



# National Gazetteer (1868)



## Stratton St Margaret

"**STRATTON ST. MARGARET**, a parish in the hundred of Highworth, county Wilts, 2½ miles North of Swindon, its post town, and 3½ South of Highworth. The village is large, and is situated on the ancient Ryknield Street, and on the Wilts and Berks canal. The parish comprises the hamlet of Upper Stratton with Kingsdown, also the Highworth union poorhouse. There was formerly an alien priory here, founded in 1066, which at the Dissolution was given by Henry VI. to King's College, Cambridge. The line of the Great Western railway passes through the parish.

The living is a vicarage in the diocese of Gloucester and Bristol; value £216, in the patronage of the Bishop of Salisbury and Merton College, Oxford. The church is dedicated to St. Margaret. The parochial charities produce about £22 per annum, of which £3 go to a school. There is a National school for both sexes, also a public library and reading rooms. The Independents and General and Particular Baptists have chapels, with Sunday-schools adjoining. Kingsdown House is the principal residence. A. Goddard, Esq., is lord of the manor."

"**UPPER STRATTON**, a tithing in the parish of Stratton St. Margaret, hundred of Highworth, county Wilts, 4 miles S.W. of Highworth."