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# MERCIAN LAW

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### **Why are we called Mercian Law?**

Mercian Law Limited is a Tamworth company, and Tamworth was the centre of the Mercian Kingdom as the Kings main residence was in Tamworth. There is believed to have been a royal palace in Tamworth from the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> century.

### **Kings of Mercia**

The most well-known of the Mercian Kings were Penda (625-655), Wulfhere (657-674), Aethelred(674-704), Aethelbald (716-757) and Offa (757-796).

Mercian power declined after the death of King Offa, and by the 10<sup>th</sup> Century it had lost independence, becoming a part of the Kingdom of Wessex to create the Kingdom of England.

### **Money related history**

In the 10<sup>th</sup> Century Tamworth had a mint, the first penny minted originated from Tamworth and was the only effective currency in England up to the 14<sup>th</sup> Century.

### **Definition**

Mercia (Mierce) means boundary or boundary folk taken from the high land connecting Cannock Chase to the Forest of Arden. Verity Grigg, sole director of Mercian Law Limited, is one of the boundary folk having a lifelong connection with Tamworth. She still lives and works in the town, providing other boundary folk and their businesses with legal advice and assistance.