

1. Parish: Ilketshall St. John

Meaning: Ulfetill's/Ulfcytel's village (Ulfcytel was alderman of East Anglia)

2. **Hundred:** Wangford

Deanery: Wangford (early in South Elmham) (-1972), Beccles and South Elmham (1972-)

Union: Wangford

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

Other administrative details:

Beccles Petty Sessional Division
Beccles and Bungay County Court District

3. **Area:** 755 acres

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 peat soils associated with clay over sandy soils in part very acid, high groundwater levels

5. **Types of farming:**

1086	Ilketshall	Wood for 60 pigs, 5 pigs 1 mill
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Wood pasture region, mainly pasture, meadow, engaged in rearing in 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
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. Settlement:

It has been suggested that the four parishes that make up the Ilketshalls were laid out as a unit with arrangements for inter-commoning

1961 Compact community around church, situated at crossroads where Mettingham to Ilketshall St. Lawrence road and Bungay to Ilketshall St. Andrew road meet.
Scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 5, 1801 – 7, 1851 – 13, 1871 – 17,
1901 – 14, 1951 – 13, 1981 – 10

8. Communications:

Road: A144 Halesworth – Bungay road, Roads to Mettingham, Ilketshall St. Lawrence and Ilketshall St. Margaret
Roads unsafe for travelling and practically impassible for several months of the year (18th cent.)

Rail: 1891 2 miles Bungay station: Tivetshall – Lowestoft line
Opened (1860), closed (1964)

9. Population:

1086 — Ilketshall : 82 recorded
1327 — Ilketshall: 83 taxpayers paid £4. 14s.
1524 — 21 taxpayers paid £1. 13s. 1d. (Includes Ilketshall St Lawrence)
1603 — 32 adults
1674 — 5 households
1676 — not recorded
1801 — 51 inhabitants
1831 — 72 inhabitants
1851 — 72 inhabitants
1871 — 87 inhabitants
1901 — 72 inhabitants
1931 — 70 inhabitants
1951 — 43 inhabitants
1971 — 30 inhabitants
1981 — 33 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory (-1309), Vicarage (1309-), Rectory (1831)

1254 Valued £8. 13s. 4d.
1267 Advowson conveyed to Sir James de Ilksetshall with 1 Acre of land
1291 Valued £8. 13s. 4d.
1307 Appropriated by Prioress of Bungay
1535 Valued £8. 13s. 4d.
1831 Glebe house. Gross income £311 p.a.

Rectory house valued £311. 41 acres glebe. Tithes commuted for yearly rent-charge of £230. Rector receives £50 p.a. from tithes of 3 other Ilketshalls (1831)
 1912 Annexed to Ilketshall St. Lawrence (1912)
 Joint nett value £240. 97 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Prioress/convent of Bungay (1327-1518), Duke of Norfolk (1564), The Crown (1555-1579), William Dix and William Cautrell (1575), Crown (1831) , Lord Chancellor (1912)

11. Church St. John Baptist
 (Chancel, nave, W. tower)

1267 Forfeited to Prioress of Bungay by Sir James de Ilketshall on failure to repay loan of 27 ½ marks of silver
 13th cent. Chancel
 1860 Restored

Seats : 64 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1597 3 persons accused of incontinency
 1840 Wesleyan chapel built

13. Manorial:

Ilketshall Manor (Includes parishes of St. Andrew, St. John, St. Lawrence, St. Margaret, All Saints Mettingham, St. Mary and Holy Trinity, Bungay)

1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Earl Hugh in Hands of Wulfsi under patronage of Gyrth
 1086 Manor of 60 acres belonging to Earl Hugh in hands of Alwy under patronage of Wulfsi
 1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Earl Hugh in hands of Burghard
 12th cent. Ilketshall family owns
 14th cent. de Norwich family owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)
 1362 Linked to Dalham Manor
 1541 Sir Thomas Denny owns

Sub Manors:

Wellington's

1371 Sir John Howard owns

Ilketshall Bardolph's

1323	Held under the Honor of Lancaster
1377	Sir W. Bardolf, Lord Bardolf of Wirmegay owns (linked to Clopton)
1518	Crown holds in hands of Sir Richard Wingfield at rent of 1 penny p.a.
1545	Sir John Rous owns (linked to Henham)
1804	Joseph Windham owns

Sherlock's

1458	Roger Rookwood owns (linked to Euston)
1564	Sir James Calthorpe owns

St. Andrew

1281	James de Ilketshall owns
Early 16 th cent.	George Duke owns
1563	Sir Nicholas Bacon owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)
1846	Rev. Jeremy Day owns

Elli's and Strattons (thought to include part of Lt. Redisham)

1275	Peter Fitz Osbert owns
15 th cent.	Goneld family owns
1422	Thomas Croftes of Beccles owns
1476	Thomas Duke owns (linked to Shadingfield and Benhall)
1742	Rev. Thomas Tanner of London owns (linked to Redisham)

Lions

1286	Abbot of West Dereham, Norfolk owns
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14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£791 rental value
1891	£837 rateable value
1912	£543 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1912	Land sub-divided
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17. Resident gentry:

1680 *1 gent recorded*

18. Occupations:

1500-1599 Ilketshall: 8 yeomen, 1 husbandman
1600-1649 1 yeoman, 1 labourer
1650-1699 Ilketshall: 1 yeoman
1831 21 in agriculture, 1 in retail trade, 1 in labouring, 9 in domestic service
1844 3 farmers
1912 3 farmers, 1 farm bailiff

19. Education:

1818 Sunday school (shared with Ilketshall St. Andrew) (72 attend)
1833 Sunday school (9 attend)
1870 National school established, shared with Ilketshall St. Andrew (60 day and 90 Sunday pupils), enlarged (1876), 1895 and 1907), average attendance (1912) 95

20. Poor relief:

1776	£22. 8s. 8d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£46. 1s.	spent on poor relief
1818	£82. 4s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£112. 16s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£150. 13s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£117. 17s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

24. Personal:

Ilketshall: Sir Edward Denny, Earl of Norwich (1626)

25. Other information:

Motte and bailey: conical mound 23' high surrounded by moat. Protected by rampart. To south is horseshoe shaped bailey with enclosing ditch which joins mound on western side. Situated near Roman Road (Stone Street)

Archaeological Sites:

Motte and bailey castle (CRN 951)

Field boundary (CRN 952)

Stray finds: Rom. axe (CRN 953)
 Rom. coin (CRN 954)