

# THORNBOROUGH



*Forge Cottage on Village Green*

## FOOTPATHS MAP

Scale: approx. 4" - 1mile

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### **1 Village Hall**

*Built in 1841 and given to the village as a school, it was used as a Sunday School by the Church when the Village School was opened next door. Although in constant use, the hall fell into disrepair and was closed in 1989. Fund raising was organised by many people in the village, and the hall was restored to its present condition and reopened in 1995.*



*Village Hall and Church*

### **2 Church**

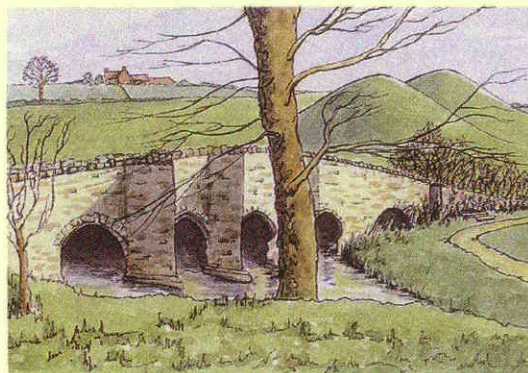
*St Mary's Church dates from at least 1237, when the first vicar was recorded. Some say it dates back to Saxon times ie 7th century, until the Normans came. It stands in the centre of the village next to the Village Hall and Thornborough County First School. Its bells are made of steel and were restored in 1987. There are only 12 peels of steel bells in the world.*

### **3 Two Brewers**

*In the centre of the village, this thatched building has recently been restored following a fire in 1997. It is a free house, and is a lively meeting place for many organisations and clubs in the village, hosting regular darts and dominoes matches.*

### **4 Thornborough Bridge**

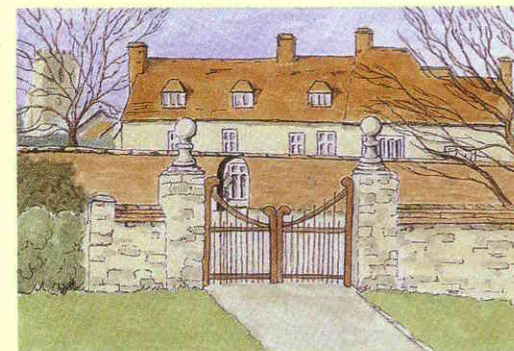
*Thornborough Bridge dates from the 14th century and is the only surviving medieval bridge in the county. The 'cutwaters' or V shaped projections were used to divert river debris and as passing places for pedestrians. The new bridge which is adjacent was built in 1974. The medieval bridge is a scheduled ancient monument.*



*Thornborough Bridge*

### **5 Thornborough Mounds**

*To the east of Thornborough Bridge are two burial mounds dating from the 2nd century. They were excavated in 1840 and bronze lamps, pottery and other bronze artefacts were found.*



*Thornborough Manor*

### **6 Thornborough Mill**

*Thornborough Mill was mentioned in the Domesday Book, and was a working mill until about 1940.*

### **7 The Lone Tree**

*The Lone tree is thought to date back to 1695, although a previous pub known as 'The Bear' may have existed before then. The thatched barn adjacent to the main building houses a victorian postbox for which the Post Office pays one shilling a year rental! The tree to which the pub owes its name was knocked down by a motor lorry in 1918.*

## **8 Thornborough Pond**

A colony of water voles was discovered in the banks of the pond and further along the brook towards the playing fields. Water Voles are one of the most endangered mammals in the country, and

efforts are being made to preserve their habitat. The number of colonies in the area has reduced dramatically over last 15 years, due to the changing character of river banks and the loss of wetlands.



*The Dole Tree*

## **9 Medieval Village Site**

The remains of a medieval village which was active in the 13th century but deserted in the early 17th century can be traced to the south west of Thornborough. On the site are traces of an old manor with a chapel dedicated to St Lawrence.

## **The Buckingham Canal Nature Reserve**

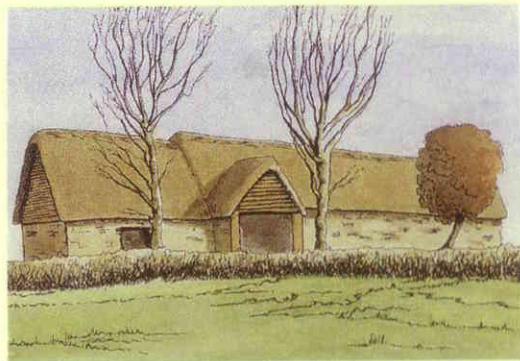
Part of the disused canal running near Thornborough was bought by BBONT (Berks.

