

1. Parish: Cowlinge

Meaning: Cul's / Cula's people

2. Hundred: Risbridge

Deanery: Clare (–1884), Thurlow (1884–1916), Newmarket (1916–1972), Clare (1972–)

Union: Risbridge

RDC/UDC: (W. Suffolk) Clare RD (–1974), St Edmundsbury DC (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Newmarket Petty Sessional Division
Haverhill County Court District

3. Area: 3,064 acres land, 7 acres water (1912)

4. Soils: Slowly permeable calcareous clay soils, some slowly permeable non-calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion

5. Types of farming:

1086		60 acres meadow, wood for 60 pigs, 7 cattle, 40 pigs, 40 sheep, 40 goats
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.
1804	Young:	
1818	Marshall:	Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, beans, peas, roots
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet.

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1958 No actual centre of development, settlement distributed at five main centres a) Hobbles Green, b) Lambfair Green,

c) Pound Green, d) Mill Green, e) along Queen Street and the road to Lidgate which skirts Branches Park. Branches Park occupies large portion of northern sector of parish. Church isolated to NE of above settlement areas. Few scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 40, 1801 – 104, 1851 – 189, 1871 – 172, 1901 – 133, 1951 – 103, 1981 – 102

8. Communications:

Road: To Little Bradley, Great Bradley, Stradishall, Wickhambrook and Lidgate
1844 Carrier to Bury St Edmunds on Wednesday to Newmarket on Tuesday
1912 Carrier to Haverhill on Friday to Newmarket on Tuesday and Saturday

9. Population:

1086 — 41 recorded
1327 — 26 taxpayers paid £3 3s. 3d.
1524 — 38 taxpayers paid £2 16s. 8d.
1603 — 200 adults
1674 — 73 households
1676 — 140 adults
1801 — 570 inhabitants
1831 — 845 inhabitants
1851 — 879 inhabitants
1871 — 781 inhabitants
1901 — 487 inhabitants
1931 — 329 inhabitants
1951 — 295 inhabitants
1971 — 216 inhabitants
1981 — 261 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Perpetual Curacy

1254 Not recorded
1291 Value £20
Henry de Lacy held advowson of church and 'free chapel' (1300)
1535 Not recorded
1831 No glebe house. Gross Income £100 p.a. Incumbent also holds Vicarage of Dullingham, Cambs.
1844 Rectorial tithes produce approximately £700 p.a.
1887 32 acres 2R 15P glebe
1891 Vicarage vacant. Rectorial tithes produce £924 p.a.
1912 Net value £140 + 30 acres glebe and residence. Tithes commuted for £942 p.a.

Patrons: Trinity Hall, Cambridge (1603–)

11. Church **St. Margaret**
(chancel, nave, N. & S. Aisles, M. Porch, W. tower)

1086 Church + 50 acres, ½ plough
1330–1340 Nave and aisles rebuilt using masonry from earlier building
14th cent. Main structure
c.1400 Original roodscreen (with gates and hinges) – remains
1618 Plain wooden benches provided to West end of N. Aisle for inmates of local house of correction
17th cent. Tower collapsed, replaced 1733
1913–1914 Restoration

Seats: 150 ft. of appropriated, 300 ft. of free (18/6)

Free Chapel: **Chapel of St. Margaret** (late of Swaffham Priory)
Founder unknown
Yearly value £3 6s. 8d. held by master (1546)
Site of 2½ acres with meadow and fair stead, in all 12 acres (late 16th cent.)

12. Nonconformity etc:

Independent chapel built 1835 seats 330 (Note: newly built chapel is mentioned in 1822
Primitive Methodist chapel built 1859
5 houses set aside for worship 1819–1850
'History of Cowlinge Congregational Church' by J. Duncan 1968

13. Manorial:

1066 Manor of 9 carucates held by Manni Swart, a thegn
1086 Manor of 9 carucates belonging to Count Alan
11th–12th cent. William de Eureux (Earl of Salisbury) owns passing to William Longespee (Illegitimate son of Henry II)
13th cent. Robert de Aspale owns
15th cent. Lord Edmund de Thorp owns passing to Philip Tilney (linked to East Bergholt) (d. 1453)
late 15th / early 16th cent. Dukes of Norfolk (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk
1546 John Drury sold to John Fastolf (linked to Levington, Nacton, Bentley, Holbrook, Holton St. Mary and Capel St. Mary)
1553 John Worliche owns

c.1598	Sir Stephen Soame owns (linked to Cavendish, Bures, Freckenham, Herringswell, Stowmarket, Little Thurlow and Little Wratting)
1747	Francis Dickens/Duckins (linked to Little Bradley)
1817	Henry Usborne owns (consisted of 2,176 acres including the Park)
1855	James Simpson owns
1896	James Dundas Cockburn owns

