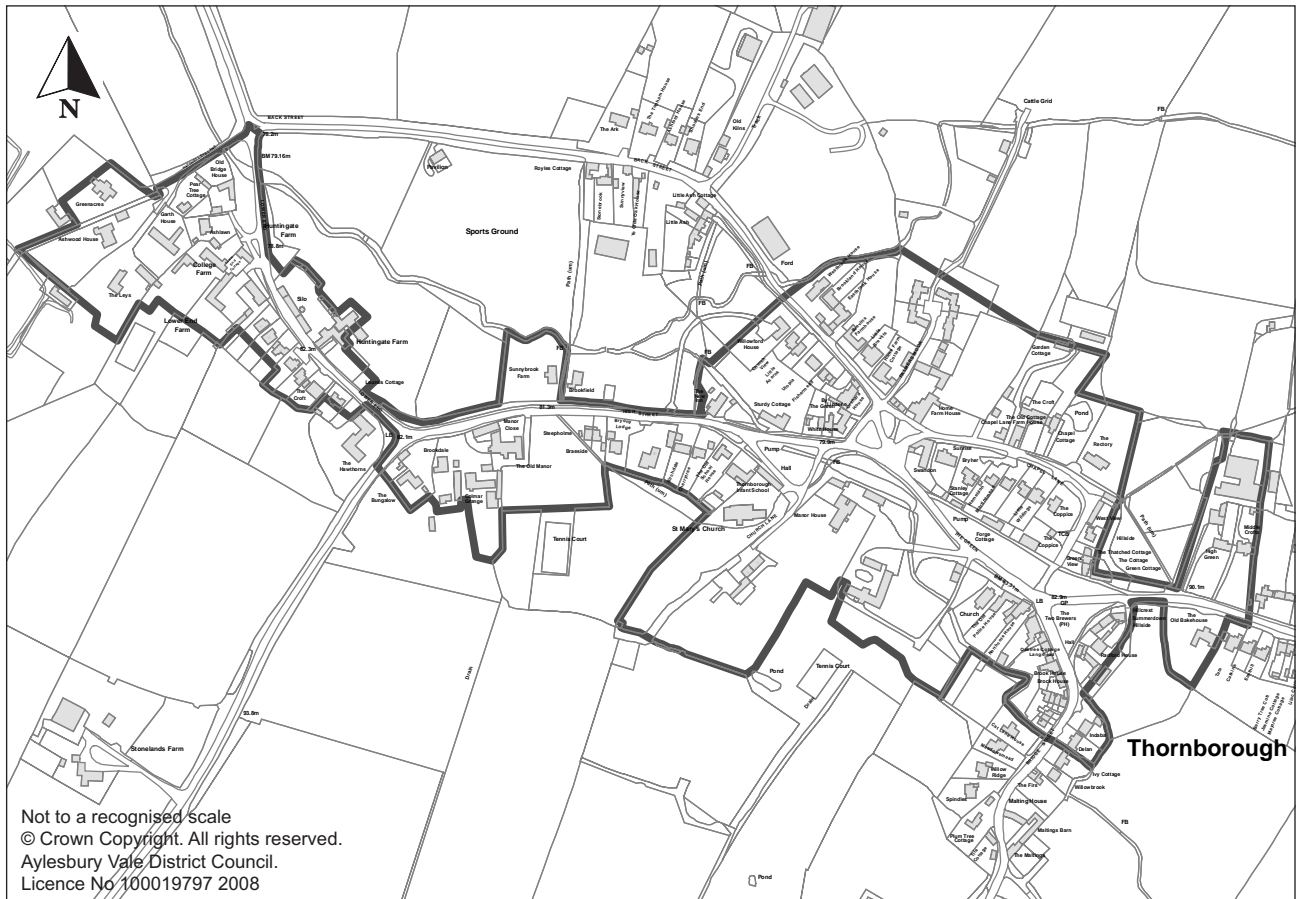


THORNBOROUGH CONSERVATION AREA

Designated 1st January 1971

Thornborough, an attractive stone village, is situated about two miles east of Buckingham. The greater part of the settlement lies along the floor of a shallow valley through which runs a small tributary of the River Ouse. On the western boundary, Lower End, (typical of the 'endships' found in many Bucks villages) stands somewhat detached from the main part of the village.



The village possesses many attractive buildings and the area defined for conservation contains three properties which are included in the Statutory List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest, and five in the Supplementary List. Stone is the predominant building material but some of the old buildings are built of red brick. Roofs are principally of red brown clay tiles, grey slates or thatch. Over the years some of the latter have unfortunately been replaced with corrugated iron.

One of the main features in Thornborough is the large irregular shaped green which sweeps through the centre of the village. Around this is a fairly close knit pattern of pleasant buildings which not only provide a good sense of enclosure but also emphasise the attractiveness of informal shaped spaces. 'Pinch points' occur at the edges where the roads pass through and these act as gateways when entering or leaving the centre. Once inside, curved streets and well placed buildings contain the views and enhance the appearance of the area.

The stream, which adds so much charm to the village is first evident as a feature of the setting as it issues dramatically through an archway in the stone wall which surrounds the Manor House to form the village pond, which, backed by the same high stone wall creates a castle and moat effect. From this point, the stream, crossed at several places by attractive brick arched bridges, passes out of the centre to meander across the meadows to Lower End.

Other features of the conservation area are the stone walls, the two village pumps, the treescape and the many excellent views across and along the valley which can be enjoyed from many public vantage points.

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