

1. Parish: Harleston

Meaning: Heoruwulf's/Herewulf's homestead (Ekwall)

2. **Hundred:** Stow

Deanery: Stow

Union: Stow

RDC/UDC: E. Stow R.D. (1894-1934), Gipping R.D. (1934-1974),
Mid-Suffolk D.C. (1974 -)

Other administrative details:

1891 Abolished ecclesiastically to create Onehouse with Harleston
Stowmarket Petty Sessional Division
Stowmarket County Court District

3. **Area:** 612 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed: a. Fine loam over clay with slowly permeable subsoils, slight seasonal waterlogging. Some calcareous/non calcareous slowly permeable clay soils
b. Small section of deep well drained sand/coarse loams, some with slowly permeable subsoils and slight seasonal waterlogging, risk wind erosion.

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 and 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. Rotation of turnip, barley, clover, wheat on lighter lands.
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, beans
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet.

6. **Enclosure:**

7. Settlement:

1958 No obvious concentration of development. Church isolated. Two potential sites at Harleston Green and Rush Green.
Occupation well scattered.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 15, 1801 – 10, 1851 – 18,
1871 – 12, 1901 – 13, 1951 – 27,
1981 – 52

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Shelland and Haughley
1891 Carriers pass through to Stomarket on Thursday

Rail: 1891 3 miles Stowmarket station. Ipswich – Norwich line opened (1846), line electrified (1985)

9. Population:

1086 — 42 recorded
1327 — 16 taxpayers paid £2. 2s. (includes Shelland)
1524 — 6 taxpayers paid £0. 5s. 8d.
1603 — 44 adults
1674 — 18 households
1676 — 51 adults
1801 — 87 inhabitants
1831 — 89 inhabitants
1851 — 80 inhabitants
1871 — 43 inhabitants
1901 — 64 inhabitants
1931 — 82 inhabitants
1951 — 101 inhabitants
1971 — 159 inhabitants
1981 — 134 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory (1831) Discharged Rectory (1844)

1254 Valued £6. 13s. 4d.
Portion to monastery of Stokes in Buxhall £1. 10s.

£8. 3s. 4d.

1291 Valued £2

1535 Valued £7

1831 No glebe house. Gross income £175 p.a. Incumbent also holds Rectory of Buxhall
Valued £175 (1835)

1844 11 acres glebe in Shelland

10. Benefice (cont'd):

1891 11 acres glebe
1912 Annexed to Onehouse, joint value £306 p.a.

Patrons: R. Petteward (1831), Lady Hotham (1844), Rev. C. Terry (1891)

11. Church St. Augustine
(Nave, W. turret – thatched)

1086 Church + 25 acres free land
Norman Nave, S. doorway
13th cent. Chancel
1860 Restoration, entire W. front and bell-turret

Seats: 70

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

Harleston

- 1538 Augustine/Black Canons of Butley Priory own
1539 Linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk (Charles Brandon)
Circa 1546 Links with Gedding (William Page) alienated in same year to Henry Muskett
1656 Links with Preston, Fornham St. Genevieve and St. Martin, Stanningfield and Hengrave (Henry Gage)
1799 Links with Gt. Finborough and Onehouse (Rev. Roger Petteward)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844 £763 rental value
1891 £548 rateable value
1912 £422 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844 Lady Hothas and C. Tyrell, principal owners
1891 Rev. C. Terry and C. Tyrell, principal owners
1912 C. Petteward and W. Bevan, principal owners

17. Resident gentry:

1891 E.J. Fairbrother, J.S. Holmes, C.G. Jacobson
1912 E. Terry, J.P.

18. Occupations:

1550–1599 2 yeomen, 1 husbandman
1600–1649 3 yeomen, 1 husbandman, 1 thatcher
1650–1699 3 yeomen, 1 labourer, 1 blacksmith
1844 4 farmers
1912 3 farmers, farm bailiff

19. Education:

1818/1833 1 Sunday school (42 and 16 attend respectively)
1912 Children attend school in Onehouse

20. Poor relief:

1776	£16. 1s. 7d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£45. 13s. 6½d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£65. 7s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£156. 6s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£173. 6s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£124. 3s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

circa 19th cent. Lady Hotham rebuilt hall in Elizabethan style
Ancient stone of unknown origin is said to mark the site of gallows at Rush Green. This site also linked with burning of religious martyrs.
Hunton & Fison trophy for best kept village awarded to parish (1985)
Mid Suffolk best kept small village competition won by parish (1976, 1978, 1979 and 1985)
Kenyon Trophy for Suffolk Novices Best Kept Village won by parish (1983)
Grove of lime trees runs through centre of village, said to commemorate Queen Elizabeth I's journey through parish to Onehouse Hall.
Village sign erected (1977)