

1. **Horringer (previously known as Horningsheath Magna and Horningsheath Parva)**

Meaning: Winding stream by ploughed land

2. **Hundred:** Thingoe

Deanery: Thingoe (1548–1884), Horringer (Horningsheath) (1884–1965)

Union: Thingoe (1836–1907), Bury St. Edmunds (1907–1930)

RDC/UDC: (W. Suffolk) Thingoe Rd (1894–1974), St. Edmundsbury DC (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Bury St. Edmunds County Court District
Thingoe and Thedwastre Petty Sessional Division

3. **Area:** 2212 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Fine loam over clay with slowly permeable subsoils and slight seasonal waterlogging. Some calcareous/non-calcareous slowly permeable clay soils. Slight risk water erosion.

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		4½ acres meadow, wood for 8 pigs, 5 cobs, 14 cattle, 30 pigs, 45 sheep
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Wood-pasture region, mainly pasture, meadow, engaged in rearing and dairying with some pig-keeping, horse-breeding and poultry. Crops mainly barley with some wheat, rye, oats, peas, vetches, hops and occasionally hemp
1660	Blome:	‘being clay ground husbanded chiefly for the dairy’ and ‘fielding abounding with excellent corn of all sorts’
c.1815		Co-operative farming: each small holder having share of common land, animals grazed on Great Green
1818	Marshall:	Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, oats, barley
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. Enclosure:

1815 599 acres (including common land, plough lands and grazing) enclosed under Act of 1813

7. Settlement:

1978 Moderate sized development spaced along main Bury St. Edmunds to Haverhill road and skirting Ickworth Park (which probably influenced settlement patterns). Scattered farms.

Horningsheath Magna: Settlement probably along line of main Bury St. Edmunds road, at least one main green area.

Horningsheath Parva: No visible evidence. Moated site of Little Horringer hall and existing new hall possible implications of inhabited area.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 43, 1801 – 97, 1851 – 136, 1871 – 149, 1901 – 129, 1951 – 144, 1981 – 1229

8. Communications:

Road: Main Bury St. Edmunds to Haverhill Road
1844 1 carrier to Bury St. Edmunds daily.
1937 Carrier 3 times weekly to Bury St. Edmunds on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

9. Population:

Horningsheath Magna:

1086 – 45 recorded
1327 – 21 taxpayers paid £2 11s. 2d.
1524 – 32 taxpayers paid £4 4s. 8d.

Horningsheath Parva:

1327 – 18 taxpayers paid £1 4s. 1d.
1524 – 4 taxpayers paid 7s. 4d.

Horringer:

1603 – 160 adults
1674 – 68 households
1676 – 167 adults
1801 – 543 inhabitants
1831 – 586 inhabitants
1851 – 670 inhabitants

1871 – 691 inhabitants
 1901 – 525 inhabitants
 1931 – 545 inhabitants
 1951 – 465 inhabitants
 1971 – 1285 inhabitants
 1981 – 3513 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory (with Ickworth)

Horningsheath Magna:

1254 Valued at £13 6s. 8d.
 Portion to St. Saviours 15s. £14 1s. 8d.
 1291 Valued at £15

Horningsheath Parva:

1254 Valued at £3 6s. 8d.
 Pension in name of monks of St. Edmunds 13s. 4d.
£3 19s. 8d.

Horringer:

1535 Valued at £13 3s. 8½d. (joint value)
 1674 Parsonage has 13 hearths, occupied by Dr. Lucas
 (occupied by curate 1855)
 1831 Curate, stipend £125 p.a. Glebe house. Gross income
 £463 p.a.
 Yearly rent-charge awarded of £580 1840 (£17 10s. from
 Westley) in lieu of tithes
 Valued £459. 16 acres 1R 1P glebe 1855
 New rectory house built 1873 cost part defrayed by
 Queen Anne's Bounty
 16 acres OR 14P glebe. Gross rental £24 15s. 10d. p.a.
 Rent charge of £579 p.a. 1887
 1912 Living consolidated with Ickworth. Joint net value £385.
 18 acres glebe and residence.

Patrons: Sir Robert Jermyn (1603), Marquis of Bristol (1831–)

11. Church St. Leonard
 (Chancel, chapel, nave, aisle, S. porch, W. tower)

1086 Church + 6 acres free land
 15th cent. Money left for new porch and repairs
 14/15th cent. Main structure
 1703 Upper part of tower added
 19th cent. Internal restoration

Seats: 209 appropriated, 351 free (1876)

Horningsheath Parva: St. Peter.

c.1283 Church and 16 acres of free land
1548 Parish consolidated with Horningsheath Magna.

12. Nonconformity etc:

1606 2 persons not attending church or taking communion
1676 7 nonconformists

13. Manorial:

Horningsheath Magna

1066/1086 Manor of 4 carucates belonging to the Abbot of St. Edmunds.
1256 Abbey of St. Edmunds appropriated to the use of the cellarer
360 acres land, 4½ acres meadow, 60 acres wood, 1 windmill
with foldage and liberty of boar and sow, weff and warren
1546 Sir Thomas Darcy owns (annexed to Horningsheath Parva
and linked to Stowmarket and Woolpit)
1549 Sir Robert Southwell owns (linked to Holbrook)
1609 Sir Robert Jermyn, descending through the Davers family it
remains (linked to Ickworth, Cockfield, Bures, Tuddenham,
Worlington, Lt. Welnetham, Shotley and Sroughton)

