

Lordship of Thornbury

Parish/ County	Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire	Principle source	Victoria County Histories
Date	History of Lordship		Monarchs
871	Creation of the English Monarchy		Alfred the Great 871-899 Edward Elder 899-924 Athelstan 924-939 Edmund I 939-946 Edred 946-955 Edwy 955-959 Edgar 959-975 Edward the Martyr 975-978 Ethelred 978-1016 Edmund II 1016 Canute 1016-1035 Harold I 1035-1040 Harthacnut 1040-1042 Edward the Confessor 1042-1066 Harold II 1066 William I 1066-1087
1066	Norman Conquest- Battle of Hastings		
1086	Domesday		William II 1087-1100 Henry I 1100-35 Stephen 1135-54 Henry II 1154-89 Richard I 1189-99 John 1199-1216
1215	Magna Carta		
1215-1217	First Barons War		Henry III 1216-72
1264-1267	Second Barons War		
1324	The Manor and Lordship of Thornbury is owned by William la Zouche. He settles the reversion of Thornbury onto his second son, William.		Edward I 1272-1307 Edward II 1307-27
1333	William releases his claim on Thornbury and it returns to his father.		Edward III 1327-77
1334	William settles Thornbury on his late son's eldest son, William. His son, Eudo, having died in Paris in 1325/6.		
1352	William succeeds his grandfather and is summoned to Parliament as Lord Zouche of Haringworth.		

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1382	Thornbury passes to his son, also called William.	Richard II 1377-1399
1389	William is one of the “evil councillors” banished from the court of Richard II.	
1396	William dies and his son William le Zouche inherits Thornbury	
1413	William participates in the French wars and is made Lieutenant of Calais.	Henry IV 1399-1413
1415	William dies and the Thornbury is inherited by his son, William.	Henry V 1413-22
Unknown	William’s son dies without issue and his son William inherits.	Henry VI 1422-61 1470-71
1455-1487	War of the Roses	
1468	William dies leaving a son and heir John la Zouche however he is only a minor. His mother, who remarries, is wife to Gilbert Debenham, holds Thornbury in trust.	Edward IV 1461-70 1471-83
1470	John’s mother dies and he becomes Lord of Thornbury.	
1471	There are no further records of the Manor and Lordship of Thornbury.	
1534	The Act of Supremacy – Church of England	Edward V 1483 Richard III 1483-5 Henry VII 1485-1509 Henry VIII 1509-47 Edward VI 1547-53 Mary I 1553-58 Elizabeth I 1558-1603
1642-1651	English Civil War	James I 1603-25 Charles I 1625-49 Charles II 1660-85 James II 1685-88 William III 1688-1702 Anne 1702-14
1750-1850	Industrial Revolution	George I 1714/27 George II 1727/60 George III 1760-1820 George IV 1820-30 William IV 1830-7 Victoria 1837-1901

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2014	The title appears not to have been used for 543 years.	Edward VII 1901-10 George V 1910-36 Edward VIII 1936 George VI 1936-52 Elizabeth II 1952-