

1. Parish: Chevington

Meaning: Ceofa's homestead/village or Ceofa's people

2. **Hundred:** Thingoe

Deanery: Thingoe (–1884), Horringer (Horningsheath)(1884–1972), Thingoe (1972–)

Union: Thingoe (1836–1907), Bury St Edmunds (1907–1930)

RDC/UDC: (W Suffolk) Thingoe RD (1894–1974), St Edmundsbury DC (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Bury St Edmunds County Court District
Thingoe and Thedwastre Petty Sessional Division

3. **Area:** 2,445 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:** Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight Risk water erosion

5. Types of farming:

1086		11 acres meadow, wood for 104 pigs, 7 cobs, 22 cattle, 30 pigs, 140 sheep, 40 goats, 3 beehives
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
1660	Blome:	'being clay ground husbanded chiefly for the dairy' and 'fielding abounding with excellent corn of all sorts'
1818	Marshall:	Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow As preparation for corn products
1937	Main crops:	Not recorded. Wheat, barley, beans, peas (1844)
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. Enclosure:

1815 Sporadic enclosures from early 15th cent.
304 acres enclosed under Act of 1813

7. Settlement:

1983 Development spread over wide area. Three specific centres
a. Chevington Hall Green (hall and church),

b. Broad Green (clothing factory and Inn),
c. Tan Office Green (chapel).

Scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 37, 1801 – 54, 1851 – 123, 1871 – 129,
1901 – 112, 1951 – 114, 1981 – 200

8. Communications:

Roads: To Chedburgh and Hargrave
Carrier to Bury St Edmunds twice weekly on Wednesday and
Saturday 1937

9. Population:

1086 – 33 recorded
1327 – 29 taxpayers paid £3 12s. 1d.
1524 – 37 taxpayers paid £7 13s. 8d.
1603 – 120 adults
1674 – 51 households
1676 – 51 adults
1801 – 445 inhabitants
1831 – 573 inhabitants
1851 – 600 inhabitants
1871 – 636 inhabitants
1901 – 457 inhabitants
1931 – 417 inhabitants
1951 – 358 inhabitants
1971 – 394 inhabitants
1981 – 555 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254 Valued £13 6s. 8d.
1291 Valued £16 13s. 4d.
1535 Valued £16 13s. 9d.
1674 Parsonage has 4 hearths
1831 Glebe house. Gross income £427 p.a. Incumbent also holds
Rectory of Hargrave
Rent of £587 10s. p.a. awarded in lieu of tithes 1838
Valued £396. 33 acres glebe 1855
Valued £480 1873
1912 Nett value £320. 32 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Lady Kytson (1603), J. White (1831), Mrs H.M. Keble White (1912)

11. Church: All Saints

(Chancel, nave S porch, W tower)

1086 Church + 30 acres free land
 14th cent. Wooden S porch
 15th cent. W tower. Money left for its building 1444
 Nave roof: arch-braced cambered tie beam, attended to
 1690 and 1638
 1697 Chancel shortened
 c.1800 Tower heightened, pinnacles added by Earl of Bristol
 1838/39 General restoration

Seats: 120 appropriated, 190 free (1873)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1611 1 person not attending church or receiving communion
 Primitive Methodist chapel at Tan Office Green 1799
 15 baptisms held at chapel (1856–1872)
 Parish regarded as local centre for nonconformists from
 Surrounding area
 Open air meetings held in summer on Tan Office Green 1857
 Congregation increased from 27 to 90 in 2 months 1863
 Chapel sold to Methodists for £150 1949
 Sold to Thingoe RDC for £150 1960
 Chapel demolished (despite appeal) to make way for housing
 estate 1961

13. Manorial:

Chevington Manor:

1066/1086 Manor of 6 carucates belonging to Abbot of St Edmunds
 1539 Sir Thomas Kytson owns (linked to Hengrave)
 1716 John, Earl of Bristol owns (linked to Ickworth)
 1911 Marquis of Bristol owns

14. Market/Fair:

15. Real Property:

1454 – £4 10s rateable value
 1844 – £2,681 rental value
 1891 – £2,471 rateable value
 1912 – £1,978 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844–1912 Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

18. Occupations:

1600–1700	Collarmaker (for harness), cooper, shoemaker, yeoman, labourers
1700–1800	Butcher, clothiers, hoopmaker, maltster
1831	98 in agriculture, 20 in retail trade, 2 professionals, 16 in labouring, 26 in domestic service, 10 others
1844	Carpenter, wheelwright, builder, blacksmith, shopkeepers, shoemaker/schoolmaster, thatcher, beerhouse keeper, butcher, farmers, miller, maltster, vet
1912	Farmers, blacksmith, butcher, wheelwright, sub-postmaster, retail shopkeepers, shoemaker, publican, mantle manufacturer Clothing factory established (1852) employing mainly women

19. Education:

	Pupils attending school at Chevington Lodge 1608
1818	3 private schools kept by mistresses (32 attend) Observed that 'poor without sufficient means of education'
1833	2 daily schools (a) 1 fee paying (8 males attend) (b) 1 fee paying (12 mixed attend) 2 Sunday schools (a) supported by rector (29 attend) (b) Independent (43 attend)
1844	1 schoolmaster recorded National day school built 1847 60 attend, enlarged 1884 Average attendance 1912 80 Private day school 1847

20. Poor relief:

1776	£159 3s. 0d.
1803	£322 13s. 3d.
1818	£927 9s.
1830	£776 8s.
1832	£682 14s.
1834	£605 12s.

21. Charities:

Paman's Charity:

1709 by will of Dr H. Paman: £80 for annual distribution

Harrison Charity:

1744 by will of Ambrose Harrison: £80 for annual distribution

Grove's Charity:

1727 by will of Dr E Grove: £50 for distribution

Lady Kytson's Gift:

£2 p.a. for distribution. 1 gown per year

Town Estate:

1895 Rents for cottages and gardens distributed at Christmas

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

1844	1 beer house
1891/1912	1 Public house
20 th cent.	Football Club and Womens Institute

24. Personal:

F Cooper (1984): Local historian and author of 'Chevington, A Social Chronicle'

25. Other information:

Chevington Hall: favourite retiring place for the abbots of St Edmunds, a deer park was maintained here by them. Moated site with high rampart, causeway approach.

Mound to north (probably observatory). Moat farmhouse: 15th cent. hall house.

Stone coffin of 13th cent. ecclesiastic found at church 1838

'Chevington: A Social Chronicle' by F. Cooper 1984.

Published Parish Registers of Chevington.