

# 1. Parish: Great Redisham

**Meaning:** The people of Read (Ekwall)

2. **Hundred:** Wangford

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

**Union:** Wangford

**RDC/UDC:** (E. Suffolk) Wangford R.D. (1894-1934), Wainford R.D. (1934-1974), Waveney D.C. (1974 -)

Other administrative details:

Beccles Petty Sessional Division  
Beccles and Bungay County Court District

3. **Area:** 737 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.

5. **Types of farming:**

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, roots
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

**7. Settlement:**

1961 Small compact development around church and along Ringsfield - Brampton Road.  
Scattered farms.

**Inhabited houses:** 1674 – 12, 1801 – 19, 1851 – 36,  
1871 – 36, 1901 – 32, 1951 – 42,  
1981 – 46

**8. Communications:**

Road: Roads to Barsham, Brampton and Stone Street  
Roads unsafe for travelling and practically impassable for several months of the year (18<sup>th</sup> cent.)

Rail: 1891  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile Brampton station: Ipswich – Lowestoft line, opened (1854), station closed for goods (1966)

**9. Population:**

1086 — 6 recorded  
1327 — 64 taxpayers paid £2. 17s. 3d.  
(includes Weston and Ellough)  
1524 — 11 taxpayers paid £1. 2s. 2d.  
1603 — 37 adults  
1674 — 12 households  
1676 — Not recorded  
1801 — 138 inhabitants  
1831 — 179 inhabitants  
1851 — 152 inhabitants  
1871 — 165 inhabitants  
1901 — 117 inhabitants  
1931 — 116 inhabitants  
1951 — 128 inhabitants  
1971 — 120 inhabitants  
1981 — 135 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Perpetual Curacy**

1254 Valued £6  
1291 Valued £5. 6s. 8d.  
Rector receives benefit from living, layman appointed to read service (1597)  
1603 Valued £50 p.a. Pays 9d. synodals and 4d. Peter-pence in gift of Earl Gosford

**10. Benefice (cont'd):**

1831 No glebe house. Gross income £50 p.a. Incumbent also holds rectory of Ellough  
Tenur of the Rectory is of the King, yearly rent £1. 0s. 4d.  
2 glebe pightles (5 acres) + churchyard (1846)  
Incumbent not resident (1855)

1912 Nett value £52. 13 acres glebe

Patrons: Sparrow family (1764-1814), Earl of Gosford (1824), Wickliffes Trustees (1912)

**11. Church St. Peter**

(Chancel, nave, S.porch, modern W. turret of wood)

Pre-1066 Origins suspected  
Norman Nave, S. & N. doorways  
Circa 1300 Chancel  
19<sup>th</sup> cent. Tower fell in (found to be in deplorable state 1846)

Seats: 130 (1915)

**12. Nonconformity etc:**

**13. Manorial:**

**Redisham hall**

1086 Manor of 60 acres belonging to Roger Bigot  
1206 Hugo de Berry owns  
1420 Garneys family owns (linked to Barsham)  
1556 Remains in hands of Garneys family (linked to Beccles and Ringsfield)  
1732 Rev. T. Tanner owns (linked to Ilketshall)  
1808 John Garden owns (linked to Ringsfield)

**14. Markets/Fairs**

**15. Real property:**

1844 £779 rental value  
1891 £349 rateable value  
1912 £595 rateable value

**16. Land ownership:**

1844-1912 Land sub-divided

**17. Resident gentry:**

**18. Occupations:**

1550–1599	1 clerk, 1 thatcher, 2 husbandmen
1600–1649	1 thatcher, 1 hosier, 2 yeomen, 1 husbandman, 1 weaver
1650–1699	1 cordwainer, 1 yeoman
1831	37 in agriculture, 4 retail trade, 9 in domestic service, 3 others
1844	1 shoemaker, 1 blacksmith, 1 land agent, 1 joiner, 1 victualler, 1 cattle dealer, 5 farmers
1912	1 boot repairer, 1 monthly nurse, 5 farmers, 1 market gardener, 1 builder, 1 publican, 1 farm bailiff, 1 shopkeeper

**19. Education:**

1818	1 endowed Sunday school (45 attend)
1833	1 endowed Sunday school (24 attend) National school built (1854) (30 attend)
1912	Children attend school at either Ringsfield or Ilketshall St. Lawrence

**20. Poor relief:**

1776	£23. 5s. 2d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£56. 7s. 7d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£144. 15s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£181. 18s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£219. 1s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£229. 6s.	spent on poor relief

**21. Charities:**

**Leman Charity**

1805	by will of Mary Leman: £9. 6s. 8d. to support of Sunday school
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**22. Other institutions:**

**23. Recreation:**

1844-1912	The Wig public house
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**24. Personal:**

**25. Other information:**

Mill Mount: ¾ mile SW of village

Earthworks to SW of church: possible village settlement