The Thynghowe Trail

On 26th July 1816 a group of Warsop folk walked around the entire boundary of the Manor of Warsop, checking the positions of markers and participating in events to establish the route in their memories. The rediscovery of a document describing this perambulation has raised awareness of the significance of this boundary and provided the stimulus for further research.

The most prominent feature along this trail is Thynghowe, now known as Hanger Hill. This site has still to reveal many of its mysteries but it has been an important meeting place for well over a thousand years. It is located on the boundary between three parishes and may once have been an important location on the border of the kingdoms of Northumbria and Mercia.

Thynghowe was an assembly site during the Viking age. The account of the 1816 perambulation relates that when they reached the hill "according to ancient custom bread and cheese and ale ... was given away to a number of persons from Warsop".

Throughout this walk you may become aware that the paths lead up to this hill and that you are following in the footsteps countless generations of forest folk and the aristocracy who controlled their lives.

This trail hopes to give an insight into the past of the Birklands area of Sherwood Forest through Saxon times, the Crown Forest, the era of the Welbeck and Thoresby estates, to modern forestry and military use.

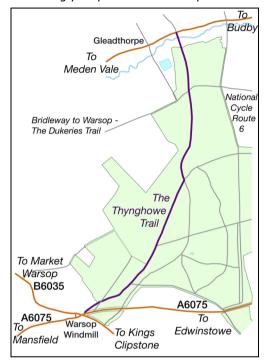
The Friends of Thynghowe

The Friends of Thynghowe was formed in 2005 with members from the villages of Edwinstowe, Clipstone and Warsop. We are interested in discovering more about the history and ecology of the part of the Forest of Birklands centred on Hanger Hill, formerly known as Thynghowe.

More information on www.thynghowe.org.uk

Directions

From Warsop Windmill follow the public footpath sign along the hedge into the forest. Thynghowe Trail waymark posts mark the trail with the letters on the posts indicating your position on the map.





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A walk into the past of Sherwood Forest along the boundaries of Warsop, Edwinstowe, Clipstone and Budby