Bucks and Oxfordshire Naturalist Trust) in 1972 as a nature reserve. There are remains of an old lock. The Buckinghamshire Arm of the Grand union Canal was opened in 1801, became disused by 1910 and officially abandoned in 1961

## **10 Thornborough Community Woodland**

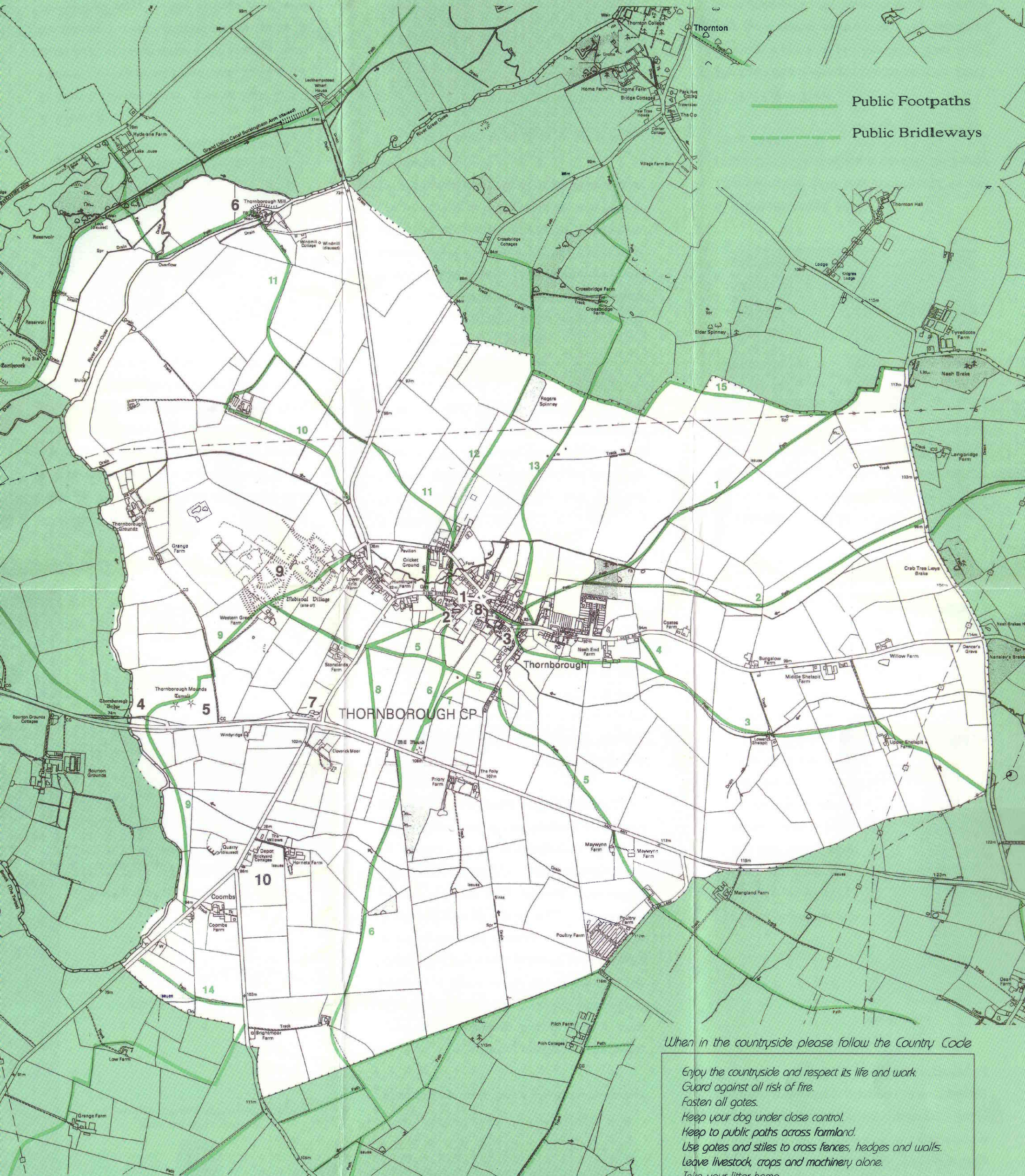
Located at Coombs, along the Padbury road, this new woodland is being created by Buckinghamshire County Council's Countryside Services, with the help of local volunteers. This is the first Community woodland in the County, planting began in 1996 and will continue over a five year period. The woodland area covers some 34 hectares and includes flower rich meadows, and Coombs quarry, one of the County's Regionally Important Geological Sites(RIGS).

Illustrations by courtesy of Betty Bunce, Thornborough.



*Tithe Barn*

# THORNBOROUGH PARISH



Public Footpaths  
Public Bridleways

*When in the countryside please follow the Country Code*

- Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work.*
- Guard against all risk of fire.*
- Fasten all gates.*
- Keep your dog under close control.*
- Keep to public paths across farmland.*
- Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls.*
- Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.*
- Take your litter home.*
- Help to keep all water clean.*
- Protect wildlife, plants and trees.*
- Take special care on country roads.*
- Make no unnecessary noise.*

Leave only your footprints  
Take only photographs

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