

Time Zone 1 - 846 to 1840	Time Zone 2 -1841 to 1899	Time Zone 3-1900 to 1946
<p>846 Aethulwulf King of the West Saxons, father of King Alfred, allocated himself most of the southern South Hams, including the tract of land which became Kingston – "King's Manor or Farm"</p>	<p>1842 Tithes commuted for money payments, details shown on the Tithe Map and in the written Award. These documents supply future historians with a valuable source of information as to land holding, tenure, and use at that time</p>	<p>1901 Population of Kingston now 399; [1901 census]</p>
<p>1086 In the Domesday Book, information on Kingston is included within the manor of Ermington, but the village is not named</p>	<p>1850 Population of Kingston now 529; [White's 1850 Directory of Devonshire]</p>	<p>1912 The old Poorhouse, formerly perhaps 3 alms houses, bought for £30 for the purpose of a Reading Room, to support <i>'physical and mental training and recreation and social, moral and intellectual development'</i>.</p>
<p>1226 The Vicar of Ermington, which included the daughter church of St. James the Less, Kingston, received part of the glebe land in Kingston, formerly farmed by Robert de Womewelle</p>	<p>c1850 John Ryder first described as a 'publican' running the Dolphin Inn</p>	<p>1914-18 World War I. 59 Kingstonians, sharing 34 family names, fought for King and Country. 7 were killed, including John Agg, who died with 800 others when the HMS Vanguard exploded at anchor in Scapa Flow</p>
<p>1276 King Henry 1 gave Kingston to Mathilda Peverel, and the Manor was assessed at one third of a knight's fee. The Lord of the Manor never lived in Kingston, nor was there ever a Manor House</p>	<p>c1860 Kingston School established</p> <p>1873 Wesleyan Chapel consecrated. Earlier chapel noted in White's 1850 Directory</p>	<p>1926 Kingston cut off by severe snowstorm, not quite as bad as '91</p>
<p>1402 Parishioners won the right to bury their dead in Kingston rather than Ermington</p>	<p>1881 Population of Kingston now 470; [White's 1850 Directory]</p>	<p>1928 First council houses built as Park View</p>
<p>1588 A beacon built at Beacon Point to warn against invasion by Spain</p>	<p>1884 Ordnance Survey Map shows two public houses, the Dolphin and the Britannia Inn</p>	<p>1928 First council houses built as Park View</p>
<p>1647 The brig Juno, 200 tons, was discovered wrecked off the entrance to the Erme. The Captain and nine crew were driven onto Bantham Sands</p>	<p>1884 A Post Office is shown on the same map</p>	<p>1934 Kingston was joined to the ecclesiastical parish of Ringmore</p>
<p>1689 Six dissenters wrote to the Bishop of Exeter for permission, under the new Act of Toleration, to meet for worship in a Kingston house</p>	<p>1884 A Post Office is shown on the same map</p>	<p>c1935 Reading Room extended to present size.</p>
<p>1801 The population of Kingston was 354; [Lyson's Survey of Devon]</p>	<p>1890 Kingston described in White's Directory as a <i>'small scattered village - of 2221 acres of which 140 acres are water'</i></p>	<p>1939-46 World War 2. Seven men from Kingston died. Soldiers from the 5th Buffs were stationed to defend Wonwell beach. Two on duty night and day at the phone box opposite Chapel Row</p>
<p>c1803 Signal Station built at Sth Ground, Scobbiscombe, during the Napoleonic Wars</p>	<p>1891 Great Blizzard. The snow was 6-8 ft deep. Sheep were blown into the Erme and cider apple trees destroyed.[Clive Carter, 1971 "The Blizzard of '91"]</p>	<p>1940 The Reading Room given charitable status. Women finally eligible to join the RR Committee. Extension to building completed.</p>
	<p>1893 Completion of major restoration of Parish Church which was in serious disrepair</p>	<p>1941 Gift of land 24x8ft. at north of Reading Room from Hon A Mildmay White for purpose of installing a watertank</p>
	<p>1894 Kingston Parish Council established under the new Local Government Act. Rev. W.F. Tiernay appointed as chairman</p>	<p>1944 First tractor, a Fordson, used at Scobbiscombe</p>

The timeline has been informed by both available documentation and villagers' memories. Its accuracy cannot be guaranteed.

