



ESTABLISHED 1743.

The Prize Medal at the Great Exhibition, 1851, for
Excellence in Quality,

FOR SCYTHES, SICKLES, REAPING HOOKS, &c.,
WAS AWARDED TO





THOMAS STANIFORTH & CO.,
HACKENTHORPE, NEAR SHEFFIELD,
MANUFACTURERS OF

SCYTHES, SICKLES, REAPING HOOKS,
AND
PATENT SHARPING HOOKS, HAY & STRAW KNIVES,
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, SUITABLE FOR
ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND, RUSSIA, POLAND, UNITED STATES,
CANADA, AUSTRALIA, AND ALL PARTS OF THE CONTINENT.

ALSO MANUFACTURERS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION OF
CHAFF, MOWER, REAPER & TURNIP KNIVES; TURNIP & ROOT PULPERS,
STRIPPERS, FINGER PLATES, HORSE HOE BLADES, FILES, &c., &c.

N.B.—Machine Knives of every description made to Paper Pattern, and forwarded the day after
Receipt of Order if required.

CORPORATE MARK,
Registered in England,

GRANTED A.D. 1743.
Germany, Russia, &c.

Owlthorpe History

Owlthorpe sits between Mosborough and Hackenthorpe. The area was farm land for many years. The monument to Mosborough shows that one of the predominant industries was using charcoal to make sickles and scythes for use in the farming industry. The monument has many plaques of interesting information and is well worth a visit.

Thomas Staniforth & Co., was a sickle, scythe tool smiths based in Hackenthorpe, Sheffield, England. **Thomas Staniforth won the Prize Medal at The Great Exhibition 1851, for excellence in quality.** The company was founded by Thomas Staniforth in 1743 and operated out of workshops located on Main Street, Hackenthorpe until it was closed during the 1980s and its assets incorporated into Spear & Jackson. The company was known for its Sever-quick brand of gardening tools.

During the 17th and 18th centuries, the brooks around **Hackenthorpe** and the neighbouring villages of **Mosborough, Ridgeway, Ford and Eckington**, contained a number of grinding wheels used for the sharpening of Sickles and Scythes.

Wood was coppiced from many trees in Owlthorpe to make charcoal used in the many kilns operated by out workers, who then transferred goods to be finished by the grinding wheels and eventually transported by pack horse to Thomas Staniforth's in Main St. The finished

goods were then transported across the bridal ways that run through Owlthorpe on their way to London and abroad.

Please help save Owlthorpe Heritage & Nature Trail by

Signing our petition to Sheffield City Council: <https://chnng.it/6vXHqcGG4S>

Also, our petition to Parliamentary Ombudsman: <https://chnng.it/FPc7X4Nq>

Click here to see a map showing what is at stake: <http://ecological-owlthorpe.org/HigherLevelStewardshipAgreementMap.pdf>

Please read our editorial in the Yorkshire Bylines.

<https://yorkshirebylines.co.uk/region/working-with-nature-sheffield-campaign-calls-for-protection-of-upstream-environments/>

Taking action,

As we say on our website, public opinion is a very strong tool. It is by working together that we can change hearts and minds and curb the over-development of vital green spaces, especially when mature and valuable trees are threatened with the axe. Numbers are important: politicians take notice when they feel a sufficient threat to their re-election.

Thank you for your support

Michael Meredith