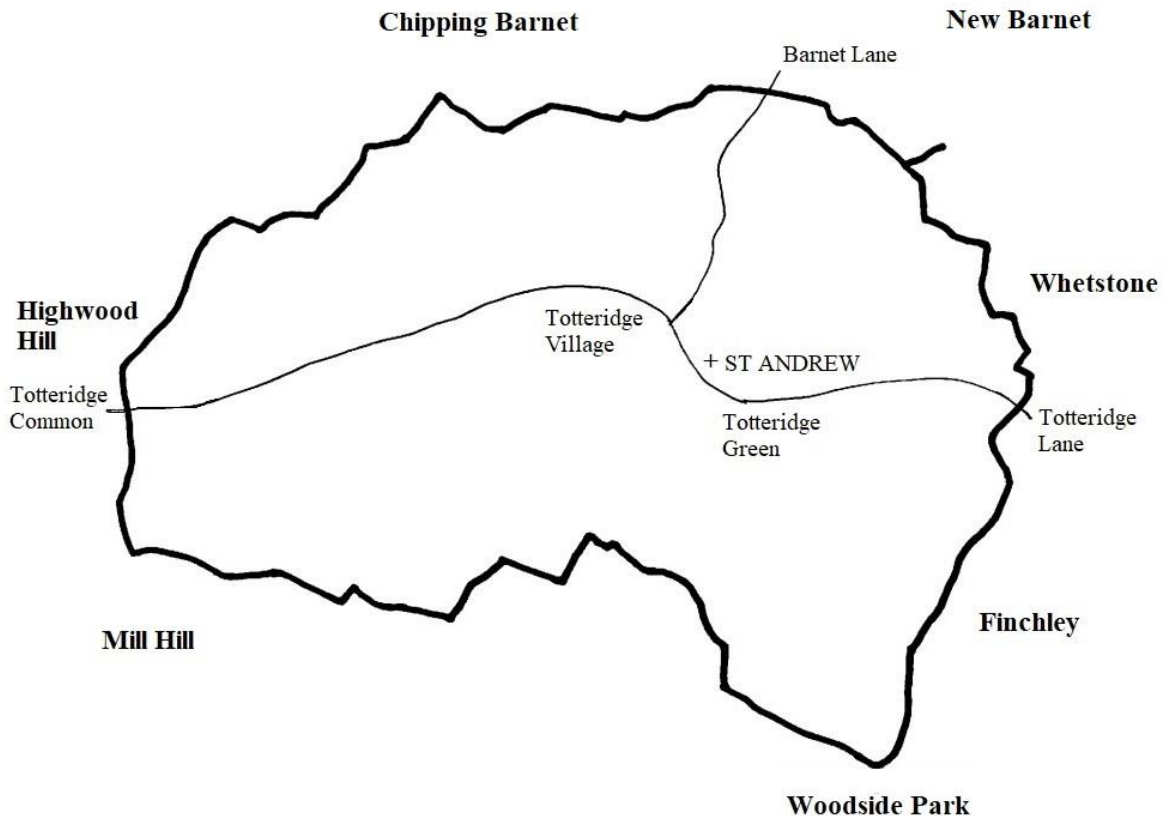




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## TOTTERIDGE

Totteridge was an Ancient Parish in the county of Hertfordshire. It became part of Barnet Rural District in 1894 and then Barnet Urban District from 1914. London Boroughs were formed in 1965, at which point Totteridge was transferred from Hertfordshire to Middlesex and the parish now forms part of the London Borough of Barnet.



The village of Totteridge is some eight miles north north-west of Charing Cross and sits on the ridge between the valleys of Dollis Brook, to the north and east, and its tributary, Folly Brook, to the south. These streams form the boundaries of the parish. The name Totteridge is of Saxon origin but the earliest records of the parish date to the 13th century. From 1248, the lord of the manor was the Bishop of Ely. He had an estate at Hatfield, some 10 miles further north, and Totteridge was a detached chapelry of the parish of Hatfield. A church at Totteridge, dedicated to St Etheldreda, was mentioned in a document dated 1250. Etheldreda (c636-679) was a daughter of Anna, king of East Anglia. Following the death of Tondberct, her husband, she retired to her dowry lands at Ely and founded a monastery there, of which she became abbess. The monastery became the site of Ely Cathedral and so churches in lands owned by the Bishops of Ely were often named after Etheldreda. The name 'Etheldreda' became 'Audrey' over the centuries and both names are referred to in old documents pertaining to Totteridge. At some point, possibly at the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1570, the name 'Audrey' became 'Andrew' and that is now the dedication of the church at Totteridge.

The Society has produced a Parish Guide to Totteridge which includes further information about the churches below as well as nonconformist and other denominations.



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## St Andrew, Totteridge



It seems likely that the present church building stands on the site of the earliest church mentioned in 1250 AD in a document which records Totteridge Church as belonging to St Etheldreda's, Hatfield from whence it took its dedication, changing in the Reformation to St Andrew.

Records include baptisms (1546-1903), marriages (1546-1945) and burials (1570-1937) and are held at Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies.

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