

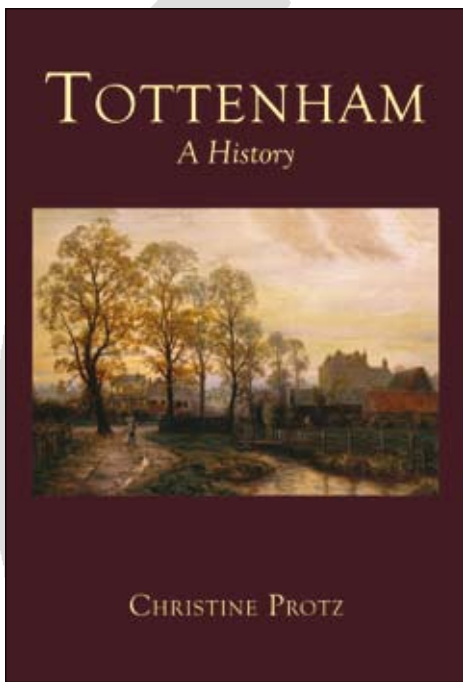
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TOTTENHAM A History

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Tottenham has a documented history stretching back to the Conquest, when it was one of the manors of the Danish Earl, Waltheof, of Northumberland and Huntingdon. For 200 years, until Robert Bruce lost his English lands in his fight for independence, it was in the possession of the Scottish royal family. It then maintained a precarious position as a manor of aristocratic or rich merchant families surrounded by the more mighty church and crown possessions of the neighbouring parishes. The history of the manor has been dominated by its position along Ermine Street, the Roman road running from London to Lincoln. Though not always well maintained, the road facilitated trade to and from the capital, and inns, taverns and early shops were established along the High Street from the later Middle Ages.

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