

1. Parish: Little Linstead (otherwise Lindstead Parva)

Meaning: Place where flax was grown

2. **Hundred:** Blything

Deanery: Dunwich (-1868), Dunwich (North) (1868-1914), N. Dunwich (1914-1972), Halesworth (1972-)

Union: Blything

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

Other administrative details:

Abolished ecclesiastically to create Linstead Magna with Linstead Parva (1889)

Civil boundary change (1885) gains part of Withersdale Blything Petty Sessional Division
Halesworth County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,325 acres

4. **Soils:**

Mixed: a) Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay
b) Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		Wood 20 pigs, 2 acres meadow, 1 cob, 4 cattle, 20 pigs, 30 sheep, 20 goats
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:	Coarse of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products
1937	Main Crops:	Wheat, barley, beans, turnips, pasture
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. Enclosure:

1864 56 acres in Linstead Parva, Cookley and Huntingfield enclosed under General Acts, 1862

7. Settlement:

1975 Small ribbon type development along line of Cookley to Metfield Road which links several greens (Morrellhaugh Green, Linstead Parva, Linstead Green and Collipy's Green). Parish boundary edges the churchyard and church which is offset to east of Blacksmiths Green
Scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 14, 1801 – 16, 1851 – 40, 1871 – 37,
1901 – 28, 1951 – 32, 1981 – 32

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Metfield, Cookley, Chediston and Linstead Magna
1891 Carrier to Halesworth Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Rail: 1891 4/5 miles Halesworth station: East Suffolk line, opened (1854), closed for goods (1964)
Southwold-Halesworth line, opened (1879), closed (1929)
Halesworth-Beccles-Haddiscoe line, opened (1854), closed (1959)

9. Population:

1086 — Linstead - 6 recorded

1327 — 54 taxpayers paid £2. 10s. 4 d. (includes Huntinfield and Linstead Parva)

1524 — 15 taxpayers paid £1. 7s. 4d.

1603 — not recorded

1674 — 17 households

1676 — not recorded

1801 — 134 inhabitants

1831 — 186 inhabitants

1851 — 200 inhabitants

1871 — 165 inhabitants

1901 — 120 inhabitants

1931 — 108 inhabitants

1951 — 111 inhabitants

1971 — 91 inhabitants

1981 — 92 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Perpetual Curacy

1254 Valued £4. 6s. 8d. (Includes Linstead Parva)

1291 Valued £1. 6s. 8d.

Portion of Pentney (Norfolk) 12s. £1. 18s. 8d.

1535 Not recorded
 1650 Linsteads: Valued £20
 1831 No glebe house. Gross income £78.
 Amalgamated with Linstead Magna (1889) Incumbent
 resides in Linstead Parva
 1912 Joint net value £111. 50 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Lord Huntingfield (1831), Church Patronage Society (1891)

11. Church **St. Margaret**
 (Chancel, nave, S. porch, W. bell turret (wood))

13th cent. Main structure, including chancel with later alterations
 16th cent. Nave
 1643 Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) removed 6 pictures
 + pictures of Christ from outside of steeple and crosses
 from font and ordered steps to levelled
 1891/94 Restorations, porch rebuilt

Seats : 120 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1606 1 popish recusant
 1650 Linsteads: Francis Edwards named as 'recusant convict'

13. Manorial:

Linstead

1066 Manor of 60 acres held by Wulfric, a free man
 1086 Manor of 60 acres belonging to Robert Malet and held by
 Walter

Linstead Parva

1313 William de Huntingfield died seised (linked to Linstead
 Magna and Horham)
 1536 Thomas, Duke of Norfolk owns (linked to numerous
 manors throughout Suffolk)
 1771 Sir John Vanneck owns
 1909 Joshua Charles Vanneck owns (linked to Heveningham,
 Huntingfield and Linstead Magna)

Possible Sub-Manor:

Hovells

16th cent. Held by William Brome and Alice Lovedays

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£562 rental value
1891	£679 rateable value
1912	£578 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1891	Land sub-divided
1912	Lord Huntingfield, principal owner

17. Resident gentry:

1679	Mr. Everard
1694	William Cooke, Sheriff of Suffolk

18. Occupations:

1600-1649	1 yeoman
1831	39 in agriculture, 8 in retail trade, 3 in domestic service
1844	Blacksmith, tailor, shoemaker, victualler, land surveyor/grocer, 7 farmers
1912	School teacher, publican, shopkeeper, poultry dealer, blacksmith, 7 farmers

19. Education:

1833	1 Sunday school established (1833) (34 attend) National school established (1869) held in former Literary Institution built (1852), average attendance (1912) 25
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20. Poor relief:

1776	£20 6s. 3d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£41. 15s. 5 ¼ d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£89. 5s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£60. 8s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£130. 19s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£85. 1s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Town Estate

1840	House and garden (1 ½ acres) let at £9 p.a. applied to churchwarden and to repairs to chapel
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22. Other institutions:

1852 Literary Institution built, used as school (1891)

23. Recreation:

1844-1912 The Greyhound public house, private dwelling by (1972)

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Three greens called Blacksmiths Green, Morrellhaugh and Colippy's comprised of 33 acres 3R 20P prior to enclosure

Sibton Abbey Grange believed to be situated in vicinity of Abbey Farm (1325)

Archaeological Sites:

Med. ditch (CRN 1258)

Stray finds: Neo. axe (CRN 2157)

Scatter finds: Med. pottery (CRN 2156)