

## 1. Parish: Edwardstone

**Meaning:** Eadweard's homestead

2. **Hundred:** Babaergh

**Deanery:** Sudbury (–1864), Sudbury (Western)(1864–18840, Sudbury (1884–)

**Union:** Cosford

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

### Other administrative details:

Boxford Petty Sessional Division  
Hadleigh County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,891 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:** Deep fine loam over clay and clay soils with slowly permeable subsoils and slight seasonal waterlogging. Some slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay soils. Calcareous subsoils in places. Sand deposits on north-western boundary, commercially exploited until 1992 (Lynns Hall)

### 5. Types of farming:

1086		Wood for 10 pigs, 1 winter mill, 1 horse at hall, 11 cattle, 37 pigs, 22 sheep.
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 occ. hemp.
1818	Marshall:	Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for for corn products.
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, oats, beans.
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet.

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

Small well-spaced community with church at western extremity. Main concentration of habitation at Mill Green with secondary

settlement along Sherbourne Street toward  
Boxford. River Box flows through parish  
NW–SW. Scattered farms

**Inhabited houses:** 1674 – 43, 1801 – 48 , 1851 – 104 , 1871 – 101 ,  
1901 – 93 , 1951 – 106 , 1981 – 123

**8. Communications:**

**Roads:** to Great Waldingfield, Boxford and Groton  
1891 Carriers to Sudbury on Thursday

**Rail:** 6 miles Sudbury station opened 1849, line to Shelford 1854  
Line to Haverhill 1865, closed for goods 1966, closed to  
passengers 1967

**Water:** River Box.

**9. Population:**

1086 – 33 recorded  
1327 – 36 taxpayers paid £2 12s. 1d.  
1524 – 53 taxpayers paid £9 17s. 4d.  
1603 – 240 adults  
1674 – 64 households  
1676 – 268 adults  
1801 – 362 inhabitants  
1831 – 503 inhabitants  
1851 – 479 inhabitants  
1871 – 473 inhabitants  
1901 – 416 inhabitants  
1931 – 368 inhabitants  
1951 – 349 inhabitants  
1971 – 290 inhabitants  
1981 – 323 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Vicarage**

1254 Portion of the parson £8 13s. 4d.  
Portion of the vicar 13s. 4d.  
Lay fee of the Prior of Colum (Earls Colne) 13s. 4d.  
£10 0s. 0d.

1291 Valued £10  
Vicar of the same £4 13s. 4d.

1535 Valued £4 13s. 4d.

1831 Glebe House. Gross income £203 p.a.  
Tithes commuted for £373 p.a. 1840 9 acres glebe  
Vicarage house built 1849. 1 acre glebe

1912 Nett value £160. 9 acres glebe and residence.

**Patrons:** John Brond (1603), Charles Dawson (1831),

Hon. H.L. Corry (1873), Hon. H.W. Lowry-Corry (1912).

**11. Church**     **St. Mary – Stands in grounds of Edwardstone Hall**  
Chancel, nave, N. aisle, S. porch, W. tower.

1086	Church + 30 acres free land
14 <sup>th</sup> cent.	Chancel and nave
15/16 <sup>th</sup> cent.	Aisle and tower
15 <sup>th</sup> cent.	Pier arcade
1853/1880	Restoration

**Seats:** 300 free (1873)

**11a Other religious institutions:**

**Priory Cell**

Benedictine Monks: Founded 1114/15 when church was given to Monastery of Abingdon by Hubert de Montchesney  
Dissolved 1160 at which time 2+ monks in residence.  
These were removed to Earls Colne.  
'Edwardstone: Its Church and Priory', PSIA Vol. XV, p.87.

**12. Nonconformity etc:**

1606	6 persons not receiving communion
1611	4 persons not receiving communion
1676	2 papists, 8 non conformists
	Independent Meeting House/Chapel 1824
	Congregational Chapel 1908

**13. Manorial:**

1066	Manor of 4 carucates belonging to the King and held by Godwin, son of Alfhere
1086	Manor of 4 carucates belonging to Robert Malet and held by Hubert

**Edwardstone Manor**

11 <sup>th</sup> cent.	Hubert de Munchensi/Montchesney owns
c.14 <sup>th</sup> cent.	William de Montecaniso held as of Honour of Eye
c.1434	Sir Richard Waldegrave owns ( linked to Assington, Stoke by Nayland, Preston, Monks Eleigh and Bures)
1598	John Brand owns (linked to Polstread, Gt. Cornard, Bures and Boxford
c.1847	Dawson family owns
1853	Shepherd family owns
1880–90	Corry, later Lowry-Corry family owns

## **Sub-Manors:**

### **Lynnes al Algoods**

c.1421	John Lynne owns
16 <sup>th</sup> cent	Thomas Apleton owns (linked with Glemsford and Lt. Waldingfield absorbs Tewes)

### **Tewes/Tues al Tendring**

1339	Thomas de Tendring owns
16 <sup>th</sup> cent.	Thomas de Apleton owns (absorbed by Lynnes)

### **Borehouse Manor**

c.1218	Granted to Kersey Priory. Court Rolls 1100–1914.
1443	Priory dissolved
	Lord Powys owns
1444	Granted to College of St Mary & St Nicholas (later King's College) Cambridge.
1937	Manor and estate sold by College.

