

1. Parish: Wkepstead

Meaning: Place where brushwood grew (Ekwall)

2. Hundred: Thingoe

Deanery: Thingoe (- 1884), Horringer (Horningsheath) (1884-1972)
Thingoe (1972-)

Union: Thingoe

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: 2,732 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils,
slight risk water erosion

5. Types of farming:

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| 1086 | | 14 acres meadow, wood for 17 pigs, 70 pigs, 5 cobs, 18 cattle, 100 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 for all sorts' |
| 1818 | Marshall: | Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products |
| 1937 | Main crops: | Wheat, beans, sugar beet, barley |
| 1969 | Trist: | More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet |

6. Enclosure:

1816 115 acres enclosed under Act of (1813)

7. Settlement:

1958 Ribbon type development scattered along Horringer Road. Three specific areas of settlement. a) Church, school and Hall farm, b) Mickley Green (Baptist chapel) and c) Melon Green

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 40, 1801 – 77, 1851 – 140, 1871 – 140, 1901 – 111, 1951 – 122, 1981 – 383

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Horringer and Brockley
1844 Daily carrier to Bury St. Edmunds
1937 Daily bus service to Bury St. Edmunds and Sudbury except Tuesday

9. Population:

1086 — 48 recorded
1327 — 28 taxpayers paid £2. 10s. 3d.
1524 — 40 taxpayers paid £3. 8s. 2d.
1603 — 180 adults
1674 — 73 households
1676 — 73 adults
1801 — 195 inhabitants
1831 — 546 inhabitants
1851 — 618 inhabitants
1871 — 652 inhabitants
1901 — 472 inhabitants
1931 — 391 inhabitants
1951 — 421 inhabitants
1971 — 385 inhabitants
1981 — 421 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254 Valued £20
Portion of R. of Mannestone £1. 6s. 8d.
£21. 6s. 8d.
1291 Valued £14. 13s. 4d.
1535 Valued £14. 4s. 2d.
1674 Rectory has 7 hearths
1831 Glebe house. Gross income £495 p.a. Incumbent also holds rectory of Stanningfield
7 acres glebe. Yearly rent of £600 in lieu of tithes (1843)
1912 Nett value £330. 6 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Sir Robert Drury (1603), T. Image (1831), Mrs. Waller (1855)
T.J. Steele (1873), Rev. E.B. Von Donop (1912)

11. Church St Petronilla
(Chancel, nave, S. porches, W. tower)

Circa 1066 Imposts of chancel arch with nook-shafts
1086 Church + 30 acres free land
Circa 1300 Nave and chancel
 W. tower fragmentary
1658 Spire blew down

Seats: 400 free (1873)

12. Nonconformity etc:

Building erected for worship (1844)
Place of worship for Baptists mentioned (1916)

13. Manorial:

Thrandeston - Woodhall

962 Given to Abbot of St. Edmunds by Theodred
1066/1086 Manor of 5 carucates belonging to the Abbot of St.
 Edmund
1202 Leased to Benedict de Blakeham
1255 Consists of messuage, 445 acres land, 22 acres meadow
 and pasture, 232 acres wood
1539 Sir William Drury owns
1650 Sir Henry Wood owns
1748 Joshua Grigby owns
1795 Charles Earl, 1st Marquis Cornwallis owns
1800 Genral Sir Thomas Hammond/Hammon owns
1855 Sir William Foster owns
1885 Richard Newman owns
1911 Charles James Grimwade owns

Sub Manors:

Doveton Hall/Dorrington Hall/Duffin Hall

1292 Thomas Everard released all rights to Abbot of St
 Edmunds.
1545 Sir George Somerset owns
1548 Thomas Bacon owns
1550 Roger Frost owns
1702 John Hervey owns (linked to Ickworth)

Cage's/Over Cage Hall

1246 Richard Cage held of the Abbot

Circa 1539 Sir William Drury owns (absorbed by main manor)
1837 Rev. James Dewhurst Sprigge owns