Horningsheath Parva

1197 Manor of approximately 280 acres belonging to the Abbot of
St. Edmunds.
1546 Sir Thomas Darcy owns (united with Horningsheath Magna
and linked to Hardwick)
17th cent. Thomas Blagge owns
1681 Sir Richard Gipps owns (links with Fornham St. Genevieve)
1752 G.W. Hervey, Earl of Bristol owns (annexed to Ickworth and
reunited with Horningsheath Magna)

14. Markets/Fairs

Early 19th cent. Sheep fair held on the 24th June at Great Green –
curtailed 1815 due to enclosure of Green
(transferred to grounds of Six Bells public house
for a while)
1891 Sheep fair held on 4th September on Sheep
Green (for lambs, sheep, cattle and horses)
obsolete c.1896

15. Real property:

Horningsheath Magna

1454 £2 13s. 4d. rateable value

Horningsheath Parva

1454 £0 19s. 1d. rateable value

Horringer

1844 £2458 rental value

1891 £3023 rateable value

1912 £2842 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844 Marquis of Bristol, principal owner

1891 Land sub-divided

1912 Marquis of Bristol and A. Wigston, principal owners

17. Resident gentry:

Sir Robert Southwell (Master of the Rolls) c.1549

Thomas Blagge of Little Horringer Hall 1625–85

1660 Gipps and Gibson Lucas DD

1680 3 gents recorded

A.J. Brooke, High Sheriff of Suffolk 1839

1891 V. Paley and Rev. G. H. Gray

18. Occupations:

1550–1599 Blacksmith

1600–1700 Maltster, miller, tailor, Professor of Theology, clerks, farmers, labourers, woolcombers, blacksmith, schoolmaster, servant

1700–1800 weaver, woolcomber, labourers, tailor, clothier

1831 123 in agriculture, 15 in retail trade, 3 professionals, 10 in labouring, 23 in domestic service, 7 others

1844 corn/hay dealer, carpenter, wheelwright, beerhouse keeper, victualler, lime burner, land agent, schoolmaster, shoe-maker, blacksmiths, farmers, shopkeepers, tailors

1912 farmers, shoemaker, beer retailer, builders, decorators, undertakers, blacksmiths, wheelwrights, schoolmaster, publican

19. Education:

1600–1700 schoolmaster recorded

1818 endowed school(predates 1818, report mentions former schoolhouse being much out of repair) (50 attend)

2 private day schools (20 attend)

1 Sunday school supported by subscription (50 attend)

1833 2 infants schools (12 fee paying attend)

1 daily school supported by Marquis of Bristol (42 attend)

1 Sunday school (30 boys attend)
Public Elementary school built 1846 by 1st Marquis of
Bristol, average attendance 1912 66
Infants school built 1860, average attendance 1912 34
National school established 1874 70 attend

20. Poor relief:

1776	£208 1s. 4d.
1803	£413 19s. 6d.
1818	£524 5s.
1830	£379 1s.
1832	£391 4s.
1834	£350 14s.

21. Charities:

Poors cottages/corders charity

1591 4 houses, 3 cottages rent free.

Free school

1895 Free school built by marquis of Bristol for education of
40/50 poor children.

Town Estate

1840 £4 p.a. distributed in fuel. £2 15s. p.a. for apprenticing
and advancement of children

22. Other institutions:

Horningsheath Parva

Guilds of St. John Baptist and Holy Trinity c.13/14th cent., expired by
1550.

Horringer

Guild of St. John Baptist 1464
Repair of Guildhall 1474
Guilds of St John Baptist and Holy Trinity 1474
Guildhall used as workhouse 1720
Village Club and Institute formed 1877, occupied Old Rectory house
100 members 1912
1891 Lending library at Parsonage
1912 police officer listed.

23. Recreation:

- 1844 1 beerhouse, The Red House public house.
- 1874 1 beerhouse, The Red House public house and The Six Bells public house, working mens club. Minute books commencing 1877 in existence. Horticultural Society 1886
- 1912 1 beer retailer, The Six Bells public house. Mothers Union formed 1918. Football Club 1925. The Beehive public house 1937. Horringer Singers formed 1971.

24. Personal:

Thomas Blagge 1625–1680: Custodian of Wallingford Castle, Groom of the Bedchamber, Governor of Yarmouth and Languard Forts.

Z. Ward 20th cent.: author of 'History of Horringer and Ickworth' and 'Curtsey to the lady' 1985

M. W. Harvey: author of 'Annals of a Suffolk Village' 1930.

25. Other information:

Abolished ecclesiastically to create Horringer cum Ickworth 1965.
Parishes of Horningsheath Magna and Horningsheath Parva joined 1548.
Village sign unveiled 1977.

The Hopleys: c.15th cent. tradition says the house was used as horse-changing station by Henry VIII when courting Anne Boleyn.

Street Farm: c.14th cent. originally a brew house and public house, holds annual show.

Guildhall: c.14th cent. proposal to turn part of the building into museum 1965.
Used as a workhouse 18th cent. Bought by the Bristols and turned into cottages, part used as infants school 19th cent.

Little Horringer Hall: used by the Abbot as country seat/pleasure house – dismantled c.1759.

The arms of the Abbot and Edward the Confessor were carved and painted in the 'grand chamber'.

Claims by Crown on Lady Dorothea Jermyn for forfeiture of the manor 1579.

Horringer Diary pamphlets 1977–1985.

Horringer Church Magazine 1973–1988.