

From Bragg's Directory (1840)

KINGSBROMPTON

Is a parish in the hundred of WILLITON AND FREE MANORS, situate $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles N. E. from Dulverton; it lies picturesquely on the banks of the river Exe and contains quarries of fine building stone. Sir T. de Besiller, Knt. lord of the Manor, obtained for this parish a grant of a weekly market on Tuesday, and 2 fairs, each for 4 days: the market has been disused, but the fairs are still held: 3 Roman tumuli exist on a height, and at Hadborough several Roman coins have been found; red deer are found in the neighbourhood, and the Somerset subscription fox hunt is established here. The church, dedicated to St. Mary, has a curiously carved screen in the chancel: the living is a rectory, in the arch. of Taunton, and dio. of B. and W.; of the net ann. value of £347.: patrons, General Blommart, and the Rev. T. Sweet Escott: pop. at the last census 424; it is in the elec. div. of W. Somerset, and in 1839 contained 34 regis. elec. of whom 12 were free., 4 lease., and 18 occu. ten.: polling place at Dunster: it is in the Dulverton union, to which it sends 1 guard.: the ann. amount of poor relief previous to the N. P. L. was £513, now £323.: it is in the magis. div. of Milverton: this parish contains 1100 acres: there are fairs held here on May 26th, and the Thursday sennight after Oct. 10th.