

## 1. Parish: Chilton

**Meaning:** Possible reference to homestead of young nobleman

2. **Hundred:** Babergh

**Deanery:** Sudbury (–1864), Sudbury (Western) (1864–1884),  
Sudbury (1884–)

**Union:** Sudbury

**RDC/UDC:** (W Suffolk) Melford RD (–1974), Babergh DC (1974–)

### Other administrative details:

Melford Petty Sessional Division  
Sudbury County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,006 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

#### Mixed:

- a. Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion.
- b. Small amount deep well drained fine loam, coarse loam and sandy soils, locally flinty and in places over gravel.
- c. Very small amount of permeable coarse loam soil with groundwater.
- d. Stratum of lime (burnt for agricultural purposes)

5. **Types of farming:**

|           |             |  |
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| 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. |
| 1818      | Marshall:   | Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products.   |
| 1937      | Main crops: | Wheat, barley, beans oats.   |
| 1969      | Trist:      | More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet, better loams attract orchard and soft fruit growers.   |

6. **Enclosure:**

1813 478 acres in Chilton, Gt Waldingfield and Great Cornard enclosed under Private Lands Acts of 1811 (includes Chilton Common)

**7. Settlement:**

1953 Community of well scattered farms with no apparent centre of development. Becoming suburb of Sudbury which encroaches upon SW corner. Disused airfield occupies area in northern sector.

**Inhabited houses:** 1674 – 5, 1801 – 13, 1851 – 21, 1871 – 58,  
1901 – 52, 1951 – 72, 1981 – 85

**8. Communications:**

**Road:** To Sudbury and Lt. Waldingfield

**Rail:** 1891 1 mile Sudbury station: opened 1849, line to Shelford opened 1854, line to Haverhill opened 1865, closed for goods 1966, closed for passengers 1967.

**Air:** Class A heavy bomber base with 3 intersecting runways opened 1944.

Base for 486<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group USAF

Used for government storage 1945

Sold 1962–64. Hangars occupied by Ashdown Rawlinson Ltd

**9. Population:**

1086 – 11 recorded

1327 – 23 taxpayers paid £3 7s. 2d.

1524 – 41 taxpayers paid £13 8s. 8d. (includes Gt Waldingfield)

1603 – 100 adults

1674 – 5 households

1676 – 41 adults

1801 – 79 inhabitants

1831 – 108 inhabitants

1851 – 151 inhabitants

1871 – 260 inhabitants

1901 – 204 inhabitants

1931 – 248 inhabitants

1951 – 230 inhabitants

1971 – 241 inhabitants

1981 – 225 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Rectory 1831, Discharged Rectory 1844**

1254 Portion of parson £2

1291 Valued £5

1535 Valued £5 6s. 5½d.

1831 Curate, Stipend £80 p.a. Gross income £150 p.a. Glebe House. Incumbent also holds Prebend in Cathedral of Wells, Rectory of Nursling, Southampton

Tithes commuted for £208 p.a. + £80 p.a. to rector of Gt. Waldingfield 1839

1844 Good residence. 25 acres 3R 31P glebe

1912            Nett value £140. 22 acres glebe and residence

**Patrons:**     Dudley Ffostescue (1603), Admiral Windham (1831), W.C. Parmenter (1873), Mrs H.E.M. Milner (1912)

**11. Church:     St Mary**  
(Chancel, N Chapel, Nave, W Tower)

1086            Church + 5 acres free land

15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> cent. Main structure

16<sup>th</sup> cent.       Tower

1868/1875     Restoration

1981            Declared redundant (served only by footpath and track)

1983            Preservation order – cared for by Redundant Churches Fund

**Seated:**       330 free (1873)

**12. Nonconformity etc:**

1797–1828    2 houses set aside for worship

**13. Manorial:**

1066            Manor of 2 carucates held by Godwin

1086            Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Robert Malet and held by Walter, son of Aubrey

### **Chilton al Waldingfield Hall/Carbonels with Chilton Manor**

12<sup>th</sup> cent.       William Carbonels owns

1182            Grant of Liberty of Eye at annual rent of 1 lb of white incense

1333            Passes by marriage to Boteler family (possible links with Cavendish)

1439            Feoffment to Crane family

1642/3         Sir Edmund Bacon owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)

1759            William Wyndham of Felbrigg owns

1861            Richard Newman of Hadleigh owns

**14. Market/Fair:**

**15. Real Property:**

1844 –         £1,118 rental value

1891 –         £1,487 rateable value

1912 –         £1,442 rateable value

**16. Land ownership:**

1844            Rev. L. Newman and William Howe Windham, principal owners

1891/1912 Land sub-divided

**17. Resident gentry:**

1632 Robert Crane, High Sheriff of Suffolk  
1844 T.F. Addison, Acting magistrate  
1912 Rev. J. Milner, MA

**18. Occupations:**

1600–1649 1 clerk, 1 minister  
1650–1699 3 clerks  
1831 23 in agriculture, 6 professionals, 7 in domestic service,  
2 others  
1844 Lime burner, 2 farmers  
1891 2 large brickworks, manufacturing white brick and tile  
1912 5 farmers, brick maker, sand merchant, publican  
1937 Silk weaving manufacturing and brick making  
1965 Diesel fuel injector factory for CAV built

**19. Education:**

1818 Children attend school at Great Waldingfield  
1833 1 Sunday school (20 attend)  
Private school for boys 1891  
1912 Children attend school at Sudbury and Great Waldingfield

**20. Poor relief:**

1776 £6 10s. 9d.  
1803 £141  
1818 £285 18s.  
1830 £119 14s.  
1832 £118 9s.  
1834 £134 10s.

**21. Charities:**

**22. Other institutions:**

**23. Recreation:**

1891/1912 The Maldon Grey public house

**24. Personal:**

**25. Other information:**

Chilton Hall: Moated Tudor mansion. Brick bridge over moat. Degenerated into farmhouse 1905. Home of Crane family 1400–1643.

Original village situated by church was removed to its present site when the area was imparked (no dates) leaving the church isolated.

Tradition states that a tunnel stretches between the Hall and the church.