

# 1. Parish: Dalham

**Meaning:** Pasture / meadow in a valley

2. **Hundred:** Risbridge

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

**Union:** Newmarket

**RDC/UDC:** (W. Suffolk) Moulton RD (1894–1935) Mildenhall RD (1935–1974)  
Forest Heath (1974–)

## Other administrative details:

Newmarket Petty Sessional Division and County Court District

3. **Area:** 2.098 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

### Mixed:

- a. Well drained coarse and fine loam soils, shallow calcareous coarse loam over chalk or chalk rubble in places. Slight risk water erosion
- b. Deep non-calcareous loam soil in places
- c. Slowly permeable calcareous/non-calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

|           |             |  |
|-----------|-------------|--|
| 1086      |             | 2 acres meadow, woodland for 60 pigs, 2 cobs, 16 cattle, 30 pigs, 150 sheep, 50 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. |
| 1818      | Marshall:   | Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products  |
| 1937      | Main crops: | Wheat, barley, turnips, mangold, some sanfoin, beans and peas.   |
| 1969      | Trist:      | More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet   |

6. **Enclosure:**

1818 2,035 acres enclosed under Private Act of Lands 1816

7. **Settlement:**

1958 River Kennett flows across parish from NW–S running parallel to main street for large proportion of its length. Irregular shaped parish the northern sector of which is largely occupied by plantation around Dalham Hall. The church is included within the estate bounds. Main development spreads to south of estate along the road to Lidgate. Secondary development at Dunstall Green. Few scattered farms.

**Inhabited houses:** 1674 – 21, 1801 – 77, 1851 – 97, 1871 – 113,  
1901 – 94, 1951 – 89, 1981 – 72

## 8. Communications:

**Road:** To Gazeley, Lidgate, Ashley and Denham,

**Rail:** 1891 3½ miles Higham station: Newmarket–Bury St Edmunds line opened 1854, closed for goods 1964, closed for passengers 1967

## 9. Population:

1086 – 10 recorded  
1327 – 23 taxpayers paid £2 3s. 7d.  
1524 – 46 taxpayers (approx. membrane incomplete) paid £1 17s. 2d.  
1603 – 120 adults  
1674 – 57 households  
1676 – 169 adults  
1801 – 428 inhabitants  
1831 – 538 inhabitants  
1851 – 583 inhabitants  
1871 – 492 inhabitants  
1901 – 346 inhabitants  
1931 – 301 inhabitants  
1951 – 278 inhabitants  
1971 – 190 inhabitants  
1981 – 179 inhabitants

## 10. Benefice: Rectory

1254 Valued £13 6s. 8d.  
1291 Valued at £16 0s. 0d  
1535 Valued £15 10s. 5d.  
Tithe commuted at enclosure for a corm rent 1816  
1831 Glebe house. Gross income £431 p.a.  
Valued £419 1835  
Valued £350 1873 40 acres 2R glebe 1887  
1912 Nett value £233 p.a. + 42 acres of glebe and residence

**Patrons:** Thomas Stutvill (1603), Gen. Sir J. Affleck (1831),  
Sir R. Affleck (1873), Capt. E. F. Rhodes (1912)

## 11. Church: St. Mary

Chancel, nave, N. & S. aisles. W tower, S. porch, N. chapel)

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| 1086        | Church + 40 acres free land, ½ plough. Valued 5s.<br>2 main periods of construction – early/mid 14 <sup>th</sup> cent. and late 15 <sup>th</sup> cent. |
| c.1625      | Tower collapsed. Rebuilt 1627. Formerly surmounted by spire (blown down 1658)  |
| 1858 – 1950 | Restorations   |

**Seats:** 50 appropriated, 130 free (1873)

**12. Nonconformity etc:**

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| 1836–1851 | 2 houses set aside for worship    |
| 1912      | Primitive Methodist chapel listed |

**13. Manorial:**

**Dalham with Dunstal's**

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|------------------------|---|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> cent. | William Peche held of the Honor of Care (linked to Bredfield and Haughley)  |
| circa 1240             | Manor given to the Crown  |
| 1320                   | Sir Walter de Norwich (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk) passing by marriage and inheritance to the families of Ufford and Willoughby |
| 1417                   | Thomas Stutevill / Stotevill (linked to Denham)   |
| 1697                   | Gilbert Dolben owns   |
| 1702                   | Simon Patrick, Bishop of Ely owns   |
| 1714                   | John Affleck (linked to Denham)   |
| 1901                   | Cecil Rhodes owns   |

