

1. Parish: **Ellough (otherwise Willingham All Saints or Willough)**

Meaning: Ellough: The temple, Willough: among the willows

2. **Hundred:** Wangford

Deanery: Wangford (–1914), Beccles (1914–1972), Beccles and South Elmham (1972–)

Union: Wangford

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Wangford RD (1894–1934), Wainford (1934–1974), Waveney DC (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Abolished ecclesiastically to create Ellough with Weston 1972
Beccles Petty Sessional Division
Beccles and Bungay County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,109 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed:

- a. Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion
- b. Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay
- c. Deep well drained sandy and coarse loam soils, some with slowly permeable subsoils and slight seasonal waterlogging, risk of wind erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		Wood for 40 pigs
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Wood-pasture region. Mainly pasture, meadow, engaged in rearing and dairying with some pigs keeping, horse breeding and poultry. Crops mainly barley with some wheat, rye, oats, peas, vetches, hops and occasionally hemp. Also has similarities with sheep corn region, where sheep are main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop.
1818	Marshall:	wide variations of crop and management techniques including summer fallow in preparation for corn and rotation of turnip, barley, clover, wheat on lighter lands
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, peas, well wooded area

1969 Trist: More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. Enclosure:

1797 3,862 acres in Ellough with Worlingham and North Cove enclosed under Private Acts of Land 1796

7. Settlement:

1961 Small compact development around crossroads where roads to Mutford, Beccles and Sotterly meet. Settlement mainly concentrated around church. Development probably influenced by marsh land and River Hundred and its tributaries which criss-cross the parish. Disused airfield situated in northern sector of parish. Scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 11, 1801 – 16, 1851 – 28, 1871 – 24, 1901 – 28, 1951 – 47, 1981 – 20

8. Communications:

Road: To Sotterley and the Beccles–Blythburgh road
1874 Daily postal service to/from Beccles

Rail: 1891 3 miles Beccles station: Ipswich–Beccles line opened
1854. Tivetshall–Lowestoft line opened to Beccles
1863, closed 1965

Water: River Hundred

Air: Airfield operational as wartime air–sea rescue base (USAF)
1944, closed 1945, remains used by executive type aircraft
and British Airways helicopters 1980's

9. Population:

1086 – 6 recorded

1327 – 64 taxpayers paid £2 17s. 3d. (includes Weston and Gt. Rendlesham)

1524 – 13 taxpayers paid £4 18s.

1603 – 45 adults

1674 – 22 households

1676 – Not recorded

1801 – 157 inhabitants

1831 – 146 inhabitants

1851 – 133 inhabitants

1871 – 127 inhabitants

1901 – 127 inhabitants

1931 – 113 inhabitants

1951 – 150 inhabitants
1971 – 55 inhabitants
1981 – 63 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254 Valued £12
1291 Valued £12
1535 Valued £12
Parsonage house in need of repair, rector not in residence 1597
1831 Glebe house. Gross income £257 p.a. Incumbent also holds Perpetual Curacy of Redisham.
Rectory house enlarged 1835
Valued £300. 35 acres 28P glebe 1855.
1912 Nett value £195. 37 acres glebe and residence

Patrons:

Thomas Playter (1603), Earl of Gosford (1831), Rev. F. Ireland (1912)

11. Church All Saints

(Chancel, nave, south porch, west tower)

14th cent. Main structure
1602 Porch, south door has stoup inside
1882/83 Restoration to nave and chancel roof
Church now closed and redundant

Seats: 90 (1915)

12. **Nonconformity etc:**

13. **Manorial:**

Ellough Manor

–13th cent. Crown property
1345 Sir Robert Wachesham owns
1477 Thomas Aslack owns passing by marriage to Thomas Playters of Sotterley 1479
1768 Robert Sparrow owns (linked to Worlingham)
1855 H.S. Farr owns
1911 Hon. Alfred John Mulholland owns

14. **Markets/Fairs:**

15. **Real property:**

1844 £1,068 rental value
1891 £1,150 rateable value

1912 £724 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844 Land sub-divided
1891 Rev. Sir C. Clarke and St. John Barne, principle owners
1912 Hon. A. Mulholland and Capt. M. Barne, principle owners

17. Resident gentry:

18. Occupations:

1500–1599 3 yeomen, 1 labourer
1600–1699 5 yeomen, 2 husbandmen, 1 clerk, 1 attorney
1831 26 in agriculture, 1 in retail trade, 2 professionals, 9 in
 domestic service, 1 other
1844 9 farmers, 1 gamekeeper
1912 6 farmers

19. Education:

1818 1 Sunday school, 1 evening school
1833 1 daily school (20 attend), 1 Sunday school supported by
 Rector (35 attend)
1912 Children attend school at Worlingham

20. Poor relief:

1776 £29 11s. 5d.
1803 £63 5s. 5d.
1818 £64 19s.
1830 £208 16s.
1832 £260 18s.
1834 £216 2s.

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Published Parish Registers