

1. Parish : Ixworth Thorpe

Meaning: Farm/hamlet dependent on Ixworth

2. **Hundred:** Blackbourn

Deanery: Blackburne (–1972), Ixworth (1972–)

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

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

Other administrative details:

Abolished ecclesiastically to create Ixworth with Ixworth Thorpe 1968
Blackbourn Petty Sessional Division
Bury St Edmunds County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,065 acres land (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed:

- a. Deep well drained sand and coarse loam, some with slowly permeable subsoils and slight seasonal water-logging. Risk wind erosion
- b. Deep fine loam soils with slowly permeable subsoils and slight seasonal water-logging. Some fine/coarse loams over clay. Some deep well drained coarse loams over clay, fine loam and sandy soils

5. **Types of farming:**

1086 12½ acres meadow, 2 mills, 2 beasts, 6 pigs, 30 sheep, 2 oxen

1283 261 quarters to crops (2,088 bushels), 44 head horse, 176 cattle, 106 pigs, 372 sheep*

1500–1640 Thirsk: Sheep-corn region where sheep are main fertilising agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop. Also has similarities with wood-pasture region with pasture, meadow, dairying and pig keeping

1818 Marshall: Wide variations of crop and management techniques including summer fallow in preparation for corn and rotation of turnip, barley, clover, wheat on lighter lands

1937 Main crops: Wheat, barley, oats, beans, turnips, sainfoin

* 'The Hearth Tax Return for the Hundred of Blackbourn 1662', transcribed by S. Colman. PSIA Vol. XXXII part 2, p.168

10. Benefice: Donative 1831, Vicarage 1912

1254 Valued £5
 1291 Valued £5 6s. 8d.
 1341 Valued £6 0s. 1d.
 1535 Rectory of Thorpe in the hands of Priory of Ixworth, valued £5 11s. 7d.
 1603 Stipend of £6 9s. p.a.
 1831 1 curate, stipend £21 p.a. No glebe house. Gross income £21 p.a.
 1835 Valued £20. Incumbent receives £50 p.a. (£30 as a gift from patron and £20 grant from Ely Diocesan Fund)
 1912 Living vacant – services conducted by vicar of Ixworth

Patrons: The King (1603), Sir C. Lamb (1831), William Manfield (1891)

11. Church All Saints

(Chancel, nave, S. porch, portions of brick tower)

1086 This is designated a Domesday church in 'Suffolk Churches' by H. Munro Cautley, however this has been unsubstantiated by this study.

Small thatched building

Norman S. doorway

12th cent. Single light windows, N. side chancel and priests door

14/15th cent. Main structure

Seats: 22 appropriated, 98 free (1873)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1791 1 house set aside for worship

13. Manorial:

Thorpe By Ixworth

1066 Manor of 1 carucate held by Acolf

1086 Manor of 1 carucate belonging to Saissalin

11/12th cent. William de Blund owns with Geoffrey de Thorpe (linked to Ixworth, Langham, Sapiston, Walsham le Willows)

13th cent. William de Pakenham owns

1426 John Bardeswell owns, some confusion as to possible ownership by Ixworth Priory

1546 Richard Codington owns (linked to Santon Downham, Badwell Ash, Ixworth and Sapiston)

1595 Thomas Croftes died seised (linked to Barnham)

1690 John Lamb owns

1798 Sir James Bland Burgess owns assuming the name Lamb by Royal Licence 1821 in which family it remains

14. Markets/Fairs:

15. Real property:

1844 £1,163 rental value
1891 £1,012 rateable value
1912 £848 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844 Sir Charles N. Lamb, sole owner
1891 William Manfield, sole owner
1912 Sir Archibald Lamb, sole owner

17. Resident gentry:

1680 1 gent.

18. Occupations:

1500–1599 3 husbandmen, 1 yeoman
1600–1649 1 husbandman, 4 yeomen
1650–1699 2 husbandmen, 4 yeomen, 1 spinster, 1 linen weaver, 1 labourer
1831 37 in agriculture, 1 in retail trade, 5 in domestic service
1844 3 farmers, beer seller, shopkeeper/gamekeeper
1912 Blacksmith, beer retailer, farmer, farm bailiff

19. Education:

1891 Children attend Honington school
1912 Children attend school at Ixworth and Honington

20. Poor relief:

1776 £17 17s. 10d.
1803 £57 3s. 6d.
1818 £144 17s.
1830 £49 13s.
1832 £66 3s.
1834 £65 15s.

21. Charities:

Town Estate:

1840 Cottage, barn, 21 acres 1R 37P let at £20 p.a. to church repairs and residue distributed among poor

Wright's Charity:

1674 By will of John Wright: 5 acres called North Croft Close, Hopton let at £7 7s. for distribution among either poor widows or poor persons when former are insufficient in number

22. Other institutions:

1891 Ixworth Farmers Club

23. Recreation:

1844 Beer seller
1891/1912 Beer retailer
1936 The Oak public house

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

'Ixworth and Ixworth Thorpe' 1952–1977

Mains water introduced 1950's

Mains electricity introduced 1947.

18th cent. blacksmiths shop demolished 1970's.

Village sign erected 1976.

*'A Suffolk Hundred in 1283', by E. Powell 1910. Concentrates on Blackbourn Hundred. Gives land usage, livestock and the taxes paid.