Customs of manor listed in 'Manors of Suffolk' by Copinger

**14. Markets/Fairs:**

**15. Real property:**

|      |        |  |
|------|--------|--|
| 1844 | £1,951 | rental value (includes Dunstall Green) |
| 1891 | £2,638 | rateable value                         |
| 1912 | £2,100 | rateable value                         |

**16. Land ownership:**

|           |                                     |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1844/1891 | Sir Robert Affleck, principal owner |
| 1912      | T. Bower principal owner            |

**17. Resident gentry:**

|      |   |
|------|---|
| 1679 | Charles Stutteville                           |
| 1844 | Rev. Sir Robert Affleck and Rev. J.D. Affleck |
| 1891 | Sir Robert Affleck JP                         |
| 1912 | Rev. H.B. Pugh, MA                            |

**18. Occupations:**

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 1500–1599 | 2 yeomen, 1 carpenter, 2 husbandmen, 1 parson  |
| 1600–1649 | 8 yeomen, 5 husbandmen, 1 thatcher, 1 clerk  |
| 1650–1699 | 9 yeomen, 2 carpenters, husbandman, spinster, tailor, gardener, wheelwright  |
| 1831      | 95 in agriculture, 15 in retail trade, 4 professionals, 25 in domestic service, 7 others   |
| 1844      | Victualler, gamekeeper, baker/shopkeeper, farrier, glazier, shopkeeper, 2 bricklayers, carpenter, miller/maltster, 3 shoemakers, beerhouse/shopkeeper, blacksmith, 11 farmers.             |
| 1912      | Sub-postmistress, schoolmaster, estate carpenter, 7 farmers, blacksmith, carter, head gamekeeper, shopkeeper, basket maker, district road surveyor, publican, head gardener, beer retailer |

**19. Education:**

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| 1818 | 2 day schools (36 attend), 1 National school (52 attend)   |
| 1833 | 1 daily school (45 attend, 11 assisted places), 1 Sunday school (54 attend)  |
| 1844 | Small free school supported by Rev. Sir Robert Affleck<br>National school built 1874 average attendance 1891 38, 1912 75 |

**20. Poor relief:**

|      |              |
|------|--------------|
| 1776 | £98 12s. 3d. |
| 1803 | £241 4s. 3d. |
| 1818 | £443 3s. 0d. |
| 1830 | £548 1s. 0d. |
| 1832 | £582 18s.0d. |
| 1834 | £458 0s. 0d. |

**21. Charities:**

**22. Other institutions:**

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| 1776 | Workhouse in existence (14 inmates)<br>Petty sessions held at Kings Head, Dalham 18 <sup>th</sup> cent.<br>Reading and Recreation Room built 1902 in memory of Rt. Hon. Cecil J. Rhodes by Col. F. W. Rhodes |
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**23. Recreation:**

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| 1844 | The Kings Head public house, 1 beerhouse        |
| 1891 | The Affleck Arms public house, 1 beer retailer  |
| 1912 | The Affleck Arms public house, 2 beer retailers |

**24. Personal:**

Dr. Simon Patrick, Bishop of Ely 1690–1707. Builder of Dalham Hall

## **25. Other information:**

Dalham Hall: built 1705 by Dr. Simon Patrick, Bishop of Ely, situated in extensive park; estate extends to approximately 3,300 acres. Said to be built on original medieval manor house.

'Dalham Hall Estate' (c.1901, no author given).

'The Story of Dalham Windmill', by P. Dolman 1977.

Dalham Stock Mill: built c.1790. Restored 1981.

Cottage from Exning re-erected in parish 20<sup>th</sup> cent.

Bottle found bricked into fireplace at Affleck arms public house revealed its former status as a coffee house.

Photographs in 'A View into the Village', by E. Sandon 1969.

Village Hall records begin c.1953.

Severe flooding 1968.

2 cases of incendiarism due to agrarian unrest 1844.