

A Thynghowe Timeline

The discovery of flint fragments suggest that Thynghowe could have been visited as far back as the Neolithic period.

Other finds from the area around Thynghowe indicate that the area was populated during the Bronze Age.

Cropmarks suggest Romano-British field systems on the fields to the west of Thynghowe and also a Roman marching camp just over a mile away at Gleadthorpe.

Viking warriors were granted land in the area around Thynghowe during the time of the Danelaw. Many local settlements have names of Scandinavian origin.

After the Norman invasion Thynghowe was protected by being inside the boundary of the Crown Forest of Sherwood. The nearby royal palace at Kings Clipstone was frequently visited by the Plantagenet kings.

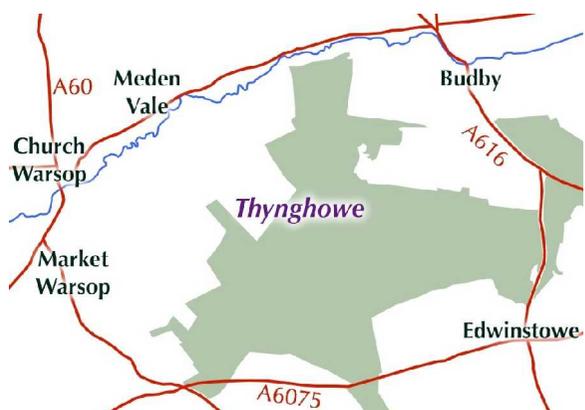
During the 18th and 19th centuries ownership of the land around Thynghowe passed to the Ducal Estates based around Welbeck and Thoresby.

During the 20th century this land was leased to the Forestry Commission.

Since 2005 the Friends of Thynghowe have been investigating Thynghowe and the surrounding area. We will continue to work closely with the Forestry Commission and Mercian Archaeological Services CIC to interpret and conserve the heritage of this remarkable part of Sherwood Forest.

Thynghowe - Where is it?

The site of Thynghowe is on the western edge of the woodland of Sherwood Forest between Edwinstowe and Warsop.



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The Vikings of Sherwood

Investigating the Assembly Site of

Thynghowe



The Friends of Thynghowe

Thynghowe – What next?

For many thousands of years Thynghowe has been an important site for local communities. However, if the archaeology on the hill can be linked to its use for assemblies during the Viking Age, it could be of international significance.

Old trackways give clues to the activities in the landscape surrounding Thynghowe. The Friends of Thynghowe will continue to look for evidence of these routes both on old maps and on the ground.

The higher status people attending a Thing assembly may have stayed in booths or *buds*. We are searching the landscape for evidence of these structures, particularly in *Budby* parish.

Documents and maps will give further clues to the past of Birklands and Thynghowe.

We will continue to use our LiDAR survey data to identify features in the woodlands surrounding Thynghowe.

If areas close to Thynghowe are cleared by forestry operations we will consider commissioning further geophysical surveys.

Sites within Sherwood and further afield that may have connections to Thynghowe will be investigated.

We are involved in helping the Forestry Commission to manage the vegetation around Thynghowe and to protect the archaeology on the hill.

Sharing the stories of the past of Thynghowe and the surrounding area are an important part of the Friends of Thynghowe's work.

Thynghowe – What we know

On the summit of the hill where the three parishes of Budby, Edwinstowe and Warsop meet there are three stones - the Birklands Forest Stone and boundary stones for Edwinstowe and Warsop.

On the northern slope there is a circular bank and ditch that is 60 metres in diameter.

Viewshed analysis indicates that before the area to the north of Thynghowe become so densely wooded the summit of Thynghowe would have been visible from many sites along the valley of the River Meden and also from as far away as Whitwell and Bothamsall.

An ancient trackway named 'Nether Warsop Gate', that ran between Edwinstowe and Warsop, skirts around the edge of the circle.

The name *Thynghowe* indicates that it was the site of Thing assemblies during the time when Danish Vikings settled in the area during the 10th and 11th centuries. Before the current name of Hanger Hill was adopted the hill was variously referred to as *Thynghowe*, *Thinghowe*, *Tynghawe*, *Thynghou*, *Thinkhow*, *Thingaw*, *Thinkhough*, *Tingho*, *Thingoe* and *Thinko* in documents dating from between the 13th and 18th centuries.

The account of the 1816 perambulation of the Manor of Warsop refers to an ancient custom of giving bread, cheese and ale to persons from Warsop who assembled on the slopes of Hanger Hill.

Our 2016 community excavation has revealed the profile of the ditch and bank on the hill. Environmental samples may provide more dating evidence for activity on Thynghowe.

Thynghowe – Discover more

Access to Thynghowe is restricted due to the terms of the leases that the Forestry Commission has for the woodland. However, there are opportunities to join a guided visit to the hill led by the Friends of Thynghowe when we can explain the various features on the hill.

The *Thynghowe Trail* is a waymarked route that skirts the base of Thynghowe and passes many historical features from over a thousand years of history. Download a trail guide from www.thynghowe.org.uk/ThTrail

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The Birklands Forest Stone