

# Hello Heritage...

## Thringstone — a diverse community

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For centuries, Thringstone has welcomed people from other areas, and as we move forward in our history, just by looking at census information, we can see how people from other parts of the UK have come to the village mostly for work opportunities. Thringstone has also become home to many people from other countries and, in latter years, we have seen many EU nationalities join our list of residents.

In WW1, Charles Booth found homes for several Belgian refugees who came as family units to the area. The Wilkins brothers, of Main Street, had been educated in Belgium and so found a role as interpreters for these families which must have made them feel welcomed into the village.

In WW2, the area around Thringstone saw several Prisoners of War working on farms, including many who were Italian. Some of these stayed on after the war and married local girls. A number of residents took in evacuees from Birmingham. The children attended the local school and took part in many local activities. Members of the Booth family temporarily left their homes in London to seek safety in the Club House (later the Charles Booth Centre) where they lived for almost a year before returning to the city.



In the 1960s, with the building of the Woodside Estate, many miners proud of their Scottish heritage came to the village. It became known locally as the Scotch Estate. They raised money to build the Rangers Supporters' Club (Now Thringstone Members Club), put together a football team and added a lot to the village, especially around the New Year when Sam Jardine, a local piper, roamed the village with his bagpipes. What began as a Scottish tradition was soon adopted by the village as a whole. People would stand outside their homes as the clock struck midnight to hear the bagpipes welcome in the new year.

Despite its local name, on the same estate lived many families from County Durham who had also moved here to work in the local mines which promised many years of work.

They too brought their local traditions and dialect.



Other 'newcomers' to Thringstone, who have made the village their home, have been Sonia and Michael Demetriou who, on 3rd October 1977, took over the ownership of Ruby's Fish and Chip Shop on The Green. In 1986, the Lakhman family took over the John Street shop, with Kay and her husband becoming owners in 1992. It is now run by Kam Sisodia and his family.

Thringstone indeed welcomes all.

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