

**Report No: 814**  
**HISTORIC KIDDERMINSTER PROJECT**  
**Richard Warner**

**Building/Feature:** Stanmore House                      **Type:** One-time residence, now doctors' surgery.

**Location:** Corner of Chester Rd North/Linden Ave.                      **Grid Ref:** SO 843771

**Date of Origin:** Between 1883 & 1903.

**Builder/Originator:** In 1879, Thomas Morton (solicitor) bought this plot from the Earl of Dudley ●  
House completed post-1883. Probably occupied initially by the Mortons, but the first family known to have lived here was that of F.C.Jotham.  
Originally named "Linden House".

**Architecture:** Architect: (?)  
Typical late Victorian prosperous middle-class residence, brick-built, three-storeyed, sash-windowed, multi-gabled, several single-storey flat-roofed extensions. Main roof: slate (?) tiles (?)

**Present Condition:** Good; well maintained by present owners.

**Later Occupants/Connections/Functions:**

1915: Linden House sold to Thomas Ivens (another solicitor, Morton's partner?); re-named "Stanmore House", and became a school - "Miss Ivens' Academy for Young Ladies" - a feeder school for the Convent.

1920's: Stanmore House became a preparatory house for Kidderminster High School for Girls, and later a boarding house for that school.

1936: Bought by Sir George Eddy, etc., on behalf of District Nurses' Association, to provide living quarters for nurses.

1930's: Clinic built in grounds as memorial to Sister Gregory (local midwife 1914-1936). Used as war-time fire-post; later a chiropody clinic; now a Co-op pharmacy.

1940's: Extension built for matron's quarters.

Late 1950's: Stanmore House converted into apartments.

1987: Stanmore House bought by a General Medical Practice and, after adaptation, and having persuaded nearby sceptical residents that there would be no problem whatsoever with

vehicles

parked in the avenue - ("We shall have our own large car park?!") - the practice moved into Stanmore House in November 1989.

2002 (?): Extension built, creating larger reception area and at least one additional consulting room.

**Documentary Refs., etc:** Information provided by Dr Graeme Wilcox and by Mrs Sheila Stooke (neighbour) both now sadly deceased - Kelly's Directory 1896, etc. O.S. Maps of various dates.

More information from practice manager, Mr David Oakley, 23 November 2007.  
Deeds not available.

**Listed?** No, but on the 'Local List' of Simon Roper-Presdee (District Conservation Officer).

**HER?** No.

**Photo/Date? Yes. 24 October 2006.**



**Front view of Stanmore House**



**Side view of Stanmore House**



***STANMORE HOUSE AS "CORONATION" NURSES' HOME***  
Presented by the Mayor (Councillor E. G. Eddy) to the Kidderminster Nursing Association as a  
Coronation Gift.

**Coronation Gift from Sir George Eddy and others  
to Kidderminster Nurses' Association  
(Kidderminster Shuttle, 14 November, 1936)**

Mapped/Date? Yes. O.S. 1903, 1921, 1924, etc.



This O.S. Map 1924. Grid Ref: SO 843771

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