

Tawstock Village contains the church, The Manor House of Tawstock Court, The Rectory, The Parish School and since 1959 The Parish Hall. There are several hamlets around the parish including, Eastacombe, Harracott, Hiscott, Lake and many smaller hamlets. In and between the village and hamlets are farmsteads and houses. A new housing estate and industrial trading centre has been built in recent years. Also in the 1960's a New Crematorium was built at Roundswell Plain.

Agriculture has been the main industry in the parish through the years. But in the last 40 to 50 years more people have found employment outside of the parish mainly due to the modernisation of agriculture. Other trades within the parish in years gone by were, Masons or Builders, Carpenters, Blacksmiths, Millers, Wheelwrights, Shoemakers, Thatchers, Tailors, Shopkeepers, Hoteliers and Game Keepers. Over the years we have seen the decline of a lot of these old trades.

Today we still have farming in the parish, in the place of the Miller we have one Agricultural Feed Merchant, a few Masons and Carpenters, replacing the blacksmith and wheelwright we have one Agricultural Engineering firm, one road construction firm, but most of the other trades have disappeared. I suppose time moves on and things change with it.

In times gone by there were 2 principal landlords. Over the years these large estates have been sold off and today it is mostly owned by private owner occupiers. The two main landowners were, The Wreys and Lord Alington. Total acreage of the Wrey Estate was 4,523 acres of which 136 acres was half of the river Taw and the sand area which abounded their land. Lord Alington owned 1,248 acres.

With all this mind I found there was still a portion of the old parish unaccounted for in ownership. By studying the 2 principle estate boundaries I found Hiscott and the surrounding area some 811 acres was not included. There must have been a landlord for it in those far off days. It probably belonged to the Tawstock Manor a long time ago but not in 1881. I have seen a list of the Wrey settled Estate in the parish of Tawstock dated 1881 and Hiscott farms and cottages were not included. Up to now I have not been able to find any trace of ownership in those far off years.