

Town Criers of Lyme Regis 1859-2023

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Known dates when they were town criers.

1859-71	William Lucas
1876-1907	George Legg
1907-45	Walter Abbott
1945-70	Fred W Gollop
1970-77	George Norman
1977-92	Richard Fox
1993-2011	Phillip Street
2012-	Alan Vian

Source of information

Town Criers in Dorset by Alfred J A Cooksey.
LRM Research Team Digital Archive.
British Newspaper Archive.
Local online newspapers.

In his booklet Alfred Cooksey quotes from the *Dorset Year Book, 1932, p168*:

“Town Crier has been an office in Lyme Regis since about 1200. His duties included, Beating the Bounds, Acting as Toastmaster at the Mayor’s Feast, Calling the Ale Feast, where he blew his brass trumpet. He had charge of the ‘Ducking Stool’, attending the Fairs, Markets and Lotteries, shouted the ‘Plague’, and had charge of the stocks. The crier offered a reward of £4,000 for the capture of King Charles in 1651, cried the landing of Monmouth in 1685, attended the hanging of the rebels, etc”