

## RESEARCH NOTES

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1<sup>st</sup> Edition 1960  
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### The Rivers

Wimborne Saxon - Winburnan "The Meadow Stream"

Doomsday Book - Winborne

1236 - Wymeburne-Minstre

1540 - Wimburn

River Stour The Great Water (Celtic)

River Allen 1278 - Alwynes-brigg subtus Wymburn or Winburn  
Allen derives from man's name Aldwine

1540 - Leland refers to Alwyn Bridge (now Canford Bridge)

1570 - Meadow Stream referred to as River Allen and Winburn fell into  
misuse

Today - part of River Allen that passes under the westerly of two bridges in  
East Street is known locally as the Win

### The Waterworks

Before 1888 Individual wells

1887 Wimborne Minster Water Works Company formed

1888 Authorised by Wimborne Minster Order to construct waterworks to supply  
Wimborne

Company share capital - £8,000, 800 shares of £10 each of which £3,640  
had been issued by 1890 and £7,500 by 1912

First Chairman of Directors – Dr. W. Wyke Smith who died in 1902

Succeeded by Mr. H. O. Chislett

First works – artesian well and receiving reservoir at Walford and storage  
reservoir at Colehill

1892 Both reservoirs enlarged – Colehill capacity was 60,000 gallons  
Mains laid from Rowlands to Eastbrook Bridge and from Cornmarket to West  
Street

143 premises supplied

Consumption - 15,000 gallons a day in winter and 32,000 gallons in summer

1894	Artesian well enlarged and gas engine & pump installed (so presumably first engine was steam?)
1894	Trading profit was £349.2s.7d
1900	Colehill reservoir enlarged to 130,000 gallons
1901	14 million gallons supplied
1903	Water tower built at Colehill
1907	16.5 million gallons supplied to 460 premises
190?	Bournemouth Gas & Water Company sunk another well at Walford which Greatly reduced yield of Wimborne Water Company well
190?	Agreement for Bournemouth Company to 'top up' Wimborne Company when needed – but expensive arrangement
1908 & 09	New air-lifting plant and engine installed to reduce reliance on Bournemouth Company
1910	Trading profit was £698.0s.9d
1911	Supply area extended to whole of Colehill plus parts of Hampreston & Pamphill
1912	Negotiations to amalgamate Wimborne and Bournemouth Companies
1913	Bournemouth Gas and Water Act to amalgamate
1913	31 <sup>st</sup> December - formal amalgamation
1914	1 <sup>st</sup> January - Wimborne Company went into liquidation
By 1960	Water supplied by Bournemouth Water Company
Today	Water supplied by Bournemouth & West Hants Water Company