

1. Parish: Shelland

Meaning: Land on a slope (Ekwall)

2. **Hundred:** **Stow**

Deanery: Stow (- 1972), Stowmarket (1972 -)

Union: Stow

RDC/UDC: E. Stow RD (1894-1934), Gipping RD (1934-1974), Mid Suffolk (1974 -)

Other administrative details:

Stowmarket Petty Sessional Division
Stowmarket County Court District

3. **Area:** 551 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed:

- a. Fine loam over clay with slowly permeable subsoils, slight seasonal waterlogging. Some calcareous/non calcareous slowly permeable clay soils
- b. Small section of deep well-drained sand/coarse loams, some with slowly permeable subsoils and slight seasonal waterlogging, risk wine erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

1500–1640	Thirsk:	Wood-pasture region, mainly pasture, meadow, engaged in rearing and dairying with some pig-keeping, horse breeding and poultry. Crops mainly barley and some wheat, rye, oats, peas, vetches, hops and occasionally hemp. Small area similar to sheep-corn region, sheep main fertilising agent, bred for fattening, barley main cash crop.
1818	Marshall:	Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products. Rotation of turnip, barley, clover, wheat on lighter lands.
1937	Main crops:	Barley, oats, wheat, turnip. Pasture.
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet.

6. **Enclosure:**

7. Settlement:

1958 Extremely small settlement mainly around Shelland Green.
Church situated on southern side of Green (isolated).
Woodland to north. Scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 12, 1801 – 14, 1851 – 21,
1871 – 22, 1901 – 18, 1951 – 22,
1981 – 16

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Harleston and Buxhall

Rail: 1891 Elmswell station. Bury St. Edmunds – Cambridge line
opened (1879), unmanned halt (1967)

9. Population:

1086 — 4 smallholders recorded
1327 — 16 taxpayers paid £2. 2s. (includes Harleston and Onehouse)
1524 — 10 taxpayers paid £1. 5s. 4d.
1603 — 35 adults
1674 — 15 households
1676 — 44 adults
1801 — 90 inhabitants
1831 — 126 inhabitants
1851 — 91 inhabitants
1871 — 97 inhabitants
1901 — 89 inhabitants
1931 — 81 inhabitants
1951 — 69 inhabitants
1971 — 54 inhabitants
1981 — 43 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Donative Chaplaincy

1254 Listed as Haughley cum Chapel of Shelland.
Value £27. 6s. 8d.
To the vicar £1 £28. 6s. 8d.

1291 Not listed

1535 Not listed

1831 No glebe house, gross income £40

1844 Valued £40. Tithes commuted for £125 p.a.

Patrons: C. Tyrrell (1831)

11. **Church** **King Charles The Martyr**
(Chancel, S. vestry, nave. S. porch, W. turret)

13th/14th
cent. Original building
1767 Pulled down and rebuilt
circa 1820 Retains barrel organ in use

Seats: 80

12. **Nonconformity etc:**

13. **Manorial:**

Shelland

1300 Sir Ingebranch de Belet owns
1322 Links with Worlington and Stowmarket (Robert de Scales)
circa 1386 Sir William Bouchier of Hopton owns
1576 Links with Drinkstone and Bildeston (Sir Robert
Devereux, Earl of Essex)
1601 Links with Drinkstone (Sir James Scudamore)
1615 Edward Alston owns
1662 William Cropley owns
18th cent. Rev. Francis Astry owns
circa 1815 Links with Gipping and Stowmarket (Tyrell family)

Sub-manor

Rockylls

15th cent. Bures family owns
1535/36 Links with several Suffolk manors (Sir William Drury)
1564 John Webbe owns
1609 Absorbed by main manor (William Cropley)

14. **Markets/Fairs**

15. **Real property:**

1844 £572 rental value
1891 £548 rateable value
1912 £383 rateable value

16. **Land ownership:**

1844 C. Tyrell and J. Garnham, principal owners
1891 c. Tyrell, sole owner
1912 Capt. Browne and A. Browne, principal owners

17. Resident gentry:

1680 1 gent listed

18. Occupations:

1550–1599 1 yeoman, 1 labourer, 2 husbandmen

1600–1649 1 metalman, 5 yeomen

1650–1699 5 yeomen, 1 linen weaver

1844 Blacksmith, bricklayer, 2 farmers

1912 5 farmers, blacksmith

19. Education:

1818 1 school held Sunday and Wednesday (50 attend), some attend from Onehouse and Harleston

1833 No school listed

1891 Small school on Green, average attendance (15)

1912 Children attend school at Onehouse

20. Poor relief:

1776 £12. 7s. 4d. spent on poor relief

1803 £56. 17s. 6. spent on poor relief

1818 £77. 4s. spent on poor relief

1830 £123. 11s. spent on poor relief

1832 £137. 12s. spent on poor relief

1834 £115 spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Kent's Gift

1712 by will of William Kent. 20s. p.a. paid out of house and orchard on Shelland Green, distributed among poor at Christmas

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Church barrel organ built between 1790 and 1820. Still in use (1986)

Furniture in store from Rockyll's Hall, since (1939), has revealed (1978) 11 oil paintings expected to fetch £43,000 at auction

Rockyll's Hall: circa 1500, moated. Gutted by fire 1934, largely rebuilt.