

South Marston Parish

12 list entries including grade I church

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The parish of **South Marston** is situated to the east of Swindon. Whilst parts of the parish are still rural large tracts have been engulfed by commercial developments on the eastern side of Swindon. Only Hunts Copse Farmhouse, circa 1700 and a Grade II listed building, in the middle of one of the industrial estates gives any clue to the past activities of the western part of the parish.

In addition **South Marston** village has seen a lot of new housing appear over the past twenty years. The parish Church of St. Mary Magdalen, Grade I, and Church Farmhouse, Grade II, with a front wing of classical architecture, circa 1800, onto a 17th century farmhouse are two listed buildings of local note. In addition, although not listed and therefore not otherwise described in this book, is a cottage known as "Ranikhet", this was the home of Alfred Williams the poet.

In the southern part of the parish a number of historic buildings huddle along the transport route linking Swindon with the south-east. At the County Boundary a trunk road (following the route of an earlier turnpike), the main London-Bristol railway line and the remains of the Wilts and Berks Canal are found cheek by jowl. The former lock-keepers cottage is listed grade II.

South Marston has always been in a zone of architectural transition. Prior to the growth of Swindon, it's architecture was a mix of Home Counties and Wessex Downlands, see Books 3 and 2 of this series respectively, whilst today it is in the transition from urban Swindon to rural hinterland that is most apparent.

Marston Farmhouse
A 420 (north side)
 South Marston

DCMS Ref:8/416
 Grade:II

Obscured datestone on south-west chimney dated 1755 (probably reset). C18 farmstead altered. Two storeys and attic (concealed). Rubble with slate roof. 'U' plan, north wing C19 with lean-to open passage. East front has brick repairs. Four windows, irregular, on first floor, 3 on ground floor. Two doors, to through-passage.
 Main entrance at rear.
 North wing formerly a cheeseroom and still a tack room.

Lock Keeper's Cottage
A 420 (north side)
 South Marston

DCMS Ref:8/417
 Grade:II

Early C19. On former Wilts and Berks Canal. Two storeys. Rubble and brick. Pebbledash. Hipped slate roof. Three windows, glazing bar sashes, right hand bay casements. Modern central lean-to, south end angled. Taller tiled 2 window extension of later date to north. Included for historical and socio-economic interest.

Longleaze Farmhouse
A 420 (north side)
 South Marston

DCMS Ref:8/418
 Grade:II

C18 thatched farmhouse. Centre rubble, sides brick, all painted. Half-hipped roof with 2 brick chimneys. One and a half storeys. Four dormers cut into thatch. Four windows. All casements. Thatched porch in left hand wing. Lower rubble extension to right with hipped roof. (Waggon house).

Burton Grove Farmhouse and detached barn to north-east
Highworth Road
 South Marston

DCMS Ref:8/419
 Grade:II

Remodelled C18 house. Two storeys and attic. Rendered (probably over brick). Slate roof half hipped to left. Three windows, late C19, 3 light casements. Projecting gabled and glazed central porch. Single-storey stone slated washhouse extension to right linked to high brick garden wall. West front is an 'L' plan extension with band over ground floor, probably early-mid C19. Three brick "flying buttresses" to west wall of main house. To north-west is attached a rubble granary with steps at north-east. To north-east is rubble barn with stone tile roof and brick dressings to vents. Central doors, south gable end timber structured.

Hunts Copse Farmhouse
Highworth Road
 South Marston

DCMS Ref:8/420
 Grade:II

About 1700. Gabled front with extensions to left and right. Two and a half storeys. Rendered rubble. Brick chimneys. Stone tile roof. Originally 2 flanking 2½ storey gables with 2 light mullion windows and central lower 1½ storey gable with door between and 2 light window over. Linked to left hand block by short piece with 3 light mullion window. Tudor arch doorway. C18 half hipped wing at right angles.

