, M. O. & T. O. T. M. O., Express Delivery, Parcel Post, S. B. & Annuity & Insurance Office—George Chapman, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Loughborough at 7 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. (envelopes only); despatched at 6.15 p.m. There is no dispatch or delivery on Sundays.

Wall Letter Box, near the ‘Anchor,’ cleared 6.00 p.m. National Church School (mixed), & managed by a committee of 5 members, erected in 1850, for 193 children; average attendance, 172; James Ey, Lammas, master; Mrs. Lammas, mistress.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Barrows Arthur, Narrow Jane
Cotton Miss E
Foster Rev. Tom (Baptist)
Fuller Benjamin
Gregory Edward
Keeley Mrs
Lawrence Rev. Japh. Glenn (rector), Rectory
Wilde Miss

COMMERCIAL

Adams William, farmer
Bradbury John, framework knitter
Brey Thomas, farmer
Brooks John, beer retailer
Burrow Lucy (Miss), dress maker
Barrows Henry Thomas, timber dealer & saw miller
Barrows Jn. wheelwright & joiner
Chapman Emily (Miss), dress maker
Chapman George, joiner, Post office
Chesterton William, wheelwright & joiner
Cooper Albert, Anchor P.H. & maltsters
Cooper William, farmer

Co-operative Stores (Hy. Mitchell, manager)
Crotta John, farmer
Daviesport Samuel,oyer
Dutton Harry, commercial traveller
Exon John, grazier
Fuller Fred, hosiery manufacturer
Fuller Wm. frame work knitter
Groves Charles, nurseryman
Groves Silas, grazier
Hallam John, grazier
Hand Mary Ann (Mrs.), frame work knitter
Harriman Henry, framework
Harriman Sarah Ann (Miss), farmer
May farm
Harris Thomas, farmer
Hathern Liberal Club (Elijah Sibson, manager)
Hatton Henry George Laban, grazier
Hatton William, cattle dealer
Keightley Frederick, farmer, Glee band
Miller Thomas, framework knitter
Mitchell Harry, hosier
Monk Jn. frame work knitter, Fernleigh

Moody Charles, hosier
Osley John, farmer
Pollard William, carrier
Preece John, hosier
Bandon George, grocer & hosier
Bandon William, framework knitter, Gladstone house
Roper John, framework knitter, Narrow Lane
Rosewell James, blacksmith
Russell Frederick, farmer
Sharpe William, farmer
Shepherd W. M. (Mrs.), butcher
Simpkin Henry, assistant overseer
Smith Catherine (Mrs.), dress maker
Smith George, framework knitter
Smith Harry, carded hair manufacturer
Vickers Isaac, butcher
Vickers Thomas, butcher & grocer
Ward William, nail maker
Warren Ann (Mrs.), tobacconist
Wells George, Thos Crowe F. H.
Watts William, framework knitter
Wilde Edward, grazier

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