## **14. Markets/Fairs:**

Grant of market 1240/41

## **15. Real property:**

1844	£2, 104 rental value
1891	£2, 625 rateable value
1912	£ 1,871 rateable value

## **16. Land ownership:**

1844	Charles Dawson, principal owner
1891/1912	Col. The Hon. H.W. Lowry-Corry J.P., principal owner

## **17. Resident gentry:**

1680	1 knight, 3 gents recorded
1686	Sir Joseph Brand High Sheriff of Suffolk 1691
	Sir Joshua Ricketts Rowley, High Sheriff of Suffolk 1841
1844	W. Broadhurst and C. Dawson
1912	Major G.A. Fitzgerald.

## **18. Occupations:**

1500–1549	4 weavers, 3 clothmakers (additional information on this group from 'The Military Survey of 1522 for Babergh Hundred' by John Pound, SRS, Vol XXVIII 1986)
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1550– 1599	4 husbandmen, 3 yeoman, 1 fuller, 3 clothiers, 1 carpenter, 1 weaver, 1 clothworker, 1 knacker, 1 vicar.
1600–1649	3 husbandmen, 9 yeomen, 2 spinsters, 1 clothier, 2 weavers, 1 blacksmith, 1 ploughwright, 1 tailor,
1650–1699	2 husbandmen, 5 yeomen, 1 minister, 1 clothier, 1 carpenter, 1 wheelwright, 1 cordwainer, 1 clothworker
1831	81 in agriculture, 12 in retail trade, 2 professionals, 5 in labouring, 20 in domestic service, 6 others.
1844	Blacksmith, teacher, 2 beerhouse keepers, miller, 4 maltsters.
1912	Sub-postmistress, teacher, 9 farmers, 4 maltsters.

#### **19. Education:**

1818	Sunday school on Madras system (30/40 attend)
1833	1 established church Sunday school (32 attend) 1 Independent Sunday school and library (83 attend) National School built 1843, 80 attend (1891) enlarged 1900, average attendance 1912 65. 2 free scholars attend Boxford Grammar School.
1891	Ladies Day school. 1 Sunday school
1960	Village school closed

#### **20. Poor relief:**

1776	£297 8s. 1d.
1803	£287 1s. 8d.
1818	£398 9s.
1830	£767 3s.
1832	£870 1s.
1834	£524 12s.

#### **21. Charities:**

##### **Isaac Brand's Charity:**

1709	by will of Isaac Brand: £7 8s. p.a. of stock dividends to purchase linen cloth for distribution at Easter.
1891	£2. p.a. distributed in bread on Easter Monday.

##### **John Brand's Charity:**

1722	by deed of John Brand: distribution of bread on 5 <sup>th</sup> November.
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##### **French's Dole:**

1840	£2 distributed at Easter
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### **Chaplin's Charity/Alston's Gift:**

1725 by will of Joseph Chaplin: Provision for coats and shoes for 5 men and gowns, petticoats and shoes for 5 women  
Bequest of Sir Joseph Alston: barn 22 acres 2R let at £26 p.a. applied as above.

### **Town Lands:**

1840 Messuage used as workhouse + 3 pieces of land let at £8 p.a. applied to Sunday school and to supplement Chaplin's Charity.

### **Boxford Grammaer School:**

1840 2 pupils taught free

### **Appleton's Gift:**

1580 by will of Edward Appleton: 20s. p.a. for distribution among poor.

### **22. Other institutions:**

1776 Workhouse (40 inmates)  
Common workhouse formerly called Town House  
alias Englishes 1810 (lease release by C. Dawson  
in parish folder, SRO)

1891 Coal Club: supported by Col. H.W. Lowry-Corry  
Clothing Club supported by Countess of Belmore  
3 Almshouses for widows 1854, rebuilt 1855 by  
Mrs Ann Shepperd

### **23. Recreation:**

1844 2 beerhouses  
1891/1912 White Horse public house.  
2005 White Horse establishes micro-brewery run by  
wind and solar power

### **24. Personal:**

Thomas de Edwardstone: Augustinian monk and eminent scholar born in  
Parish 14<sup>th</sup> cent. Buried in Clare 1396.  
'The Missing Page (Murder of John Jaggard 1699)' by T. Carr. East Anglian  
Monthly, Oct. 1983, p.25.

**25. Other information:**

Edwardstone Hall: brick gatehouse remains. Picture of Hall in Farrer collection. 19<sup>th</sup> cent. Print also exists. Building Victorian, mock Tudor Demolished 1952.

Edwardstone House: Grade II listed building.

Only shop in village closed 1978. Sub-post office closed 1995.

'Edwardstone: A Guide to the Church and Parish', 1980.

'The Story of the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin', by P. Wellstand 2001.