Rear altered: C18 gabled set back wing to left. Main part 2 storeys with chamfered plinth and string over ground floor. Central 6 flush panel door (upper 2 glazed) with bracketted stone hood. Three windows, only 2 retaining 3 mullions, rest modern. To right is 3 storey wing with hipped roof.

Interior, altered. Through passage retained.

Nightingale Farmhouse
Nightingale Lane
South Marston

DCMS Ref:98/413
Grade:II

Early C19. Two storeys and mansard. Red and blue brick with brick dentil eaves cornice. Four windows to garden, 2 light casements (outer 3 light). Gabled wooden porch off-centre left. Later wall chimney to rear. Mansard slate roof with gable end brick chimneys. 'L' plan later extension to rear.

Church of St Mary Magdalen
South Marston

DCMS Ref:8/411
Grade:I
List Date:26.01.55

Small medieval parish church with west tower. Built of rubble with ashlar quoins and dressings. Stone tile roof. Crenellated parapet to nave. Four bay aisleless nave, mostly in Perpendicular style with flat headed 2-light windows; contemporary south porch retaining one pinnacle above a diagonal buttress and sundial over entrance.

North and south doors plain C12 retained from earlier church.

C13 2 bay chancel with stepped lancet east window. Two stage crenellated C15 tower with corbelled diagonal pinnacles (probably a C19 addition), south stair turret and diagonal buttresses to west. West door in Perpendicular style with large 3 light west window over. Above is a niche with C19 or modern statue of Christ. Unusual sanctus turret of octagonal shape with ogee decoration to openings and with weathervane. This with the south chapel (forming gabled transept) and crenellations are by John Belcher 1886. Vestry to north-east.

Interior: chancel lancets have unusual rere-splays. Reredos and chancel arch with nodding ogee canopies date from 1886 restoration. Memorials: Mrs Charity Duke (died 1719), in south chapel; Thomas Freke 1721; Anthony Southby 1759; Anne Southby (died 1770) small urn on angel corbel.

Well stocked graveyard to south with head stones (some double) and table tombs - mostly C18 and C19.

Church Farmhouse
South Marston

DCMS Ref:8/412
Grade:II

Early C19. Two storeys. Painted brick with chamfered brick with chamfered quoins. Hipped slate roof. Three windows, glazing bar sashes in raised surrounds. Projecting pentice porch. Two storey extension to rear.

Manor Farmhouse
South Marston

DCMS Ref:8/414
Grade:II

Late C17/early C18. Two storeys and attic. Rubble. Stone slate roof, hipped to right hand return. Central hipped dormer. Three windows, 2 light casements with wood lintels and glazing bars; central modern glazed door.

Right hand return has 2 windows, one an old cross mullion casement and a projecting hipped stair turret with block windows in angle and an early-mid C19 extension.

Interior: altered.

The Red House
South Marston

DCMS Ref:8/415
Grade:II

Early C19. Two storeys and gable lit attic. Rubble with red brick front with brick block eaves cornice. Brick quoins. Two ranges of 3 light casements and central modern gabled porch. Stone tile roof with gable end brick chimneys.

Gordon Cottage
Thorndale Road
South Marston

DCMS Ref:8/421
Grade:II

C18 extended. Two and a half storeys. Partly thatched cottage. Half hipped roof with central brick chimney stack. Pebbledash, rear stone and brick. Two storey part to left with asbestos slate roof, one window and porch. Right hand part 1½ storeys, 2 eyebrow dormers and 3 ground floor windows (one a former door). Inglenook inside.

SBC note: In 1991 Gordon Cottage was altered and renovated. The work included the demolition of the rear extension and its replacement with a 1½ storey thatched extension and the replacement of the asbestos slated roof with a thatched roof.

The Priory
Thorndale Road
South Marston

DCMS Ref:8/423
Grade:II

Mid C17. Two storeys and gable lit attic. Rubble with stone tile roof. Large chimney off centre left with 3 now breeze-block diagonal shafts. Three ranges of late C19 sash windows. Modern casement lintels. Traces on first floor to right of former 3-light mullion window surround. Modern lean-to porch off-centre right.

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