

Inglesham Parish

Lower Inglesham and Upper Inglesham

12 list entries including grade I church, a grade II churchyard cross and a grade II* farmhouse*

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LECHLADE

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The parish of **Inglesham** is situated in rural surroundings in the north-east corner of Wiltshire where the Counties of Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire meet. (Up to 1974 the County of Berkshire also met here).

The parish comprises two settlements. The older settlement **Upper Inglesham** is now little more than the rump of the old village which was centred on the late Saxon/early Norman Church of St. John the Baptist, historically one of the most important Grade I Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest in Wiltshire. Few alterations were carried out to this little church after the 16th century.

The main settlement, **Upper Inglesham** lies about a mile (1½ kms) to the south on slightly higher ground. It is a settlement of a small amount of mainly 20th century housing centred on four 18th century farmhouses. The four farmhouses are all listed buildings.

Despite its close proximity to the Cotswolds unlike nearby Castle Eaton the twin settlements of **Upper and Lower Inglesham** are architecturally much closer to the Home Counties style of vernacular architecture found in the adjoining parish and town of Highworth. (See Book 3 of this Series).

The main Swindon-Banbury Road, which follows the line of the former Swindon to Burford Turnpike, passes through the parish in a near south to north straight line, cutting **Upper Inglesham** in two and bypassing **Lower Inglesham** before leaving Wiltshire by the Grade II listed Lechlade Halfpenny Bridge and which dates from 1792-94 when the first section of the turnpike was opened.

Church of St John the Baptist
Inglesham

DCMS Ref:3/372
Grade:I GV
List Date:26.01.55

Very small and attractive country church, particularly important because of its unrestored interior. Saxon core expanded probably in connection with refoundation in 1205 and with later C13 work.

Restored but not altered 1888-89 by S.P.A.B. (J.T. Micklethwaite, architect; William Morris helped).

Church consists of an aisled nave with south porch and western bellcote, and an aisleless chancel partly flanked on south side by a chapel. Built of rendered rubble with parapet and head spouts. Stone tile roof. Small diagonal buttresses. Traces of sanctuary belfry on ridge. Mid-late C13 double bellcote with pointed trefoiled lights and circle - not unlike south windows of east end and triple east window. Perpendicular square headed 2 light window to south aisle (south-east window a C17 insertion). North door also C13 though earlier with rounded trefoil head. Deep south porch, possibly C16, with foiled niche over entrance. The south door with roll mould and strap impost is probably Saxon or late C11 (reset).

The interior is specially interesting with numerous C14/C15 parclose screens, high box pews (mostly cut down in C17) and C13 smart foiled rere-arches to north door and east window. Tall arcades with trumpet and stiff leaf caps (this goes with date of refounding though south arcade in part older). Very important late Saxon madonna and child relief now set into wall of south chapel but formerly outside (see scratch dial on it; further reading Kendrick). Remains of wall painting especially to chancel arch (probably early-mid C14) and fragments of stained glass. C15 font.

In chancel: 3 bay sedilia, one aumbry, a foiled piscina and 2 arched recesses and part of reredos in sanctuary. Also C17 communion rails and table (remodelled). Mediaeval north door with long strap hinges. Pulpit and tester circa 1630. Tournai marble slab with circa 1300 knight in chancel, lacks brass. Single framed chancel roof with tie beams possibly C13. Later mediaeval queen post and wind brace nave roof.

The churchyard is well stocked with head stones, several with carved cherubs of C17 and C18. A number of chest-tombs mostly to south and east.

SBC note: This church is now in the guardianship of the Churches Conservation Trust

Churchyard Cross
Inglesham

DCMS Ref:3/374
Grade:II* GV

C15. Much of the original survives. Three steps to high plinth with pyramid stop-chamfer. Tall shaft with pyramid stop-chamfer and crested capping.

Church Farmhouse
Inglesham

DCMS Ref:3/375
Grade:II* GV

Once a mill.

Mid C17 with earlier core and details. Two and a half storeys rubble with new tile roof. East front has gable end to left and extension to right with moulded string approximately at first floor cill height. Gable has 2 light mullion window in attic and 3 light windows below, to right a small window and a range of later windows. Two ridge chimneys with moulded capping. South front: 3 windows first floor with 2 light hollow chamfer mullions, ground floor windows altered, central C19 porch with gable. Stair-turret extension to rear with blocked windows. To north in farmyard traces of a doorway with early C16 mouldings.

Interior: 2 doorways with similar mouldings, one formerly external on north side, one in front room. Stair turret has a fine newel stair and 2 doorways with good early mouldings. A similar but wooden doorway to main room of attic.

Former Vicarage
Inglesham

DCMS Ref:3/376
Grade:II

Very early C18 altered. Three storeys rendered rubble (though front said to be of brick, this probably applied to early-mid C19 2nd floor). Rear part possibly incorporates an older building. Chamfered quoins to ground and first floors. Hipped slate roof with brick side chimneys. Originally a 2 storey 5 window front. Four windows only to later 2nd floor, 2 light casements. Two light chamfered long mullion windows below. Central doorway with chamfered surround and mullioned transom-light, also chamfered. (Similar to Yewtree Farmhouse, Hannington Wick qv).

