

The manors of Alton Barnes with Shaw and Alton Priors, now the civil parish of Alton, are in the Vale of Pewsey on the Marlborough Downs in Wiltshire.<sup>1</sup> They include the highest point in the



The earl of Salisbury's for William Wykeham to grant Alton Barnes etc to Winchester Cathedral, 9 October 1370  
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A grant of these properties to Winchester does not appear to have happened at this date, but Wykeham seems to be preparing the ground more for such a development with maybe either of his prospective projects in 1375. On 18 June, in his palace at Southwark, he secured separate quitclaims from John [Frampton], grandson of Walter, and the abovementioned John K engrove of their rights in Alton Barnes and its advowson. These were affirmed shortly afterwards, on 25 June and 1 July respectively, by final concords in the king's court. For each of these Wykeham pays 200 marks (£133 6