

1. Parish: Burstall

Meaning: Site of a Burg or fort (Ekwall)

2. Hundred: Samford

Deanery: Samford

Union: Samford

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Samford R.D. (- 1974), Babergh D.C. (1974)

Other administrative details:

Chapelry in Bramford, early civil parish identity
Abolished ecclesiastically (1962) to help create Sproughton with
Burstall
Samford Petty Sessional Division
Ipswich County Court District

3. Area: 768 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

Mixed:

- a) Slowly permeable calcareous clay. Some slowly permeable non-calcareous clay. Slight risk water erosion
- b) Deep well drained fine loam, coarse loam and sandy soils, locally flinty and in places over gravel. Slight risk water erosion

5. Types of farming:

1086		9 acres meadow, ½ mill, 1 cob, 1 cattle, 9 pigs, 30 sheep
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Sheep-corn fed region where sheep are main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop. Also has similarities with wood-pasture region with pasture, meadow, dairying and some pig-keeping.
1818	Marshall:	Wide variations of crop and management technique including summer fallow in preparation for corn and rotation of turnip, barley, clover, wheat on lighter lands
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, beans
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1972/74 Belstead Brook forms S/SW boundary with wet lands to the North of its course. Small compact development along road to Ipswich to north of wetlands. Church centrally situated.
Scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 20, 1801 – 32, 1851 – 49, 1871 – 53, 1901 – 51, 1951 – 60, 1981 – 70

8. Communications:

Road: 1891 carrier to Ipswich on Tuesday and Saturday
Rail: 1891 2½ miles Bramford station. Ipswich to Bury St. Edmunds line opened (1846). Line to Norwich opened (1849) station closed (1955)
Water: 1912 1½ miles from the River Gipping. Made navigable (1789)

9. Population:

1086 — 15 recorded
1327 — 14 taxpayers paid £0. 17s. 3d.
1524 — 17 taxpayers paid £0. 19s. 8d.
1603 — not listed
1674 — 20 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 151 inhabitants
1831 — 199 inhabitants
1851 — 243 inhabitants
1871 — 233 inhabitants
1901 — 227 inhabitants
1931 — 243 inhabitants
1951 — 188 inhabitants
1971 — 196 inhabitants
1981 — 208 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Vicarage (1831) Curacy consolidated with Bramford (1844)

1254 Not listed
1291 Not listed
1535 Annexed to Bramford, valued jointly at £13. 3s. 4d.
1831 Glebe house. Gross income £81 p.a. Incumbent also holds Rectory of Byton, Hereford.
1844 Great Tithes belong to Dean and Chapter at Canterbury, but are held on lease by Sir Philip Broke

1891 Joint value approx. £80 p.a.
 Joint value £300 p.a.
 Commodious vicarage house built in Bramford (1870)
 1912 Joint nett income £205 p.a. 9 acres glebe and residence
 Patrons: Battle Abbey (- 1541/42), Dean and Chapter of Canterbury (1831)

- 11. Church St. Mary**
 (Chancel, nave, N. aisle, wooden S. porch, W. tower)
- 1086 1 church + 26 acres
 14th cent. Early 14th cent. Main structure (uncommon N. arcade of 4 bays) including lower chancel and tower
 15th cent. Hammerbeam roof, S. porch
 1643 Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) removed iron cross from steeple, ordered steps to be leveled
 1887 Detached vestry built on S. side
 1870-73 Restoration

Seats: 600 (1831)

12. Nonconformity etc:

Independent chapel built (1842)

13. Manorial:

1066 Manor of 60 acres held by Godwin a free man of Stigands
 1086 Manor of 30 acres belonging to the Bishop of Bayeux
 1066 Manor of 40 acres held by Aelfric Starling under patronage of Gyrrh
 1086 Manor of 40 acres belonging to Richard, son of Count Gilbert
 1066 Manor of 28 acres held by Thorkell, a thane
 1086 Manor of 28 acres belonging to Ranulf Peverel and held by Ralph of Saveney

Brokes Hall

No dates Lady Catesby and Mr. Broke held the manor of the Honor of Clare

Sub-Manors:

Harrold's/Horrold's

1086 Believed to be the lands of the Bishop of Bayeux
 14th cent. Laurence Horold owns

1392/93	St. Peter's Priory, Ipswich holds
1528	Linked to Falkenham, Felixstowe, Nacton, Bentley, Chattisham, Hintlesham and Wherstead (Cardinal Wolsey)
1529	St. Mary's College, Ipswich owns
1551	Thomas, Lord Wentworth owns
1581	Reginald Barker owns

Langston's/Langton's/Lingston's

1086	Believed to be the lands of Ranulf Peverel
13 th cent.	Linked to Bucklesham, Brantham, Chelmondiston and Woolverstone (John de Holbroke)
15 th cent.	Sir Hugh Falstoff owns
Circa 1510	Sir Richard Brooke owns
1574	Linked to Sproughton (John Bull)
1804	Linked to Wherstead (Sir Robert Harland)
1910	Linked to Hintlesham (Lt. Co. R.H.L. Anstruther)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£1,074 rental value
1891	£1,038 rateable value
1912	£1,261 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844-1912 Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

1711 Thomas Bloss, High Sheriff of Suffolk

18. Occupations:

1500-1549	4 husbandmen
1550-1599	1 husbandman, 4 yeomen
1600-1649	3 husbandmen, 1 cooper, 3 yeomen, 1 wheelwright
1650-1699	1 husbandman, 3 yeomen, 1 tailor, 1 carpenter
1831	46 in agriculture, 4 in retail trade, 6 in domestic service
1844	6 farmers, gamekeeper, beerhouse keeper, schoolmistress, carpenter, blacksmith
1912	Sub-postmistress, schoolmistress, 4 farmers, publican, shopkeeper, farm bailiff

19. Education:

1818	1 Sunday school (20 – 36 attend)
1844	Schoolmistress listed

National school established (1855), average attendance (1912) 37

20. Poor relief:

1776	£36. 2s.	spent on poor relief
1803	£79. 9s. 3d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£130. 18s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£115. 7s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£145. 4s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£139. 19s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

Chapel of St. Albert (Ethelbert) to be maintained by Abbot of Battle (15th cent.)

Memorial Hall built (1910). Used for lectures, entertainment and as a reading room

23. Recreation:

1844	1 beerhouse
1891/1912	THE HALF MOON public house

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Archaeological Sites

Church of St. Mary's (CRN 4517)