Lechlade Halfpenny Bridge
Lechlade

DCMS Ref:3/371
Grade:II
List date:26.01.55

Probably 1792-94. Fine segmental arch in ashlar, heavy flanking side piers with small overflow arches and blind oculi. Dry arch to south for towpath with an old stile. Panel in centre of each face of both parapets with county boundary line drawn on. Early C19 square hill house on Lechlade side with hipped slate roof and one window. Flanking causeways, short on Inglesham side. (Builders probably the local firm of Ralph & Crowdy).

Lynt Bridge Farmhouse
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DCMS Ref:3/377
Grade:II

Mid-late C17. Two storeys and attic. Rubble with ashlar quoins. Stone slate roof. Gable end chimneys with base and cap mouldings. Central gabled dormer. Two ranges of mullion windows with drips, 3 lights on first floor, 4 lights on ground floor. Central C19 gabled porch to half glazed door. Single storey one bay later C19 extension with 4 light mullion window and drip to right. Carved bargeboards with pendants (C19) to gables. 'T'-plan extension to rear.

Manor Farmhouse
Upper Inglesham
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DCMS Ref:3/378
Grade:II GV

Early C18 on older site. Altered probably in mid C19. Two and a half storeys red brick front to rubble building with brick quoins and original brick quoins to windows (see ground floor to right of centre). Brick band over ground floor. Coved and moulded eaves cornice. Slate roof with gable end chimneys and central gabled dormer. Now 3 windows on each floor, cross mullion type. Originally 5 (black headers to bricked in panels). Obscured date tablet on first floor to right of centre. Door off-centre left. Large external chimney stack in single storey extension to rear. Brick buttress added to left.
Interior: altered - flagged passage to hall. Traces of moulding to ceiling cornice in front room to right.

Middle Hill Farmhouse DCMS Ref:3/379
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Early C19 remodelling and alterations to C18 house. Two storeys and blocked attic, rubble with ashlar beaded dressings and chamfered stone quoins. Modern tile roof with 3 brick ridge chimneys with moulded plinths to shafts. Raised and moulded verge to right with moulded footstones. Now 3 windows, segmental headed glazing bar sashes with keys and bead mould (circa 1800). Brick patch to fabric left of centre. Trellis porch off-centre right, 6 panel door, lower panels reeded. One and a half storey extension to rear (gabled dormer retains stone tiles). Barn to rear, mid C19 rubble with a pigeon loft not of special interest.
Milepost in boundary wall to road.

Lynt Old Farmhouse
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DCMS Ref:3/380
 Grade:II GV

Early C18. Two and a half storeys, rendered, apparently over brick. Band over ground floor. Modern tile roof with gable end brick chimneys. Gable lit attic. Two ranges of altered 3 light casements. Catslide roof and entrance to rear.

Interior: modernised.

Lynt Farmhouse
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DCMS Ref:3/381
 Grade:II GV

C18 and early C19. Two storeys. Rubble with ashlar quoins and dressings. Stone tile roof over coved cornice. Two chimneys with moulded capping. One+three windows, glazing bar sashes, left hand ground floor window casement. One window has graffiti dated 1817. Door left of centre in altered position. Mid-C19 2 storey one window extension to left. Rear: 4 windows, early C19, with segmental heads, bracketted pediment door hood. This range an addition to front.

Interior: in front room, a good early C19 Adam-style fireplace with clustered and fluted shafts with Corinthian caps.

College Farmhouse
Upper Inglesham
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DCMS Ref:3/382
 Grade:II

C18 and early C19. Two storeys rubble with brick front. Ashlar plinth, lintels, first floor cill band and brackets to gutter. Three bays, glazing bar sashes. Slight centre break of red brick, side bays blue headers with red brick quoins and dressings. Slate roof with stone coped verges and gable end chimneys. Plain central portico, arched doorway with moulded stone architrave and radiating patterned fanlight to 6 panel door; upper 4 raised and fielded, lower 2 flush reeded. C18 wing gable end to left. Two and a half storeys rubble with later brick dressings to windows, ½-hipped stone tile roof; central first floor window to south has 3 lights with ovolo mullions (possibly wooden) with wood chamfered lintel.

Cotswold Stone Barn to south-west of College Farmhouse
Upper Inglesham
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DCMS Ref:3/383
 Grade:II

Circa 1800. Rubble with half hipped stone tile roof. Projecting half hipped midstrey to east. Five bays. Later brick and slate lean-to to front. Long rubble and stone tile cowshed wing to south with 3 stable doors.

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The Church of St. John the Baptist at Lower Inglesham with the 15th century Churchyard Cross to the right of the main door.

Halfpenny Bridge, Lechlade

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