

Thornbury

Thornbury is located within Torrington local authority area. Historically it formed part of Black Torrington Hundred. It falls within Holsworthy Deanery for ecclesiastical purposes. The Deaneries are used to arrange the typescript Church Notes of B.F.Cresswell which are held in the Westcountry Studies Library.

The population was 330 in 1801 291 in 1901. Figures for other years are available on the local studies website. In 1641/2 78 adult males signed the Protestation returns.

A parish history file is held in Holsworthy Library. You can look for other material on the community by using the place search on the main local studies database. Further historical information is also available on the Genuki website.

Maps

The image below is of the Thornbury area on Donn's one inch to the mile survey of 1765.



- On the County Series Ordnance Survey mapping the area is to be found on 1:2,500 sheet 50/4
- Six inch (1:10560) sheet 50NE
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is SS401085
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
 - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) sheet SS40NW
 - Explorer (1:25,000) mapping sheet 126
 - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping sheet 190
- Geological sheet 307 also covers the area

Extract from Devon by W.G.Hoskins (1954), included by kind permission of the copyright holder:

Thornbury gets its name from some earthwork of which there is now no trace. Of the scattered farms Wonford and North Week were Domesday manors, and Bagbeare gave its name to a family who lived here for some centuries.

The church (St. Peter) is one of a group in this district retaining much 14th century work. There is a good Norman S. doorway (c. 1150), all that remains of the 12th century church which was rebuilt c. 1330. A heavy-handed restoration in 1876 (when the tower was raised by 5 ft.) has obscured much of the original work. There is a fine altar tomb with recumbent effigies in alabaster to Sir John Specott (d. 1641) and Elizabeth his wife.

Thorncombe

Thorncombe is located within Dorset local authority area. Historically it formed part of Axminster Hundred. It falls within Honiton Deanery for ecclesiastical purposes. The Deaneries are used to arrange the typescript *Church Notes* of B.F.Cresswell which are held in the Westcountry Studies Library. The lay subsidy of 1524 valued the community at £07/09/08. Transferred to Dorset 1844.

A parish history file is held in Axminster Library. You can look for other material on the community by using the place search on the main local studies database.

Maps

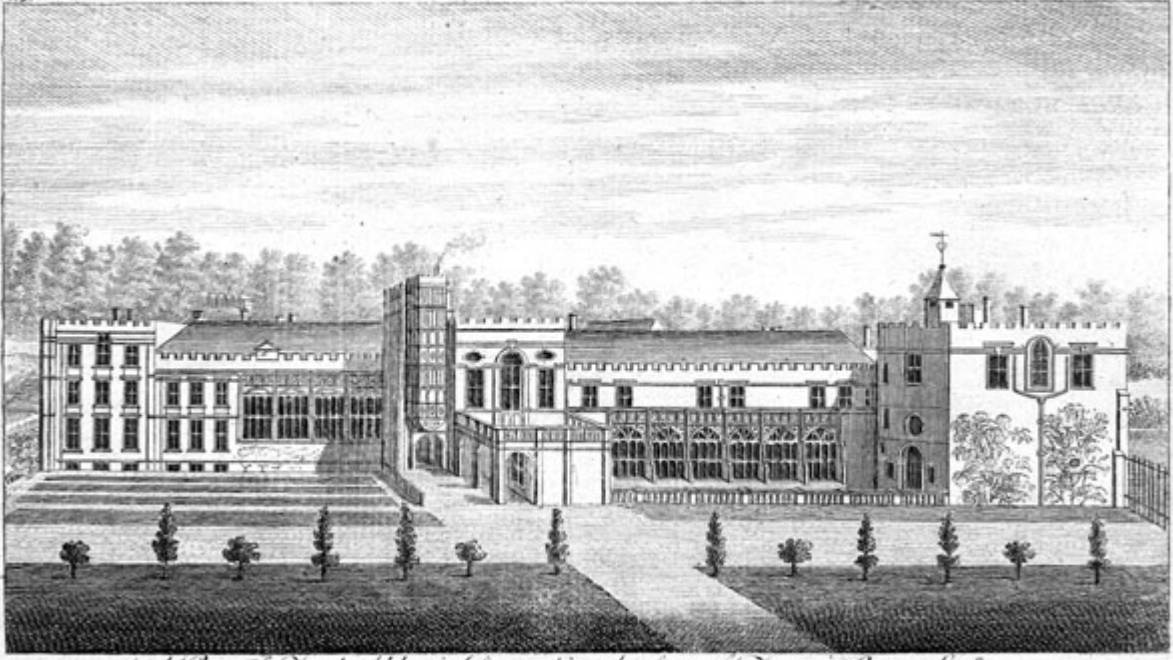
The image below is of the Thorncombe area on Donn's one inch to the mile survey of 1765.



- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is ST380020
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
 - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) sheet ST30SE
 - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping sheet 193.

Illustrations

The image below is of Thorncombe as included in the Library's illustrations collection. Other images can be searched for on the local studies catalogue.



A View of Fords Abbey in Devonshire, the Seat of Francis Gwyn Esq.

Thorverton

Thorverton is located within Mid Devon local authority area. Historically it formed part of Hayridge Hundred. It falls within Cadbury Deanery for ecclesiastical purposes. The Deaneries are used to arrange the typescript Church Notes of B.F.Cresswell which are held in the Westcountry Studies Library.

The population was 1168 in 1801 813 in 1901. Figures for other years are available on the local studies website. In 1641/2 258 adult males signed the Protestation returns.

A parish history file is held in Tiverton Library. You can look for other material on the community by using the place search on the main local studies database. Further historical information is also available on the Genuki website.

Maps

The image below is of the Thorverton area on Donn's one inch to the mile survey of 1765.



