

# 1. Parish : Timworth

**Meaning:** Tima's enclosure

2. **Hundred:** Thedwastre

**Deanery:** Blackburn (–1884), Thingoe (1884 –)

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

**RDC/UDC:** Thingoe RD (–1974), St Edmundsbury DC (1974–)

## **Other administrative details:**

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

3. **Area:** 1,375 acres land (1912)

4. **Soils:**

**Mixed:**

- a. Deep well drained fine loam over clay, coarse loam over clay and fine loam, some with calcareous clay subsoils
- b. Small section of deep permeable sand and peat affected by groundwater. Risk winter flooding and wind erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

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 some pig keeping

1818 Marshall: Wide variation of crops 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, turnips, oats

1969 Trist: More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet. Described as being mixed stock and arable. Crops ranging from silage, sprouts, corn, potatoes and beet

6. **Enclosure:**

**7. Settlement:**

1978 Very small settlement around Timworth Green.  
Dismantled railway runs N–S. Church situated to North of main settlement.

**Inhabited houses:** 1674 – 21, 1801 – 19, 1851 – 43, 1871 – 39,  
1901 – 38, 1951 – 29, 1981 – 24

**8. Communications:**

**Roads:** To Ampton, Culford and Ingham

**Rail:** 1891 Ingham station (1 mile)  
Thetford–Bury St Edmunds line opened  
1876, closed for passengers 1953,  
closed for goods 1960. Ingham station  
now used as contractors yard and offices

**9. Population:**

1086 – 45 recorded  
1327 – 50 taxpayers paid £3 12s. 10d.  
1524 – 16 taxpayers paid £0 19s. 8d.  
1603 – Not listed  
1674 – 29 households  
1676 – 75 adults  
1801 – 149 inhabitants  
1831 – 216 inhabitants  
1851 – 241 inhabitants  
1871 – 182 inhabitants  
1901 – 146 inhabitants  
1931 – 144 inhabitants  
1951 – 99 inhabitants  
1971 – 77 inhabitants  
1981 – 56 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Rectory (consolidated with Ingham)**

1254 Valued £8  
1291 Valued £10  
1535 Valued £9 17s. 11d.  
1674 Parsonage has 6 hearths  
1831 1 curate, stipend £60 p.a. Glebe house  
1835 Valued £549 (with Culford and Ingham)  
1891 Consolidated living commuted to £213  
1912 Joint net value £541 p.a. 57 acres glebe

**Patrons:** R. B. de Beauvoir (1831), Rev. E.R. Benyon (1844)  
R. Benyon de Beauvoir (1873), R.B. Berens (1891)

- 11. Church**      **St. Andrew**  
(Chancel, nave, N. porch, tower)
- 1086            1 church plus 30 acres free land in alms  
Original church contained S. tower forming porch at its base
- 12<sup>th</sup> cent.      Chancel
- 14<sup>th</sup> cent.      Main structure.
- 1865            Pulpit brought from St. James, Bury St. Edmunds
- 1868            Remains of original church incorporated in rebuilding
- Seats:** 140 free (1873)
- 12. Nonconformity etc:**
- 1611            1 person negligent in attending church
- 1676            4 nonconformists
- 1825–1836    2 houses set aside for worship
- 13. Manorial:**
- Timworth**
- 1539            Ownership appears to be with Abbot of St. Edmund
- 1541            Anthony Cockett owns
- c.1553            Links with numerous manors throughout Suffolk (Sir N. Bacon). Passing to Barons Cornwallis
- 1824            Richard Benyon de Beauvoir owns
- 1885            Richard Berens owns
- 1896            Trustees of G.A. Paley owns
- 14. Markets/Fairs**
- 15. Real property:**
- 1844            £1,056 rental value
- 1891            £1,154 rateable value
- 1912            £991 rateable value
- 16. Land ownership:**
- 1844            Rev. Edward R. Benyon, sole owner
- 1891            Earl Cadogan, sole owner
- 1912            G.A. Paley, principal owner
- 17. Resident gentry:**
- 1912            Lt. Col. C.G. Nurse
- 18. Occupations:**
- 1500–1549    1 husbandman, 1 tailor

1550–1599	1 priest, 4 husbandmen, 3 yeomen
1600–1649	6 husbandmen, 2 yeomen, 1 gardener, 1 labourer, 1 shepherd
1650–1699	1 husbandman, 4 yeomen, 1 clerk, 1 tailor, 1 bay maker
1831	56 in agriculture, 8 in retail trade, 4 in domestic service, 3 others
1844	Gardener, shoemaker, shopkeeper/shoemaker, 2 farmers
1912	2 farmers, farm bailiff, market gardener, shopkeeper

**19. Education:**

1818	1 boy sent to Ampton and several attend school in Culford 1 Sunday school (30–40 attend)
1833	1 daily school, (33 attend, 20 paid for by the Minister) 1 Sunday school (20 attend)
1912	Children attend school at Ingham

**20. Poor relief:**

1776	£58 19s. 11d.
1803	£151 9s. 0½d.
1818	£146 9s.
1830	£166 15s.
1832	£145 16s.
1834	£136 2s.

**21. Charities:**

**Poors Land:**

1840	3 acres in Timworth, West Stow and Culford let at £3. 10s p.a.
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**22. Other institutions:**

**23. Recreation:**

**24. Personal:**

**25. Other information:**

Headquarters and horse training stables of David Morley at Green Farm c.1972.

'Past and Present: the Three Villages of Culford, Ingham and Timworth' by J.J. Roumieu – contains extracts from parish registers.