

1. Parish: Athelington (otherwise Allington)

Meaning: a. The homestead/village of the aethelings or princes
b. The homestead/village of Aepelheah's people

2. **Hundred:** Hoxne

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Union: Hoxne (1835–1907), Hartismere RD (1934–1974), Mid Suffolk DC (1974–)

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Hoxne RD (1894–1934), Hartismere RD (1934–1974), Mid Suffolk DC (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Hoxne Petty Sessional Division
Framlingham and Saxmundham County Court District

3. **Area:** 494 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:** slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay

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
1818	Marshall:	Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, peas and beans
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1958 Railway crossed parish from N–S
Extremely small development around the church.
Settlement positioned close to northern boundary
Few scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 7, 1801 – 11, 1851 – 25, 1871 – 26, 1901 – 19, 1951 – 12, 1981 – 14

8. Communications:

Road: To Bedingfield, Horham, Wilby and Worlingworth
1891 Carrier to Ipswich on Thursday

Rail: 1891 4½ miles Eye Station: Mellis–Eye line opened 1865,
closed for passengers 1931, closed for goods 1964

9. Population:

1086 – Not recorded
1327 – 32 taxpayers paid £3 11s. (includes Horham)
1524 – 8 taxpayers paid 19s. 2d.
1603 – 35 adults
1674 – 7 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 70 inhabitants
1831 – 129 inhabitants
1851 – 117 inhabitants
1871 – 129 inhabitants
1901 – 87 inhabitants
1931 – 71 inhabitants
1951 – 38 inhabitants
1971 – 51 inhabitants
1981 – 35 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory (1831), Discharged Rectory (1844)

1254 Valued £1 13s. 4d.
1291 Valued £4 6s. 8d. £4 13s. 4d.
1535 Valued £6 14s. 2d.
1831 Glebe house, gross income £157 p.a. Incumbent also holds Vicarage of Cretingham
1844 Modus of £150 p.a. 13 acres 3R 12P glebe
1891 Tithe rent of £155 p.a. 16 acres 2R 6P glebe
Rectory house built 1866
1912 Nett value £92 p.a. 16 acres glebe and residence.
Incumbent also holds and resides in Horham
1915 Held with Horham by dispensation

Patrons: Prior and Convent of Butley (–1535), Crown (1603–), Lord Chancellor (1891)

11. Church St. Peter

(Continuous chancel and nave, S. porch, W. tower)

14th cent. Main structure
1644 Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) destroyed 12 superstitious pictures
1871 Major restoration

Seats: 100 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1597 1 person does not receive communion
1912 Baptist minister resides in parish

13. Manorial:

13th cent. Roger de Huntingfield owns
c.1479 John Broughton owns (linked to Rattlesden and Denston)
1548 Chidioc Powett owns
1572 John Wentworth owns (linked to Ashby, Belton, Bradwell,
Corton, Lound, Somerleyton and Flixton)
1583 J. Wythe owns
1678 James Elmy owns
18th cent. John Brooke owns (linked to Boulge, Alderton,
Dallinghoo, Creeting St. Peter)
1772 Thomas Green owns

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844 £711 rental value
1891 £620 rateable value
1912 £416 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844 Thomas Green, principle owner
1891 Mostly freehold belonging to the executors of Thomas
Green
1912 Mrs. Creagh and Mrs. Burton, principle owners

17. Resident gentry:

1680 1 gent

18. Occupations:

1600–1649 2 yeomen, 1 husbandman
1650–1699 1 yeoman, 1 spinster, 1 tanner
1831 29 in agriculture, 4 in retail trade, 4 in domestic service
1844 Maltster, brick and tile maker, carpenter, 4 farmers
1912 4 farmers, shopkeeper

19. Education:

1818	1 day school (14 attend). Some attend school at Worlingworth
1833/1844	Parish contains no school. 2 boys attend endowed school at Worlingworth
1891	Free scholars also sent to Eye grammar school
1912	Children attend school at Horham

20. Poor relief:

1776	£28 16s. 10d.
1803	£78 6s. 2 ³ / ₄ d.
1818	£150 10s.
1830	£173 17s.
1832	£166 5s.
1834	£120 19s.

21. Charities:

Own Estate

1840	1 acre 3R let at £1. 16s. p.a. However it is said to have been sold c.1834 to meet parish contribution towards building of Union Workhouse at Stadbroke
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22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Athelington Hall: early 17th cent., gable end with 2 overhangs on decorated beams.