- On the County Series Ordnance Survey mapping the area is to be found on 1:2,500 sheet 56/14
- Six inch (1:10560) sheet 56SW
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is SS924021
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
 - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) sheet SS90SW
 - Explorer (1:25,000) mapping sheet 114
 - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping sheet 192
- Geological sheet 325 also covers the area

Illustrations

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Extract from Devon by W.G.Hoskins (1954), included by kind permission of the copyright holder:

Thorverton is a large and ancient village with much interesting building in cob, local stone, and thatch. The well-known Thorverton stone was quarried from the 12th century onwards at Raddon, 1 m. W. of the village, where the abandoned workings may be seen. Among the buildings may be noticed particularly a butcher's shop in the local style (1763); the Dolphin Hotel (18th century), dating from the days when Thorverton was on a busy cross-road; and several good 18th and 19th century houses along the station road. The main streets are followed by a channelled stream, characteristic of several E. Devon villages.

The church (St. Thomas Becket) was rebuilt in the late 15th-early 16th century, and satisfactorily restored about 1834, when the nave was rebuilt. There are slate floor-slabs to the Tuckfields of East Raddon, but no other monuments of any note.

The parish contains much beautiful hill scenery. It consists largely of a fertile red earth, excellent for wheat, barley, and apples; but the apricots for which the village has long been famous are no more.

There are several ancient farms in the parish. Raddon Court, 1½ m. W. of the village, takes its name from the prominent range of hills near by ("red hill") and was a Saxon estate. Other old farms are Upcott, Bidwell, and Lynch. Traymill, in the N. of the

parish, on the Exe, is substantially a small medieval manor house, built c. 1400, with some traced windows, arched doorways, and its original hall roof.

Thorverton Bridge, over the Exe, is a modern concrete structure, the successor of several earlier bridges. In 1307 the first bridge was "newly built," probably of timber. Both Thorverton mill (still working*) and Traymill were Domesday watermills, serving the large manor of Silverton.

* [Although Thorverton mill was still in use when Hoskins published his book on Devon in 1954, it closed down in 1979].

Throwleigh

Throwleigh is located within West Devon local authority area. Historically it formed part of Wonford Hundred. It falls within Okehampton Deanery for ecclesiastical purposes. The Deaneries are used to arrange the typescript Church Notes of B.F.Cresswell which are held in the Westcountry Studies Library.

The population was 331 in 1801 241 in 1901. Figures for other years are available on the local studies website. In 1641/2 67 adult males signed the Protestation returns.

A parish history file is held in Okehampton Library. You can look for other material on the community by using the place search on the main local studies database. Further historical information is also available on the Genuki website.

Maps

The image below is of the Throwleigh area on Donn's one inch to the mile survey of 1765.



- On the County Series Ordnance Survey mapping the area is to be found on 1:2,500 sheet 77/15
- Six inch (1:10560) sheet 77SE
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is SX668908
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
 - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) (six inch to a mile: sheet SX69SE
 - Explorer (1:25,000) mapping sheet 113
 - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping sheet 191
- Geological sheet 324 also covers the area

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Throwleigh is a more remote parish on the NE. edge of Dartmoor, much of it running far up into the high moorland. Numerous hut-circles are to be found on Throwleigh Common.

The church (St. Mary the Virgin) is most attractive: rebuilt of granite in the 15th century with a N. aisle added early in the 16th. The dignified granite tower was added c. 1500. Notice the fine priest's doorway, the 15th century pulpit incorporating fragments of the rood-screen, and the E. window by Comper.

The parish contains a number of fine old moorland farmhouses, lying down in the sheltered hollows below the intricate lanes. Most notable of these are North Wonson (a fine specimen of an early 16th century granite farmhouse), Wonson Manor (17th century) near the remains of an older house, and Shilston (16th-17th century). In the "village" are the 15th century Church House, and some other houses and cottages of 16th- and 17th century date. This is an unspoiled piece of country, in which the student of English peasant building will find much to please and interest him.

Thrushelton

Thrushelton is located within West Devon local authority area. Historically it formed part of Lifton Hundred. It falls within Tavistock Deanery for ecclesiastical purposes. The Deaneries are used to arrange the typescript Church Notes of B.F.Cresswell which are held in the Westcountry Studies Library.

The population was 417 in 1801 307 in 1901. Figures for other years are available on the local studies website. In 1641/2 72 adult males signed the Protestation returns.

A parish history file is held in Tavistock Library. You can look for other material on the community by using the place search on the main local studies database. Further historical information is also available on the Genuki website.

Maps

The image below is of the Thrushelton area on Donn's one inch to the mile survey of 1765.



- On the County Series Ordnance Survey mapping the area is to be found on 1:2,500 sheet 87/6
- Six inch (1:10560) sheet 87NW
- The National Grid reference for the centre of the area is SX448876
- On the post 1945 National Grid Ordnance Survey mapping the sheets are:
 - Six inch to a mile (1:10,000) sheet SX48NW
 - Explorer (1:25,000) mapping sheet 112
 - Landranger (1:50,000) mapping sheet 190
- Geological sheet 323 also covers the area

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Thrushelton lies in the unknown country falling from Lewdon to the river Thrushel. The river gets its name from the O.E. word for "thrush" (cf. "throstle" today), the bird that most haunted its banks, just as the Yarty in E. Devon is named after the water-wagtails (*earte*) that flickered up and down its stones. The parish church (St. George), beautifully sited, has a delightful unsophisticated country interior: oil lamps, rough

plastered walls, everything simple and plain. It is substantially a 14th century building, enlarged in the 15th. Orchard was the seat of the Woods from the 16th to the 18th centuries, and is now a much-altered farmhouse.