

## Gazetteer 1 West of Hereford City: Credenhill, Herefordshire

### Key to Abbreviations:

<b>CMH</b>	Cider Museum, Hereford	<b>NGR</b>	National Grid Reference
<b>HJ</b>	<i>Hereford Journal</i>	<b>NMR</b>	National Monuments Record
<b>HT</b>	<i>Hereford Times</i>	<b>VCH</b>	<i>Victoria County History</i>
<b>NA</b>	National Archives	<b>WCT</b>	<i>Woolhope Club Transactions</i>

### No. of orchards on tithe award & map

34

Mostly descriptive/personal names. Also entries (not counted here as orchards) called 'Walnut Tree Field', 'Pear Tree Meadow' and 'Buildings, Fold, Appleyard and Green Plock below the Fold'.

### No of orchards on OS 1<sup>st</sup> ed. map (1889)

28

### No of orchards on OS 6 inch map (1950)

11

### No of orchards on OS 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. map (1905)

17

### No of orchards on T.O. Map (2013)

3

### Primary Sources: Deeds, Wills etc.

HRO AW28/32/55-28/34/15

Deeds relating to lands in Credenhill (Stretton Court Farm estate held by Guys Hospital) – 1638-1788 frequent refs to orchards

HRO F54/5

Papers of rector of Credenhill incl. agreement re. rights to fruit in the old Rectory orchard, 1885, and letter and plan as to the addition of garden ground to the new Rectory at Credenhill, 1888.

### Primary Sources: Estate, tithe maps & plans

HRO C99/III/216

Survey of Stretton Court – 1757 (extremely detailed perspective plan covers part of Credenhill parish)

HRO C99/III/218

Survey of Stretton Court – 1794

HRO C99/III/246

Survey of Stretton Court estate - 1805

HRO C99/III/292

Stretton Court estate plan – 1841

HRO C99/III/293

Plan of Stretton Court Farm estate – 1841

HRO C99/III/225

Plan of Stretton Sugwas Court Farm estate – 1852

### Primary Sources: Sale Catalogues, Inventories & Land Valuation Surveys

HRO M5/6A/17

Credenhill Court sale catalogue– 1879

NMR SA02026

Sale Catalogue of Guy's Hospital estate including Stretton Court Farm – 1960

### Illustrations (engravings etc) & Photographic Records (incl. aerials)

Cider Museum Hereford	Collection of 20 <sup>th</sup> century photographs re. orchards and cider making including the following: CMH N264/11A-13A (ornamental mill and press) CMH N264/14A (winch pulley - Bulmers) CMH N264/15A (former cider cellar – Bulmers) CMH N1172 (Stone cider mill) CMH N2041 (The old Rectory – Bulmers).
Herefordshire HER and NMR	Large collection of aerial photographs from 1940s to present

### Secondary Sources: Antiquarian Accounts, Trade Directories etc.

- Haines, G. H., 1974, '*Shropshire and Herefordshire Villages*' (refers to early cider makers and their progress).
- Bulmer, E.F., 1980, '*Early Days of Cider Making*' (account of early years of H.P. Bulmer & co).
- Mac, *Ciderlore – cider making in the three counties* (2003), 80 ref to Percy Bulmer starting to make cider and perry in Credenhill Glebe Orchard

### Secondary Sources: Articles and Newspaper Cuttings

HT	17 Nov 1877	The Cross Farm, ref to sale of cider
HT	22 Dec 1877	Ref to sale of cider fruit at Credenhill
HT	20 Mar 1880	Cross Farm ref to sale of cider and casks
HT	20 Jan 1900	The Old Weir ref to sale of cider and casks
HT	12 Jan 1901	Article on demonstration of orchard management at Credenhill
HT	21 Mar 1903	Cross Farm, Credenhill ref to sale of cider and casks
HJ	2 Oct 1920	Article re. Bulmer cider works which originated in Credenhill where the Rev. Bulmer made cider in the Rectory
HT	23 Sep 1933	Hand cider mill and press for sale at Credenhill
HT	13-20 Feb 1937	Article and photograph re. The Rectory at Credenhill and early days of Bulmers Cider company
HT	14 Mar 1942	The Field Farm, ref to cider and casks for sale

### Heritage Assets recorded in HER associated with orchards or orchard industry

No heritage assets identified as being associated with orchards were identified, based on consultation of the Herefordshire Archaeology HER

### Assessment of potential for further research and archaeological investigation

**Moderate:** There is moderate potential for further documentary research on the history of orchards and the orchard industry in Credenhill, aided by a fairly sizeable collection of historic documents and maps relating to various estates in the parish.

The important historic associations of Credenhill with the Bulmer family and cider making from the 19<sup>th</sup> century onwards have been detailed in several publications. However no archaeological sites specifically associated with orchards have been identified within the parish, consequently the potential for further field investigation and survey of specific sites has been assessed as Low.