

A time-line of Parliamentary Legislation regulating the activities of Protestant Dissenters, and the development of Protestant Dissent in Sherfield on Loddon

Acts of Parliament	Developments in Sherfield	Acts of Parliament	Developments in Sherfield
Constraining Dissenters		Constraining Dissenters	
Easing Constraints on Dissenters		Easing Constraints on Dissenters	
The Commonwealth of England 1649-1660		King William IV 1830-1837	
King Charles II 1660-1685		1830	Primitive Methodism first preached in North Hampshire
<i>Corporation Act 1661</i>		1831	Certificate for Breach Lane Chapel - Wesleyan
<i>Act of Uniformity 1662</i>		<i>Reform Act 1832</i>	
<i>Conventicle Acts 1664 & 1669</i>		1833-1842	Primitive Methodist missions to Sherfield
<i>Five Mile Act 1665</i>		<i>Municipal Reform Act 1835</i>	
<i>Declaration of Indulgence 1672</i>		1835	Certificate for home of William Taphouse – Primitive Methodist
<i>Test Acts 1673 & 1678</i>		Queen Victoria 1837-1901	
King James II 1685-1688		1837	Breach Lane Chapel not in use
King William III 1688-1702		c1840	Breach Lane Chapel - Independent
Queen Mary II 1688-1694		1842	Certificate for Chapel at Bowling's Farm – Primitive Methodist
<i>Toleration Act 1688</i>		1851	Census reveals thriving congregations: Independent (Breach Lane Chapel) and Primitive Methodist (Bowling's Farm)
Queen Anne 1702-1714		c1865	Breach Lane Chapel – Independent & Baptist
<i>Schism Act 1714</i>		c1866	New Primitive Methodist Chapel
King George I 1714-1727		1870	Breach Lane Chapel – Board of Trustees established
<i>Repeal of Schism Act 1719</i>		c1872	Chapel at Bowling's Farm dismantled
King George II 1727-1760		c1875	Breach Lane Chapel – Baptist
King George III 1760-1820		c1875	Cobbler's workshop – the Brethren
<i>Dissenters' Relief Act 1779</i>		1875	Funeral of Lord Justice Baron Pigott
1787	Wesley licenses chapels and ministers as "preachers of the gospel"	1875	New Meeting Room - the Brethren
c1795	Wesleyan mission to Sherfield		
1798	Certificate for home of Daniel David – Wesleyan	<i>Burial Laws Amendment Act 1880</i>	
1807	Certificate for Meeting House at Bowling's Farm -	King Edward VII 1901-1910	
<i>Repeal of Conventicle & Five Mile Acts 1812</i>		King George V 1910-1936	
<i>Trinity Act 1813</i>		1923	New Baptist Chapel on site of Breach Lane Chapel
King George IV 1820-1830		King Edward VIII 1936	
<i>Repeal of the Test and Corporation Acts 1828</i>		King George VI 1936-1952	
1828	Certificate for home of William Taphouse – Wesleyan	Queen Elizabeth II 1952-2022	
		1986	Primitive Methodist Chapel sold, becomes a house
		c1987	The Meeting Room sold, becomes a house
		2023	Baptist Chapel centenary

Note: Certificates were issued by the Bishop of Winchester, permitting particular buildings to be used for meetings of Protestant dissenters.