

1. Parish: Ickworth

Meaning: Ica's (Icca's) enclosure or homestead

2. **Hundred:** Thingoe

Deanery: Thingoe (–1884), Horringer (Horningsheath) (1884–1965)

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

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:** 1,258 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Fine loam over clay with slowly permeable subsoils and slight sessional waterlogging. Some calcareous/non calcareous slowly permeable clay soils. Slight risk of water erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

1086 6 acres meadow, wood for 24 pigs, 1 mill, 2 cobs, 16 cattle.

1500–1640 Thirsk: Wood-pasture region, mainly pasture, meadow, engaged in rearing and dairying with some pig-keeping, horse breeding and poultry. Crops mainly barely 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 of all sorts'.

19/20th cent. Park land and wood (deer park). Sheep Farming.

6. **Enclosure:**

Parish imparked c.1700

7. **Settlement:**

1978 Totally parked. No evidence to suggest what settlement was like. One can speculate from written sources that

there was a central green near church with 14 farms close by c.1665.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 10, 1801 – 7, 1851 – 12, 1871 – 17, 1901 – 19, 1951 – 18, 1981 – 13

8. Communications:

Road: To Horringer village

9. Population:

1086 – 17 recorded
1327 – 26 taxpayers paid £2 1s. 1d.
1524 – 13 taxpayers paid £3 0s. 10d.
1603 – 109 adults
1674 – 15 households
1676 – 58 adults
1801 – 67 inhabitants
1831 – 43 inhabitants
1851 – 71 inhabitants
1871 – 115 inhabitants
1901 – 100 inhabitants
1931 – 99 inhabitants
1951 – 81 inhabitants
1971 – 55 inhabitants
1981 – 42 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory (with Horringer)

1254 Valued £12
1291 Valued £10 13s. 4d.
1674 Parsonage has 3 hearths. Already burned down by 1707. Barn, stable and 5 acres pasture, 1R great common field, and 1 acre prime field. Decision not to rebuild parsonage 1712, living combined with Chedburgh. 5 cares pasture (glebe land), 1 barn 1716. All tithes paid to Earl of Bristol who allows rector £40 p.a. (1740). Discharged rectory valued £193 5s. 1855.
1912 Consolidated with Horringer. Joint nett value £385. 18 acres glebe.

Patrons: Mr John Hervey (1603), Marquis of Bristol (1855–)

11. Church St. Mary
(Chancel, nave, N. porch, W. tower)

1086 Church + ½ acre land
13th cent. Chancel
14th cent. N. aisle, wall paintings.

19th cent. Tower, S. aisle (painted barrel roof), roof to navel and chancel
 1982 Redundancy pending
 Seats: unrecorded

12. Nonconformity etc:

1603 5 men and women refuse communion.
 1611 3 persons not receiving communion.
 1676 4 catholics.

13. Manorial:

Ickworth Manor

c.955 Manor given to monks by Theodred
 1066/1086 Estate of 3 carucates belonging to the Abbot of St. Edmunds
 1248 Held by the de Ickworth family from the Abbot
 1254 Thomas de Ickworth had licence to impark lands at Ickworth
 13th cent. Consisted of messuage, 450 acres land, 19 acres meadow, and pasture, 17 acres wood, windmill with a warren and liberty of foldage
 1426 Henry Drury owns
 1431 Crown property
 1470 Granted to William Hervey in which family it remains

14. Markets/Fairs:

15. Real property:

1454 £2 9s. rateable value
 1844 £2,074 rental value
 1891 £1,315 rateable value
 1912 £1,228 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844–1912 Park owned by Marquis of Bristol
 1956 National Trust property

17. Resident gentry:

Henry Drury, Escheater for Suffolk 1438
 Hon. John Hervey, 1660–1685 Treasurer to the Queen's Majesty
 1680 1 gent recorded
 John, Lord Hervey c.1733
 George William Hervey, 2nd Earl of Bristol 1758

Frederick William Hervey, 5th Earl 1804
Frederick Hervey, 3rd Marquis, Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk
Marquis of Bristol 1839

18. Occupations:

1500–1600 Carpenter
1600–1700 Clerks, labourer, tanner, blacksmith
1700–1800 Labourers, farmers, gamekeeper, gardener
1831 6 in agriculture, 5 in labouring, 2 in domestic service
1844 Gardener, park-keeper
1912 Head Gardener, forester, gamekeeper, clerk of works

19. Education:

1818 Children attend Horringer
1833 1 Sunday school (books supplied by minister) (25 attend)
1912 Children attend school in Horringer

20. Poor relief:

1776 £12 15s. 3d.
1803 £47 19s. 3d.
1818 £181 12s.
1830 £121 12s.
1832 £89
1834 £67 11s.

21. Charities:

Hervey Gift:

1693 by Elizabeth Hervey: 5s. fixed payment (not paid since 1751).

Hervey's Charity:

1751 by will of John, Earl of Bristol: £100 for apprenticing poor children

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

Sheepdog trials held in the park 1984

24. Personal:

John, Lord Hervey: 1733 Chamberlin, Lord Privy Seal, Privy Councillor, twice Lord Justice of the Kingdom.
George William Hervey: 1758 Ambassador-Extraordinary and

Plenipotentiary to Spain, Privy Councillor and Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Lord Privy Seal.
Frederick William Hervey: 1804 hereditary High Steward of Liberty of St. Edmund.

25. Other information:

No specific date for depopulation of Ickworth village 17/early 18th cent.

Widow of John Hervey allowed original hall to fall in disrepair, matter brought before Commons 1697. Hervey returned to live at Ickworth Lodge 1702.

Ickworth Survey Book 1665 by T. Covel.

Ickworth House designed by Francis Sandys 1792.

Building of Ickworth began by 4th Earl of Bristol, the Bishop of Derry 1796.

Taken over by the National Trust 1956. Bristol family maintain living quarters. Open to the public for first time 1957.

Group of volunteer conservationists clear the Albana Walk 1981.

Ickworth House Guides 1970's.

Ickworth Lodge converted to residential home for elderly 1982.

Obelisk built in Ickworth Park 1803.

'Fresco in Ickworth Church' by the Marchioness of Bristol. PSIA Vol.XIV, p.57.

'A History of Ickworth', by A. Hervey.

'A Survey of the Landscape of Ickworth, Suffolk' by J.L. Phibbs and C. Gallagher 1980.

'Article on the Church', by M.W. Hervey c.1930.

'A History of Horringer and Ickworth', by Z. Ward.

'Ickworth Manor House', by A. Hervey. PSIA Vol.II, p.29.

The Family of Hervey, by Rev. Lord A. Hervey. PSIA Vol.II, p291.

Deeds relating the Ickworth Parsonage 1707–c.1791.

Materials of the Parsonage house used to repair Chedburgh parsonage house 1712.

Ickworth Parish Registers 1566–1890.