Thorpe Thewles History Group (TTHG) is a non-profit making community group based in Thorpe Thewles, County Durham. Its primary constitutional objectives are to research, record and preserve the history and archaeological heritage of Grindon parish and its surroundings. Since its formation in 2005, the group's primary aims have been as listed below:

• To engage in activities which support the group's primary objectives.

• To encourage and promote local communities to have an interest in their heritage.

• To foster relations with other similar local organisations and institutions.

• To raise funds in furtherance of the group's objectives.

TTHG holds monthly meetings and additionally organises an annual series of public lectures/presentations plus some local heritage exhibitions. It issues quarterly newsletters to its members and heritage-based community partners. The group has a social media presence (Facebook) as well as a dedicated website. The latter is about to undergo a significant upgrade to make it a better platform from which to freely showcase and freely distribute its research work. The group is a founding member of the County Durham Forum for History and Heritage and the holder of Tees Valley Rural Community Council's award for being Stockton-on-Tees's outstanding community group of 2009.

TTHG has designed and successfully executed several local heritage projects since 2005. The group has also participated as a volunteer in other locally run heritage projects across the county. Most recently, this has included Durham University's "Belief in the Northeast" project, which was run by their Archaeology Department. Amongst the most notable of TTHG's own projects have been the following:

1) Research and publication of the first dedicated local history book covering Grindon parish - HLF funded to the value of £10k in 2007.

2) Research and publication of an oral and film-based DVD documentary covering the history of Thorpe Thewles during the 20th century - HLF funded to the value of £10k in 2008.

3) The research and conservation of the Grindon Medieval coped grave cover of Roger de Fulthorpe - HLF funded to the value of £5k in 2013

4) Research for the "Thorpe Thewles & District Wartime Memories & Monument Project" - Part funded via a CBA Challenge Funding Grant to the value of £1k in 2010.

5) Research and publication of "A History of Thorpe Leazes Farm" – Privately commissioned by Tom Walker & Sons Ltd. in 2015

Membership Application Form

Would you like to know more about the history and archaeology of Grindon Parish and its immediate surroundings? If so, why not join Thorpe Thewles History Group (TTHG)? We have two different levels of membership depending on what your preferences are. These are outlined below.

1) Associate Member

For just £6 per year, you will receive the following:

1. Four copies of TTHG's quarterly newsletter containing news of the group's public talks, events, activities and local history and archaeology related articles.
2. Free online access to six evening-time Zoom talks on topics of Northeast heritage. These talks are hosted by the County Durham History & Heritage Forum (CDHHF) of which TTHG is an active and founding member.
3. Four copies of CDHHF's quarterly newsletter containing news of the exhibitions, events, and activities plus articles related to the heritage of County Durham between the Tyne and the Tees.

2) Full Member

If you would like to get more actively involved with TTHG's work and projects, then this option is for you. For £25 a year (or £35 for a couple) you will receive all the above Associate Member benefits plus the following additional ones:

1. Invites to take part in TTHG projects and field work (if you want to, there is not commitment required).
2. Automatic entry to each of TTHG's monthly meetings and have group decision making and AGM voting rights.
3. Receive invites to any group excursions and free entry to any of the group's public exhibitions.
4. Have controlled access to the group's extensive archive of local history books, electronic resources, maps and photographs etc.

TTHG membership does not include complimentary access to their own organised public talks as the funds raised from these are donated to the Parish Council's Social Activities Group to help support other activities in the village.

Please use the tick boxes above to indicate the membership type requested and provide the following contact details.

Full Name: …… Telephone Number: ……...

Address: ……...

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Please return a copy of your completed membership application form to the TTHG Membership Secretary: c/o 2 Mill Terrace, Thorpe Thewles, Stockton-on-Tees. TS21 3JS. Alternatively e-mail to tthg@outlook.com. Your subscription payment should be made by either a cheque (made payable to "Thorpe Thewles History Group") or a direct bank transfer using the following details.

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