

Stratton St Margaret Parish

14 list entries including a grade I church

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The parish of Stratton St. Margaret abuts the eastern boundary of Swindon of which it is visually one. The main axis of the parish is along the Roman road of Ermin Street. The majority of the 14 listed buildings in the parish are found alongside, or near to the old Roman road with the exception of the remains of the hamlet around present day Green Lane where two thatched cottages are still to be found and the gatepiers to the former Kingsdown House.

The three most interesting listed buildings in the parish are the Grade I listed Church of St Margaret and which dates from the 13th century; Stratton Park which was reputedly built by a retired tea planter and has the hint of the Orient about it; and the brewing house at Arkells Brewery, Kingsdown, the home of their well known 3B's beer.

Brewery House
Beechcroft Road
Kingsdown
Stratton St Margaret

(formerly listed as Brewery House and Brewery)
See Hyde Road.

Milestone opposite St Philip's Road
Beechcroft Road
Kingsdown
Stratton St Margaret

DCMS Ref:8/452
Grade:II

Late C18 or early C19. Typical local pattern with obscured inscription. Now painted to read "Swindon 3 Highworth 4"
Rounded face and top.

Dockle Farmhouse
Bridge End Road
Stratton St Margaret

DCMS Ref:8/453
Grade:II
List Date:12.12.78

Circa 1800. Two storeys. Slate valley roof. Pebbledash covered. Gable end brick chimneys. Three windows, outer tripartite, glazing bar sashes. Central pilastered doorpiece with flat hood. Six panel door, upper 2 glazed. Rear slightly later, mid C19.

Church of St Margaret
Church Street
Stratton St Margaret

DCMS Ref:8/455
Grade:I
List Date:26.01.55

C13. Four bay aisled nave with concealed clerestory and with low 2 stage C19 west tower. Three bay chancel with vestries on north side. Rubble with stone tile roof. Several early C14 cusped headed 2 light windows, some copies. Plain round headed doorway to north with impost bands, looks C12 but is probably C17. Projecting gabled south porch with small stair to west and waggon roof with ridge rib.

C13 interior. Round piers with wide moulded imposts carved with dog-tooth, pointed double chamfer arcades. Two light clerestory windows, 2 to south, 3 to north. Three light reticulated east window. Trefoil rere-arches on north side, depressed pointed rere-arches to south. South aisle chapel has trefoil piscina and trefoil headed squint (probably C19 restoration). Two cusped ogee headed tomb niches on north side with palm trees forming crockets and flanking crocketed pinnacles (wall thickened to outside). False hammerbeam chancel roof. Moulded and panelled nave roof. C17 memorial to south-west to Katharine Hedges died 1649: marble with swagged sides and segment moulded cap, carved cartouche over; baroque style. Two hatchments. The graveyard is well stocked to south, note especially numerous C18 headstones with relief carvings and a number of chest tombs.

Churchyard tomb of Susanah Nicholas Van Acker of Erith
Church Street
Stratton St Margaret

DCMS Ref:8/455A
Grade:II

Died 1683 or 1687. Large chest tomb with Portland stone carved panels on each face and corner balusters. Long sides have ovals for text, west end has achievement of arms, east end plain possibly because it was butted up against the church formerly. Slate top.

Church Farmhouse
Church Street
Stratton St Margaret

DCMS Ref:8/456
Grade:II
List Date:03.05.77

Mid-late C17. Two and a half storeys. Altered. 'L'-plan farmhouse built of rubble with ashlar quoins and ovolo section mullion windows with drip moulds and relieving arches (on ground floor). Modern Roman tile roof with moulded coping and footstones. A large central stack with 3 rebuilt brick diagonal shafts and 2 other chimneys, one on east gable end. Two light attic windows in gables. Three light windows on first floor and 4-light windows on ground floor; also a number of others. The gable ends have one range of windows, the south front has 2 ranges (altered) and one bay to gabled projection to left. The west front has 3 bays, right hand obscured by creeper, inserted central doorway (in matching style). Two storey range of outbuildings to north-east.

Interior: 2 panelled rooms on ground floor; south-west room possibly C19 panelling, has bolection fireplace. In first floor room above is a good Tudor arch fireplace. The staircase is in the angle of the 'L' plan, heavy oak. Later queen post trusses to roof.

TBC note: The building was altered in the 1980's after becoming derelict and when it was incorporated into an elderly persons grouped dwelling

No 167 The Wheatsheaf
Ermin Street (north east side)
Stratton St Margaret

DCMS Ref:8/458
Grade:II

C18 modernised. Two storeys, pebbledash. Stone tile roof with gable end brick chimneys, modern on left hand side. Three ranges of late C19 glazing bar sashes with modern lintels. Interior and rear elevation altered.

