

## 1. Parish: Flixton (Lowestoft)

**Meaning:** Flik's homestead/village (Ekwall)

2. **Hundred:** Lothingland ( -1764), Mutford & Lothingland (1764- )

**Deanery:** Lothingland

**Union:** Mutford and Lothingland

**RDC/UDC:** (E. Suffolk) Mutford & lothingland RD (1894-1934),  
Lothingland RD (1934-1974), Waveney DC (1974- )

### Other administrative details:

Mutford & Lothingland Petty Sessional Division  
Lowestoft County Court District

3. **Area:** 587 acres land, 17 acres water (1912)

4. **Soils:**

- Mixed:**
- a) Stoneless, slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged coarse loam soils and silt over clay. Some deep coarse loam affected by groundwater.
  - b) Deep well drained coarse loam often stoneless soils, risk water erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

1086 Wood for 34 pigs, 13 acres meadow, ½ mill, 2 cobs, 6 cattle, 21 pigs, 200 sheep, 20 goats

1500–1640 Thirsk: Sheep corn region, where sheep are main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop. Also has similarities with wood-pasture region with pasture, meadow, dairying and some pig-keeping.

1818 Marshall: Wide variations of crop and management techniques including summer fallow as preparation for corn products and rotation of turnips, barley, clover, wheat on lighter lands

1937 Main crops: Wheat, barley, peas, beans

1969 Trist: More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

**7. Settlement:**

1971 Flixton decoy lake and associated marsh lands in western sector occupy large portion of parish and restricts development in this area. Small dispersed settlement to east of lake.  
Few scattered farms.

**Inhabited houses:** 1674 – 11, 1801 – 4, 1851 – 7, 1871 – 12, 1901 – 15, 1951 – 22, 1981 – 20

**8. Communications:**

**Road:** Roads to Oulton, Lowestoft and Blundeston

**Rail:** 1891 2 miles Somerleyton station, 2 miles Oulton Broad station: Lowestoft-Norwich line, opened (1844), still operational

**9. Population:**

1086 — 65 recorded  
1327 — 22 taxpayers paid £1. 15s. 11d. (includes Oulton)  
1524 — Not recorded  
1603 — 4 adults  
1674 — 11 households  
1676 — Not recorded  
1801 — 41 inhabitants  
1831 — 39 inhabitants  
1851 — 33 inhabitants  
1871 — 52 inhabitants  
1901 — 76 inhabitants  
1931 — 96 inhabitants  
1951 — 81 inhabitants  
1971 — 58 inhabitants  
1981 — 55 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Rectory (with Blundeston) (1831)**

1254 Valued £2  
1291 Valued £4. 6s. 8d.  
1535 Valued £14  
Consolidated with Blundeston (1703)  
1831 Glebe house, joint gross income £617 p.a. Incumbent also holds Rectory of Somerleyton  
1844 Tithes commuted for £158. 9s. p.a.  
1891 Tithes commuted for £170  
1912 Joint nett value £350 p.a. 12 acres glebe.

### **Patrons:**

Lawney family (1308-1404), J. Clifton (1441), G. Debenham (1473-76), Hubberd family (1492-1524), T. Godsolve (1537), C. Heydon (1562), J. Wentworth (1603-64), T. Garneys (1669), Allin family (1681-1703), G. Anguish (1831), H.H. MacDougal Rawson (1912).

### **11. Church      St. Andrew**

1602            Chancel recorded as in ruins and had been se since mid  
16<sup>th</sup> cent. parishioners said to attend church at Oulton  
1703            Wrecked by hurricane  
Remains situated near Oulton workhouse. Contains  
Roman brick.

### **Free Chapel;**

Foundation unknown. Parish said to be destitute of parishioners. Reputedly records and registrars existed referring to it as a parish church (1546).

### **12. Nonconformity etc:**

### **13. Manorial:**

1066            Manor of 3 carucates held by Haikon, a free man under patronage of Gyrrh  
1086            Manor of 3 carucates belonging to the King  
1066            Manor of 2 carucates held by Edric, a free man  
1086            Manor of 2 carucates belonging to the King  
1240            Sir Bartholomew Creke owns  
1316            Edmund Bacon owns (linked to Oulton)  
1340            Sir John Falstoff owns (linked to Fritton)  
15<sup>th</sup> cent.       John Jernegan owns (linked to Blundeston, Bradwell and Kessingland)  
1516            Sir James Hobart died seised (linked to Oulton, Trimley St. Martin, Trimley St. Mary, Walton, Creting St. Peter and Whatfield)  
Circa 1537     Thomas, Lord Wentworth owns (linked to Burstall)  
1579            Richard Mighell owns  
1602            John Wentworth owns (linked to Ashby, Belton, Bradwell, Corton, Lound and Somerleyton). Comprising of 3 messuages, 3 gardens, 100 acres land, 10 acres meadow, 100 acres pasture, 10 acres wood, 100 acres heath and briery, 40 acres marsh and 60 acres of alder.  
1672            Admiral Sir Thomas Allin owns (linked to Ashby, Belton, Blundeston, Bradwell, Carlton Colville, Corton, Somerleyton, Mutford, Lound, Gorleston and Fritton)

- Circa 1843 Lord S.G. Osborne owns (linked to Ashby, Belton, Blundeston, Bradwell, Carlton Colville, Corton, Somerleyton, Rushmere, Mutford, Lound, Gorleston and Fritton)
- 1844 Samuel Morton Peto owns (linked to Ashby, Belton, Blundeston, Bradwell, Carlton Colville, Corton, Rushmere, Pakefield, Mutford, Lound, Kirkley, Gorleston and Gisleham)
- 1885 Richard Henry Reeve owns (linked to Ashby, Belton, Blundeston, Bradwell, Carlton Colville, Corton, Rushmere, Pakefield, Mutford, Lound, Kirkley, Gorleston and Gisleham)

### **Sub-Manors:**

#### **Lawneys**

- 1316 William de Lawney owns  
15<sup>th</sup> cent. Sir James Hobart owns (absorbed by main manor)

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

Grant of market (1253)

#### **15. Real property:**

- 1844 £918 rental value  
1891 £720 rateable value  
1912 £653 rateable value

#### **16. Land ownership:**

- 1844 Land sub-divided  
1891/1912 Sir Savile Crossley, sole owner

#### **17. Resident gentry:**

- 1844 Thomas Morse

#### **18. Occupations:**

- 1550–1699 None recorded  
1831 10 in agriculture, 4 in domestic service  
1844 2 farmers  
1912 2 farmers

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

- 1912 Children attend school at Blundeston

**20. Poor relief:**

1776	£19. 2s. 1d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£25. 7s. 9½d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£52. 13s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£52. 11s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£57. 6s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£65. 4s.	spent on poor relief

**21. Charities:**

**22. Other institutions:**

**23. Recreation:**

**24. Personal:**

**25. Other information:**

Flixton Decoy: piece of water covering approximately 16 acres.

'Medieval floor tile from Flixton' by S.E. West. PSIA Vol. 32 p.201

Account rolls (1355/7) show that in Flixton 31% of manorial income was gained from the extraction of peat (turbarry). Suffolk Landscape by N. Scarfe.

Certificate (1602) states that "In Flixton the inhabitants are only 2, the one a farmer, the other a shepherd"

**Archaeological Sites**

Ring ditch (CRN 1733)

Stray finds: Neo. flint axe (CRN 1735)  
Worked flint (CRN 1736)

Scatter finds: Neo. worked flint (CRN 734)