Time Zone 4 - 1947 to 1979	Time Zone 5 - 1980 to 1999	Time Zone 6 – 2000 to 2008
<p>1947 Village again cut off by snow First mention of village Youth Club using Reading Room</p>	<p>1980 The church bells rehung, with two added to make a peal of six</p>	<p>2000/1 First village appraisal identified several areas for future action</p>
<p>1948 23 council houses built as Yellands Park</p>	<p>1983/4 & 1988 First six, then 3 more, bungalows built as Arnolds Close</p>	<p>2001 Kingston population now 399; [2001 census]</p>
<p>1949 Kingston Voluntary Firefighting Unit established as part of Devon Fire Service, with a handcart, stirrup pump and manual pumping apparatus</p>	<p>1985 Two separate conservation areas designated in the village</p>	<p>2001 Quarantine regulations for foot and mouth close the countryside for several months</p>
<p>c1950 The on foot post delivery replaced by a Post Office van</p>	<p>1986 Bigbury joins the ecclesiastical parishes of Kingston and Ringmore</p>	<p>2001 Regular bus service cut, without consultation, to two, then only one, per week</p>
<p>c1950 First self propelled combine harvester used at Okenbury</p>	<p>1991 Guinness Trust builds 14 houses at Westentown</p>	<p>2002 Kingston celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with a street party, village games and a Beacon bonfire. BBC Spotlight presented highlights of the street party</p>
<p>1953 The Honourable Helen W. White, of Mothecombe, gifted 2.5 acres of land, now known as the playing fields, to the Parish Council for recreational use</p>	<p>1993 Village shop closed, Tuesday Morning Market starts in the Reading Room</p>	<p>2002 Beech Torr Farm becomes organic</p>
<p>1956 Terry Randle, the son of Frank Randle, who died in WW2, killed in Malaya</p>	<p>1994 Sub post office opened part time in the Methodist Chapel</p>	<p>2002 'Ted's Tarmac', an all weather playing surface, laid down on the former bowling green, in memory of Ted Curtis, former Parish Council, Parochial Church Council and Reading Room Committee, chairman</p>
<p>1958 First motorized fire engine based in Kingston. Station established on present site</p>	<p>1994/5 Major alterations and refurbishment of Reading Room to current layout</p>	<p>2004 Closure of part time Post Office</p>
<p>1960 The designation of the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), including the whole of the parish of Kingston, was confirmed</p>	<p>1995 Siren used for last time to summon fire crew, pagers introduced</p>	<p>2004 Broadband access extended to Kingston</p>
<p>1963 Construction of sewage treatment works for the village</p>	<p>1995 Okenbury herd of 150 milkers sold</p>	<p>2005 Skate Park opens. Complaints about noise forced relocation across the playing field, with quieter equipment and acoustic barriers</p>
<p>c1964/5 Regular doctors' surgeries, formerly held in the Old Bakery, end</p>	<p>1996 Reading Room basement extension opened. Included toilets, showers, meeting room and access ramp</p>	<p>2005/6 Methodist Chapel closes, planning permission given for conversion to holiday let</p>
<p>1965 Building of 8 private houses as Church Park</p>	<p>1996 National Trust, with support from Heritage Lottery Fund, bought Scobbiscombe Farm, but did not move in until 1999. End of dairy herds at Scobbiscombe. All coastline within the farm boundaries now owned and protected by the Trust</p>	<p>2006 Major restoration of church tower completed</p>
<p>1966 Kingston School, one of the last all age primary schools in Devon, closes with only six children on the roll</p>	<p>1996 Bowling Club established an outdoor 3 rink bowling green on the playing field</p>	<p>2006 Morin's seat placed in the open space, Upper Townsend Park, to commemorate Morin Ness, former Parish Council chairman and good friend of Kingston</p>
<p>1967/8 Quarantine regulations for foot and mouth in force</p>	<p>1999 Tor Homes took over 19 SHDC houses in Kingston</p>	<p>2006 Publication of Kingston Parish Plan, sponsored by Defra. 41 businesses were identified in Kingston and 45 second homes</p>
<p>1970 Fred Williams, the last village blacksmith, closes</p>	<p>1999 Six large houses built as Overlangs, on land formerly belonging to Langs Farm</p>	<p>2007 Kingston wins Calor sponsored Devon Village of the Year award</p>
<p>1972-85 2 barn conversions and 3 new houses on Home Farm</p>	<p>1999 Total eclipse recorded at Kingston. The village commissioned a commemorative First Day Issue to mark the occasion</p>	
<p>1974 Langs dairy herd goes to auction</p>		

The timeline has been informed by both available documentation and villagers' memories. Its accuracy cannot be guaranteed.

Time Zone 5 2009-

2009 Bus shelter built in village centre

2009 Kingston wins Calor sponsored Village of the Year Award for whole of Western Region, including Award for Best Community Spirit.

2009 Kingston Local Lettings Plan agreed with SHDC and Housing Associations. Local people now given priority for Kingston homes.

2010 Active Kingston, a village community initiative, opens new children's play areas on playing field

2010 A copse of 420 trees and specimen oak planted on the playing field by local families.

2012 Feb. 11th Reading Room celebrates 100th anniversary of its purchase



The timeline has been informed by both available documentation and villagers' memories. Its accuracy cannot be guaranteed.

Kingston Time Line

The timeline has been informed by both available documentation and villagers' memories. Its accuracy cannot be guaranteed.