Sub-Manors:

Shardelowes

1335	Sir John de Shardelowe died seised (linked to Barton Mills and Cavenham)
15 th cent.	William Brewse owns
1539	William Clopton owns (linked to Great Waldingfield, Long Melford, Groton, Boxford and Great Thurlow)
1545	Sir Edward North owns (linked to Lakenheath and Benacre)
18 th cent.	Sir Jacob Downing owns
1808	John Kemp owns
1811	Master and Fellows of Downing College, Cambridge

14. Markets/Fairs

1226/27	Grant of Fair
1225	Grant of Fair for 2 days to Alianora, Countess of Salisbury
1759	Fairs on July 31 st and October 17 th (for sheep and lambs)
1805	2 large fairs on July 31 st (for lambs, cattle and pedlary) and October 17 th for same
1885	Small fairs on July 31 st and October 17 th for pleasure (not mentioned 1912)

Note: Fairs probably remembered in place name of Lambfair Green

15. Real property:

1844	£3,593 rental value
1891	£3,127 rateable value
1912	£2,568 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844	Mrs F.A. Osborne, principal owner, several small owners
1891	James D. Cockburn, principal owner
1912	S. Pond and R. Bowyer principal owners

17. Resident gentry:

1679	David Cage and Mr. Woolrich
1823	Henry Usbourne, High Sheriff of Suffolk

1891 James D. Cockburn
1912 Rev. J.C. Humbley MA, G.A. Tonge

18. Occupations:

1500–1549 Yeoman
1550–1599 2 husbandmen, 2 yeomen, 1 labourer
1600–1649 7 husbandmen, 15 yeomen, 1 clerk, 1 tailor
1650–1699 3 husbandmen, 17 yeomen, 1 miller, 1 linen weaver
1831 199 in agriculture, 16 in retail trade, 1 professional, 84 in domestic service
1844 Victualler, butcher, schoolmaster, beerhouse keeper, bricklayer, 3 blacksmiths, 4 boot/shoemakers, 18 farmers, 4 shopkeepers, joiner, corn miller, 2 tailors, 2 wheelwrights, 1 carrier
1891 Wholesale clothing manufacturers listed
1912 Sub-postmistress, police officer, schoolmaster/mistress, insurance agent, 12 farmers, 2 carriers, 2 builders, grocer, gamekeeper, publican, thatcher, wheelwright, dressmaker, gardener, blacksmith, shopkeeper, farm bailiff, beer retailer, boot repairer, miller
Barn at Kiln Cottage reputedly used as factory for garment production 19th cent.
Adjoining this site is a malting – building c.1780.
Private dwelling 1968

19. Education:

1818 3 village schools (62 attend), 1 Sunday school (70 attend)
1833 3 daily schools (54 attend), 1 Independent Sunday school established 1819 (50 attend)
1844 Schoolmaster listed
School Board formed 1880
Board school built c.1880, average attendance 1891 80, 1912 108. Built on land donated by Trinity Hall, Cambridge
Engraving of Cowlinge College school, Branches Park in parish folder (no date, no further information found)

20. Poor relief:

1776 £90 0s. 3d.
1803 £516 8s. 1d.
1818 £1,468 3s.
1830 £1,142 4s.
1832 £1,083 14s.
1834 £785 6s.

21. Charities:

Clerkship Land:

1840 10 acres land held by parish clerk, rents from these lands are received by him.

Deyne's Charity:

1592 by deed of William Deynes. 50 acres – rents from which are distributed among poor and needy of Barrow, Cowlinge, Moulton and Hargrave. Portion of Cowling is £20 applied to purchase of blankets and sheets for the industrious poor not receiving parochial relief 1840

22. Other institutions:

1803 Friendly Society (24 members)
1912 Police officer listed

23. Recreation:

1844 The Green Man public house, 1 beerhouse
1891 The Green Man and The Three Tuns public houses, 1 beer retailer
1912 The Three Tuns public house, 1 beer retailer
Boy Scouts formed c.1956
Beerhouse called 'The Trotting Horse' previously sited at Trotting Horse corner – demolished by 1968

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Ballards Place: built c.1574

Windmill: sited at Pound Green, demolished c.1960. Remains said to have been used to fill in pond.

Branches Park: 18th cent. building standing in grounds of approximately 200 acres (1891)