

# Richard Price (1861–1941)



**Mayor of Hythe: 1895, 1912, 1924–1925**

## **Early Life**

Born: 1861, Hythe, Kent

Parents: Richard Price (watchmaker & jeweller) and Eliza Cleveland

Raised in a High Street business household in Hythe

## **Marriage**

Married: 26 December 1882

Wife: Harriet Maria Bestow (born 1863)

Daughter of Frederick Hanson Bestow, former Sergeant, 14th Light Dragoons, later a London workhouse official and coffee housekeeper

## **Occupation & Business Life**

Richard Price is recorded during his life as:

- Farmer
- Blacksmith
- Grocer / Shopkeeper

He combined trade work with property ownership and civic involvement.

## Richard Price – Property Holdings

The Lloyd George Domesday Survey, or Valuation Office Survey, was conducted from 1910 to 1915, with property values assessed retroactively as of 30 April 1909.

Source: Lloyd George Domesday Survey (c.1910–1915)

- Owner: Richard Price
- Residence at time of survey: 135 High Street, Hythe (now 49 & 51 High Street – Lawrence Estate Agents).



- Owned 6 houses on Frampton Road, Hythe: Nos. 12, 13, 14, 33 & 34
  - Owned 118 High Street, Hythe (house and shop), now 93 High Street next to Eldridge's
  - Owned 20 Victoria Street, Hythe
  - Owned and lived at The Cedars, Hillside Street – a large house
  - Owned the Forge in Chapel Street, Hythe (Blacksmith's premises)
  - Owned 1–3 land plots on Theresa Road, Hythe
  - Owned Carter Wood, Orlestone, Bilsington
  - Owned Old House, Ruckinge – buildings and land
  - Burmarsh Road Coach House and Stables
  - Owned house and shop on High Street, Elham
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- 1924 Kelly's Directory shows Richard Price living at 64 Brockhill Road
  - Windyridge, Fairlight Road, Hythe – Later life residence and listed in probate records at death (1941).

## Public Service

<u>Year(s)</u>	<u>Position</u>
1895	Mayor of Hythe (first term)
1912	Mayor of Hythe (second term)
1924–1925	Mayor of Hythe (third term)
Various years	Alderman, Hythe Town Council
Later life	Justice of Peace (J.P.)

As Mayor of Hythe, Richard Price served three separate terms — 1895, 1912, and 1924–1925. In this era, the mayor presided over the Town Council, represented Hythe at civic and ceremonial occasions, and supported local governance on issues from sanitation and markets to public order and community events. His repeated election over three decades reflects the high regard in which councillors and townspeople held him. As a long-serving Alderman and Justice of the Peace, he also chaired the local Police Court and played a central role in the administration of the borough’s affairs.

## Family

Richard and Harriet had ten children.

### 1911 Census — The Cedars, Hythe

Name	Relationship	Age (1911)	Est. Birth Year	Notes
<b>Richard Price</b>	<b>Head</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1861</b>	<b>Mayor of Hythe; tradesman &amp; civic leader</b>
<b>Harriet Maria Price</b>	<b>Wife</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1863</b>	<b>née Bestow</b>
<b>Edith Hanson Price</b>	Daughter	27	1884	Elder daughter, born in Hythe
<b>Lilian Price</b>	Daughter	25	1885	Born in Hythe
<b>Gertrude Price</b>	Daughter	24	1886	One of the elder daughters
<b>Harriet Price</b>	Daughter	23	1888	Born in Hythe
<b>Dorothy Price</b>	Daughter	21	1889	Died 30 July 1912, aged 21
<b>Richard Cleveland Price</b>	Son	19	1891	Carries the family name “Cleveland” from Grandmother Eliza
<b>Maurice Herbert Price</b>	Son	18	1892	Died 1913, aged approx. 20
<b>Jeannie Price</b>	Daughter	16	1894	Teenager at the time of the census
<b>Gwendoline Price</b>	Daughter	14	1897	Younger daughter
<b>Arthur Conrad Price</b>	Son	11	1899	One of the younger children

## **Later Life**

Wife Harriet Maria Price died in 1930

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## **Death**

Died: 21<sup>st</sup> January 1941, aged 80

Residence at death: Windyridge, Fairlight Road, Hythe

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## **Obituary – Mr. Price (Died 21 January 1941)**

Mr. Price, aged 80, passed away, leaving behind a remarkable legacy of public service. A devoted member of the borough council for 49 years, he served as mayor three times and was an alderman for many years. Despite his long and dedicated service, he was unable to secure re-election to the council three years ago, ending a long-standing connection with local governance.

Throughout his life, Mr. Price was closely involved with numerous public committees and civic projects in Hythe, playing a significant role in the development of both the town and the wider county. His contributions were widely recognised and appreciated by the community.

The funeral service was held at Saltwood Parish Church, officiated by the Rev. C. Norris, vicar of Hythe, and the Rev. W. Peters Jones, rector of Saltwood, with the interment taking place in the churchyard.

The chief mourners included Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Price, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Price (sons and daughters-in-law), Misses G. and J. Price (daughters), Mrs. Mercer (sister), and Miss Mercer (niece). Among those present were Aldermen F. W. Butler, J. P., H. C. M. Sisk, councillors E. Uden, F. J. Hopkins and Mrs. D. G. Holyoak, Dr. P. S. Mandy, Mr. F. J. Coleman, and Mr. A. J. Burrows.

Mr. Price's lifetime of civic dedication and his impact on the community will be fondly remembered.

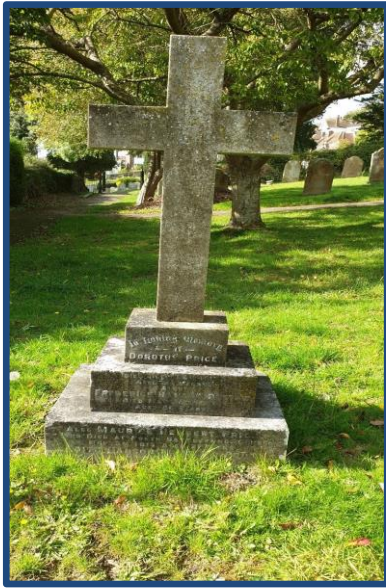
Source: Kentish Express

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1941.

# Burial & Family Plots — St Leonard's Churchyard

## Plots 32 & Plot 198



<https://www.hythecivicsociety.org/post/st-leonards-graveyard>

### Probate

Richard Price, of Windyridge, Fairlight Road, Hythe, in the County of Kent, departed this life on the 21st day of January 1941. Probate of his estate was granted on the 22nd day of July of the same year to Richard Cleveland Price, farmer, and Alfred John Burrows, auctioneer, the duly appointed executors of his last Will and Testament. The value of his effects was sworn for probate at the sum of £1,653 13s. 5d.

### Summary

Richard Price rose from High Street tradesman to property owner, Alderman, Justice of the Peace, and three-time Mayor of Hythe. His long civic career made him a key figure in the town's public life during the late Victorian and early 20th-century period.

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