No 19
Green Road
Upper Stratton
Stratton St Margaret

DCMS Ref:8/459
Grade:II

C17. Once a dame school. One and a half storeys thatched cottage in painted rubble. Gable end to road rendered. Hipped roof with brick ridge stack. Two windows on first floor, modern casements, cut into thatch and a 2-light casement with wooden lintel on ground floor. Lean-to extension to right with 2 light casement. Principal feature is an external stepped wall chimney stack with attached bread oven to left of centre. North front. One eyebrow dormer and modern conservatory entrance.

No 21
Green Road
Upper Stratton
Stratton St Margaret

DCMS Ref:8/460
Grade:II

Probably C18 but altered. Two storeys rubble. Front pebbledashed. Stone slate roof with 2 brick chimneys. Four windows on first floor, 3 on ground floor, modern glazing bar casements and roughly central modern door.

Modern extensions to north-west and east.
Survivor of ancient hamlet.

**No 41
Green Road**

Upper Stratton
Stratton St Margaret

Probably early C18. Two storey thatched cottage in painted rubble. Two brick ridge chimneys, one on gable end to road with stepped stone base. Two windows on first floor, 3 light casements and a catslide to right. Modern central sun porch with glazed door. North-west front altered: 3 first floor windows are later C19 sashes; further irregular openings.

DCMS Ref:8/461
Grade:II

**Arkells Brewery House
Hyde Road**

Upper Stratton
Stratton St Margaret

Dated 1861. Tall square 3 storey and basement pavilion with chamfered quoins and slate hipped roof capped by belvedere with weathervane. C20 brick half bay to south-east. Three bays, round headed window with intersecting glazing and keystones. Central arched door. Large panel takes place of central first floor window, it reads "Kingdom Steam Brewery 1861". To rear is a short rubble chimney and a lower modern boiler house with tall attached chimney shaft date 1937. Links with fermenting room to south. Rubble base, brick above.

DCMS Ref:8/462
Grade:II GV

**Gate piers to former Kingsdown House
Kingsdown Road**

Stratton St Margaret

1830s. Hexagonal. Banded ashlar. Moulded plinth, cornice and capping.

DCMS Ref:8/466
Grade:II

**Pigeon House to rear of premises of Coventry
Drafting Company**

Pigeon House Lane
Stratton St Margaret

Looks early C19 but is said to be C18. Two storey square plan building in rubble with ashlar quoins and pyramidal tiled roof. No openings for pigeons. Doors to north and south. Window to west. May have been a stable.

DCMS Ref:8/467
Grade:II

**No 73
Swindon Road (east side)**
Stratton St Margaret

Dated 'RLM' Refenestrated. Two and a half storeys coursed rubble with ashlar lintels. Slate 1773 roof (modern asbestos to front). Gable end brick chimney to left. Two large modern dormers. Two ranges of 3 light casements. Central half glazed door. Modern extension to right. Catslide slate roof to rear over kitchen/scullery. Datestone in gable end to road.

DCMS Ref:8/468
Grade:II

**No 9 Stratton Park
Wanborough Road
Stratton St Margaret**

DCMS Ref:8/469
Grade:II

Mid C19. Ornamental villa said to have been built by a retired tea planter. Two storeys stuccoed brick with low pitched, deep eaved roofs. Pendants on corners of eaves. Panelled ashlar chimneys with dentil capping. Principal section of front 3 bays with central gable and a one bay extension to left. Glazing bar sash windows with moulded architraves, centre on first floor with dentil cornice to eaved architrave, above is stucco roundel (fox catching birds). Projecting porch with dentil cornice. Six panel doors in carved oak. Flanking verandah bays to left on west front, to right on south front, with cast iron honeysuckle standards.

Left hand bay has intersecting tracery and first floor window adjoins 4 bay conservatory with hipped partly fishscale tile slate roof and crested ridge. South front 3 bays with gable to left hand 2 bays. Central tented porch with cast iron honeysuckle standards and flanking ground floor bays with dentil cornice. Central first floor window round headed. Circular stucco panel with relief of spaniel retrieving birds. Lower bay to right with gable over (first floor window round-headed).

Tall spirelet over octagonal dovecote adjoins to right - adds a bizane touch. Rubble wall to street about 4-6 ft high with chamfered top. Quadrants to entrance by lodge (the latter is not of special interest).

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The former Swindon to Burford Turnpike milestone in Beechcroft Road.

"Kingsdown Steam Brewery 1861", the home of Arkells 3B's beer.

One of the two gate piers which now form the entrance to Kingsdown Crematorium and which are all that survive from the former Kingsdown House.

The highly ornamental mid 19th century Stratton Park.

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