

1. Parish: Kesgrave

Meaning: Ditch or grove where cress grew

2. **Hundred:** Carlford

Deanery: Carlford (-1972), Ipswich 1972-)

Union: Woodbridge

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

Other administrative details:

Ecclesiastical boundary change to create Ipswich St. Augustine of Hippo (1928)
Part of parish amalgamated with Playford (1883)
Woodbridge Petty Sessional Division and County Court District

3. **Area:** 867 (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Deep well drained sandy soils. Some very acid soils with bleached subsurface especially under heath of woodland. Risk wind erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

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
1804	Young:	'This corner of Suffolk practices better husbandry than elsewhere' ...identified as carrot growing region.
1818	Marshall:	Management varies with condition of sandy soils. Rotation usually turnip, barley, clover, wheat or turnips as preparation for corn and grass
1937	Main Crops:	Wheat, barley, peas
1969	Trist:	Barley and sugar beet are main crops, some rye grown on poorer lands, little wheat, herbage seeds and carrots

6. **Enclosure:**

7. Settlement:

1980 Large development to south of main Ipswich road which also forms northern boundary. Church situated equidistant between western and eastern boundaries. Some scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 9, 1801 – 9, 1851 – 19, 1871 – 18, 1901 – 19, 1951 – 442, 1981 – 1,782

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Ipswich, Foxhall, Martlesham, Playford, Little Bealings and Rushmere St. Andrew
1891 Carriers pass through daily to Ipswich

Rail: 1891 Little Bealings station: Ipswich-Lowestoft line, opened (1859), station closed for passengers (1956), closed for goods (1965)

Air: Martlesham Heath airfield: established (1917) as experimental unit, closed (circa 1963) (intrudes into parish in eastern sector)

9. Population:

1086 — 17 recorded (including Domesday vill of Greenewic)

1327 — 16 taxpayers paid £1. 6d. (includes Foxhall)

1524 — 11 taxpayers paid £6. 6s. 8d.

1603 — 26 adults

1674 — 9 households

1676 — not recorded

1801 — 73 inhabitants

1831 — 101 inhabitants

1851 — 86 inhabitants

1871 — 88 inhabitants

1901 — 74 inhabitants

1931 — 869 inhabitants

1951 — 1,388 inhabitants

1971 — 4,749 inhabitants

1981 — 4,711 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Perpetual Curacy (1831), (United with Brightwell and Foxhall) (1915)

1254 Valued £2. 13s. 4d.

1291 Valued £2.

1535 Not recorded

Appropriated to Butley Priory (no dates)

1831 No glebe house. Gross income £58 p.a. Incumbent also holds.

Perpetual curacy of Brightwell with Foxhall

1891 Incumbent resides at Brightwell. Valued £56 p.a.

1912 Joint nett value £80 p.a. 20 acres glebe

Patrons: Gilbert, 1st Prior of Butley (1171-1194), John of Oxford, Bishop of Norwich (1175-1200), Prior of Butley (1195-1538), The Crown (1535-45), Sir John Jermy (1545-1560), Sir Anthony Wingfield (1638), the Essington family (1655-1663), Sir Samuel Barnardiston (1663-1709), Sir John Shaw (1737-1738), the Shaw family (1779-1922)

11. Church All Saints

(Chancel and nave (continuous), W. tower)

1086 ½ church + 2 acres
12/13th cent. Chancel and porch
14th cent. Nave, lower part of tower, upper portion (16th cent.)
1643 Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) removed 6 superstitious pictures, ordered removal of 18 cherubim and chancel to be levelled

Seats : 150 (1831)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1606 1 person negligent in receiving communion
Roman Catholic chapel: Holy Family and St. Michael
Built (1931) in memory of Squadron Leader M. Pope

13. Manorial:

Domesday vill – Greenewic: Copinger identified this with possible associations with Kesgrave – in Greenewic is recorded

1066 2 manors of 2 carucates held by 2 free men under patronage of King Edward and Gyrth
1086 2 manors of 2 carucates belonging to Roger of Poitou

Kesgrave/Tuddenham's In Kesgrave

14th cent. Sir John Holbroke owns (linked to Playford and Rushmere Bucklesham, Brantham, Burstall, Chelmondiston and Woolverstone)
1337 Robert Tuddenham died seised (linked to Great Bealings and Grundisburgh)
1791 Thomas Mills owns (linked to Gt. Waldingfield and Sutton)
1909 Robert Nesling owns

Sub-Manors:

Suddon Hall

1428 William Haningfield owns
1524 John Garveys died seised

Passing into the Garneys family (absorbed by main manor)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£1,496 rental value
1891	£1,225 rateable value
1912	£1,043 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1891	Land sub-divided
1912	Not recorded

17. Resident gentry:

1891	Rev, W.J. Benson MA
1912	Rev. G. Allan MA

18. Occupations:

1500-1549	1 yeoman
1550-1549	4 yeomen, 1 carpenter
1600-1649	5 yeomen
1650-1699	8 yeomen, 1 millwright, 1 cordwainer, 1 tailor
1831	54 agriculture, 6 in retail trade, 1 professional, 2 in labouring, 17 in domestic service, 3 others
1844	Victualler, blacksmith, shoemaker, wheelwright, 12 farmers
1912	Sub-postmaster, school teacher, station master, wheelwright, 9 farmer, 2 bootmakers, publican, asst. overseer

19. Education:

1818	Incumbent teaches 20 scholars
1833	1 infant day school (7/8 attend), 1 daily school (7/8 attend), 1 Sunday school established (1822) (10/15 attend) National school built (1859), average attendance (1912) 52

20. Poor relief:

1776	£83. 4s. 2d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£171. 13s. 3d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£455. 8s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£391. 6s.	spent on poor relief

1832	£370. 16s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£375. 10s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

1844-1912 The Bell public house

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Kesgrave Hall: Rebuilt (1812), occupied by boarding school (1891)

'A Short Guide to Church and Parish' (1937)

Dobb's Grave: believed to be grave of a shepherd who committed suicide at Kesgrave Hall Farm (circa 18th century). Grave situated at crossroads where boundaries of four parishes meet (Kesgrave, Foxhall, Brightwell and Martlesham)

Village sign erected (1937)

Archaeological Sites

Church of All Saints (CRN 3413)

Stray finds:

Neo	Flint sickle (CRN 3405)
	Leaf arrowhead (CRN 3406)
	Polished axe (CRN, 3407, 3408, 3415, 3418)
	Axe (CRN 3416)
	Worked flint (CRN 3417)
B.A.	Stone implement (CRN 3409)
	Flint arrowhead (CRN 3410)
Rom	Coin (CRN 3411)
	Flint Arrowhead (CRN 3410)
Sax	Pottery (CRN 3412)
	Pottery (CRN 3420)
Mes	Flint Axe (CRN 3414)