

1. Parish: Baylham

Meaning: Meadow/enclosure near bend (probably in river) (Ekwall)

2. **Hundred:** **Bosmere (-1327), Bosmere and Claydon**

Deanery: Bosmere

Union: Bosmere and Claydon

RDC/UDC: Bosmere and Claydon RD (1894-1934), Gipping RD (1934-1974), Mid Suffolk DC (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Bosmere and Claydon Petty Sessional Division
Ipswich County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,349 acres, 8 acres water (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed:

- a) Deep well drained loam and sandy soils, locally flinty, in places over gravel, slight risk water erosion
- b) Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion
- c) Stoneless clay soils mostly overlying peat, variably affected by groundwater, risk of localized flooding

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		8 acres meadow, 2 x 3 rd part 2 mills, 2 x 6 th part of mill, 1 mill, 3 cobs, 13 cattle, 40 pigs, 135 sheep
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 with some wheat, rye, oats, peas, vetches, hops and occasionally hemp Also similarities with sheep-corn region where sheep are main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening, barley main cash crop
1818	Marshall:	Wide variations of crop and management techniques including summer fallow in preparation for corn and rotation of turnip, barley, clover, wheat on lighter lands
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, peas
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1958 River Gipping forms natural boundary to est with river crossing at Baylham Mill. Railway crosses eastern sector of parish from NW-SE. Small compact settlements at Upper Street and Lower Street. Baylham Common occupies large portion of SE sector. Church situated slightly to north of Upper Street.
Few scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 24, 1801 – 36, 1851 – 62, 1871 – 64, 1901 – 55, 1951 – 65, 1981 – 77

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Needham Market, Gt. Blakenham and Nettlestead
1912 Carriers to Ipswich daily
Rail: 1891 2½ miles Claydon station.: Ipswich – Bury St. Edmunds line, opened (1845), station closed (1963)
Water: River Gipping: Canalized (1789)
Navigation Act (1790), river became navigable to Ipswich

9. Population:

1086 — 38 recorded
1327 — 20 taxpayers paid £2. 4s. 2d.
1524 — 20 taxpayers paid £3. 6s. 11d.
1603 — 80 adults
1674 — 35 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 232 inhabitants
1831 — 238 inhabitants
1851 — 310 inhabitants
1871 — 275 inhabitants
1901 — 255 inhabitants
1931 — 249 inhabitants
1951 — 218 inhabitants
1971 — 239 inhabitants
1981 — 215 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254 Valued £6. 13s. 4d.
1291 Valued £9. 6s. 8d.
1535 Valued £12. 4s. 9d.
1831 Glebe house, gross income £264 p.a. Incumbent also holds Rectory of Brome, Norfolk

1844 40 acres glebe. £300 p.a. in lieu of tithes (1842)
1912 Nett value £200 p.a. 40 acres glebe and residence.
Incumbency vacant

Patrons:

Lord Windsor (1603), John Barthorpe (1844), N.L. Acton (1831), Rev. W.E. Downes (1891), Mrs. Anna Berry (1912)

11. Church **St. Peter**
(Chancel, nave, transepts, S. porch, W. tower)

1086 ½ church + 12 acres (2 identical entries)
Norman N. nave doorway
14/15th cent. Main structure
1643 Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) ordered removal of
Trinity triangle from front, 1 cross and steps leveled.
1870/71 Restoration, transepts added and chancel built

Seats: 200 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1597 Rector does not wear the surplice

13. Manorial:

1066 Manor of 1 carucate held by Muding, a free man under
patronage of Abbot of Ely
1086 Manor of 1 carucate belonging to Roger Bigot and held by
William
1066 Manor of 60 acres held by Manstan, a free man under
patronage of Abbot Ely
1086 Manor of 60 acres belonging to Roger Bigot and held by
William
1066 Manor of 60 acres held by Wulfric, a free man under
patronage of Edric
1086 Manor of 60 acres belonging to Roger Bigot
1066 Manor of 120 acres held by Wulfric a free man under
patronage of Abbot of Ely
1086 Manor of 120 acres belonging to Roger Bigot and held by
Wulfmer

Baylham Manor

13th cent. William de Burnaville owns (linked to Darmsden)
Circa 1479 Thomas Windsor owns (linked to Darmsden)
Circa 1626 John Acton owns (linked to Bramford)
Circa 1836 Sir William Middleton owns (linked to Barham, Bramfford,
Mickfield and Stonham Aspal)

1909 James St. Vincent Saumarez owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844 £1,983 rental value
1891 £1,669 rateable value
1912 £1,962 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844 Sir W.F.F. Middleton and T. Robinson, principle owners
1891/1912 Lord de Saumarez principle owner

17. Resident gentry:

1674 John Acton has house with 22 hearths
1891 Rev. W.E. Downes MA

18. Occupations:

1448 Miller
1500-1549 1 husbandman
1550-1599 3 yeomen, 5 husbandmen, 1 miller
1600-1649 7 yeomen, 1 clerk, 1 husbandman, 1 miller, 1 woollen weaver, 1 carpenter
1650-1699 8 yeomen, 1 clerk, 1 husbandmen, 1 miller
1831 55 in agriculture, 6 in retail trade, 1 professional, 10 in domestic service, 2 others
1844 Shoemaker, corn miller, blacksmith, 6 farmers
1912 School teacher, farm bailiff, miller, 8 farmers, estate agent, shoemaker, blacksmith/wheelwright and cycle agent

19. Education:

1818 1 Sunday school (15 attend)
1833 2 daily schools (41 attend), 1 Sunday school (42 attend)
1860 National School built, 68 attend 1891), enlarged (1903), average attendance (1912) 74

20. Poor relief:

1776	£103. 9s. 4d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£64. 13s. 4d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£156. 15s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£220. 4s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£262. 17s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£220. 2s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

24. Personal:

William Dowsing: Iconoclast, lived in parish (1626-1637)

25. Other information:

Baylham Hall: fragment of 'T' shaped (16th cent.) mansion, shaped gable ends.

Mill House: believed to contain pre-Reformation core

It was thought in (1957) the parish contained a Roman settlement site

Roman road discovered (1864)

'Neolithic Flint Implements found at Baylham' by E. Lingwood. PSIA
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Archaeological Sites:

Ring ditches (CRN 4433-4436, 4438, 4439, 4440, 4441, 4443, 4280)

Med. moated site (CRN 4436)

Rom. Road (CRN 2276)

Stray finds: Med. quern (CRN 4432)

Rom. Coins (CRN 2273, 8027, 2274)

Neo. Worked flint (CRN 4444)

Axe (CRN 4445)

B.A. Palstave (CRN 4446)

Scatter finds: Med. Pottery (CRN 4442)

Coin (CRN 2045)

Rom. Coin (CRN 1829, 2277)

PMed buckle (CRN 2275)