Manston Hall

11th cent. Eric de Manston held of the Abbot
1428 John de Brockley died seised
16th cent. Sturgeon family owns
1836 John Jackson owns
1896 George Mainprice owns
1911 Consists of 151 acres including 46 acres 2R called Hawks Farm

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1454 £3. 0s. 1d. rateable value
1844 £3,421 rental value
1891 £2,980 rateable value
1912 £2,043 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844-1912 Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

1680 1 gentlemen
Sir Thomas Hammon, Deputy Lietenant of Suffolk and Middlesex (circa 1800)

18. Occupations:

1550-1600 Carpenter, cook, talior
1600-1700 Blacksmith, carpenter, labourer, yeoman, ploughwright, clothier
1700-1800 Butcher, carpenter, farmer
1831 110 in agriculture, 19 in retail trade, 2 professionals, 11 in labouring, 11 in domestic service, 5 others
1844 Beerhouse keeper/shopkeeper, carpenter, victualler, wheelwright, shoemaker, schoolmaster, shopkeepers, baker/grocer, blacksmith, butcher, farmers
1912 Farmers, shopkeeper/sub-postmaster, wheelwright/carpenter, beer retailers, publicans, blacksmith, wheelwright, bricklayer/shop-keeper

19. Education:

1818 1 endowed school (12 attend). Schoolmaster allowed 8s 6d. quarterly for reading and writing, 5s. 6d. for reading only. His wife received 2s. 6d. quarterly for teaching girls needlework
2 Sunday schools (80)

1833 Endowed cottage school(11 attend, 10 free, 1 fee-paying)
2 daily schools (43 attend, all fee-paying)
3 Sunday schools, 2 supported by Rector (40 attend)
1 for Dissenters of Independents (27 attend)
Public Elementary school built (1874), average attendance (1912) 76.

20. Poor relief:

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| 1776 | £162. 15s. 4d | spent on poor relief |
| 1803 | £319. 17s. 6 ½ d. | spent on poor relief |
| 1818 | £691. 2s. | spent on poor relief |
| 1830 | £615. 5s. | spent on poor relief |
| 1832 | £463. 5s. | spent on poor relief |
| 1834 | £484. 4s. | spent on poor relief |

21. Charities:

Church Lands: 1840 £32 to repairing and ornamenting church

Fuel Money: 1610 by will of Sir R. Drury: £5 p.a. distributed at Christmas in fuel. Place and pension for 1 widow in Hawstead Almshouses

Sparke's Charity: 1721 by will of Thomas Sparke: benefaction for education

Gifts: 1840 by Sir R. Jervis and J.W. Allen of Bath: sums for distribution in fuel

22. Other institutions:

20th cent. Community centre built

23. Recreation:

1844 1 beerhouse, The White Horse public house
1891/1912 2 beer retailers, The Pear Tree and The White Horse public houses
20th cent. Social Club for Young Men

24. Personal:

Sir Thomas Hammon: (Circa 1800) Knight of Grand Cross of Hanover and Royal Order of Wirtemberg. 1st Equerry to King George IV, Lt. Governor of Edinburgh and General of the Forces

25. Other information:

Manston: Manston Hall (moated 16th cent. Building) originally had its own chapel

Doveton Hall: (mainly 15th cent) Grade II listed building, tall chimneys, carved oak panelling (17th cent.), moated, 3 cell open hall house.

Church: There is no other church in England dedicated to this name.

Council houses built by Haywards of Bury St. Edmunds circa 1935

Verandah House: built 1962 as H-bomb shelter (but described as apple store) by George Aitken. Construction is from various materials including concrete and farm implements in Canadian Ranch House style. Threatened with demolition (1977)

Archaeological Sites:

Cropmark (CRN 6218)

Med. moated sites (CRN 6220, 6221, 6222)

Med. cross base (CRN 6223)

Enclosure (CRN 6219)

Un. toft (CRN 4019)