

1. Parish: Hemley

Meaning: Helma's clearing (EKWALL)

2. **Hundred:** Colneis

Deanery: Colneys

Union: Woodbridge

RDC/UDC: (E Suffolk) Woodbridge RD (1894–1934),
Deben RD (1934–74), Suffolk Coastal DC (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Woodbridge and Felixstowe Petty Sessional Division and County Court Districts

3. **Area:** 740 acres land, 2 acres of water, 29 acres of tidal water and 42 acres of foreshore (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed:

- a. Deep well drained sandy soils. Risk wind and water erosion
- b. Deep stoneless calcareous/ non calcareous clay soils. Slight risk flooding near river.

5. **Types of farming:**

1500–1640	Thirsk:	Light lands, sheep/corn region, sheep main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop
1818	Marshall:	area known as the sandlings where the cultivation of carrots is undertaken. YOUNG: Their culture of carrots, their breed of horses is nowhere else to be seen. (1813)
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, beet, turnips.
1969	Trist:	Sand is ideal for carrot production which was resumed in the post-war period, now mainly produced for canning. Other crops – turnip and kale seed.

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1975 eastern and southern boundaries formed by river Deben and Kirton Creek. Small well-spaced development along Waldringfield road. Development restricted by marsh to the east and wet lands to the south and west. Church relatively centrally situated.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 11, 1801 – 9, 1851 – 14, 1871 – 16,
1901 – 15, 1951 – 21, 1981 – 18

8. Communications:

Roads: To Waldringfield and Newbourn
1891 Carriers pass through to Ipswich
Rail: 1891, 5½ miles to Woodbridge station – Ipswich – Lowestoft line
opened (1854)
Water: River Deben , navigable
1912 Ferry crosses to Ramsholt.

9. Population:

1086 – 21 recorded
1327 – 76 taxpayers paid £5 15s. 5d. (Includes Kirton, Falkenham and
Bucklesham)
1524 – 12 taxpayers paid £1 14s 2d.
1603 – 47 adults
1674 – 11 households
1676 – not listed
1801 – 66 inhabitants
1831 – 69 inhabitants
1851 – 63 inhabitants
1871 – 76 inhabitants
1901 – 68 inhabitants
1931 – 83 inhabitants
1951 – 70 inhabitants
1971 – 61inhabitants
1981 – 45 inhabitants

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

1254 valued £3 6s 8d
1291 not listed
1535 Value £4. 19s. 1d
1831 Glebe house unfit for residence
Incumbent also holds Perpetual Curacy of St. Mary Tower,
Ipswich
1835 Valued £150
1891 Small rectory house. 23 acres 2R 15P glebe, value £201
1918 Joined with Waldringfield

Patrons: Crown (1603/1831), Lord Chancellor (1891)

11. Church: ALL SAINTS
(Chancel, nave, S Porch, W. tower)

1086 1 Church + 8 acres, valued 2s

14th cent Original building
Tudor Tower (red brick, blue diapering)
1889 restoration

Seats: 100

12. Nonconformity etc:

1606 1 person absent from divine service.

13. Manorial:

HEMLEY MANOR (Little known)

1584/1585 Christopher Backler owns
1844 Rev. George Drury of Clayton Owns

14. Market/Fair:

15. Real Property:

1844 – £504 rental value
1891 – £1,113 rateable value
1912 – £651 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1891 Land sub-divided
1912 Richard porter and William Paul principal landowners

17. Resident gentry:

18. Occupations:

1500–1549 2 husbandmen
1550–1599 1 husbandman, 4 yeomen, 1 tailor
1600–1649 2 yeomen
1650- 1699 4 yeomen
1831 25 in agriculture, 5 in domestic service,
1844 3 farmers
1912 2 farmers

19. Education:

1833 1 Sunday school established (1831) (7 attend)
1912 Children attend school at Waldringfield

20. Poor relief:

1776 £6

1803	£11 5s. 8¼d.
1818	£160 6s.
1830	£84 8s.
1832	£105 8s.
1834	£111

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Abolished ecclesiastically to create Waldringfield and Hemley (1901)
Domesday vill – Istevertona (unidentified)

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES:

Square enclosure (CRN 3793)

Ring ditch (CRN 3794)

Stray finds: Neo. Worked flint (CRN 3795)