

# 1. Parish: Monewden

**Meaning:** Valley of Munda's people

2. **Hundred:** Loes

**Deanery:** Loes

**Union:** Plomesgate

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

## Other administrative details:

Civil boundary change (1883)  
Framlingham Petty Sessional Division  
Framlingham and Saxmundham County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,101(1912)

4. **Soils:**

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

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		6 acres meadow, 3 goats, 2 cattle
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 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, roots, barley, hay
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

Possible enclosure of common land (1832) (not confirmed)

**7. Settlement:**

1958 Well spaced ribbon type development, compact at its southern end at which point the church is situated  
Scattered farms

**Inhabited houses:** 1674 – 21, 1801 – 23, 1851 – 33, 1871 – 49,  
1901 – 34, 1951 – 38, 1981 – 45

**8. Communications:**

**Road:** Roads to Clopton, Crettingham, Hoo and Charsfield  
1891 Carrier to Woodbridge on Thursday  
to Ipswich on Tuesday and Thursday  
1912 Carrier to Ipswich on Tuesday

**Rail:** 1891 5 miles Framlingham station: Wickham Market-  
Framlingham line opened (1859), close for passenger (1952)  
, closed for goods (1965)

**9. Population:**

1086 — 26 recorded  
1327 — 48 taxpayers paid £4. 8s. 11d. (includes Crettingham and Brandeston)  
1524 — 18 taxpayers paid £2. 4s.  
1603 — 70 adults  
1674 — 26 households  
1676 — not recorded  
1801 — 157 inhabitants  
1831 — 207 inhabitants  
1851 — 220 inhabitants  
1871 — 226 inhabitants  
1901 — 152 inhabitants  
1931 — 129 inhabitants  
1951 — 122 inhabitants  
1971 — 118 inhabitants  
1981 — 118 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Rectory**

1254 Valued £6. 13s. 4d.  
1291 Valued £8. 13s. 4d.  
1535 Valued £8. 13s. 4d.  
Incumbent also holds Framsdon (1597)  
1603 Valued £8. Incumbent also holds Framsdon  
1831 Glebe house unfit for occupation. Gross income £265.  
p.a. Incumbent also olds rectory of Kettlesburgh  
1891 Tithes Commuted for £290  
1912 Nett value £259. 51 acres glebe and residence

**Patrons:** Heir of John Hastings (1603), A. Arcedeckne (1831), Mrs. Burman (1891), Rev. J. Lindsay

**11. Church**      **St Mary**  
(Chancel, nave, S. porch, W. tower)

1086      Church + 30 acres meadow (1 ½ acres)  
Norman      2 small windows in nave  
14<sup>th</sup> cent.      Main structure including tower  
16<sup>th</sup> cent.      S. porch  
1643      Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) destroyed 6  
                 superstitious pictures and ordered steps to be leveled  
1906      Restorations

**Seats:** 150 (1915)

**12. Nonconformity etc:**

**13. Manorial:**

1066      Manor of 1 carucate held by a free man under patronage  
                 of Edric  
1086      Manor of 1 carucate belonging to Robert Malet  
1066      Manor of 1 carucate 40 acres held by Wulfmer a free man  
1086      Manor of 1 carucate 40 acres belonging to Roger of  
                 Poitou

**Monewden with Sulyards**

1259      John Weyland owns (linked to Brandeston and Henley)  
circa 1291      Sir John Ap Adams/Albadams owns  
14<sup>th</sup> cent.      Sir Hugh Hastings owns  
circa 1550      William Reve  
circa 1679      Sir Philip Meadows owns (linked to Bentley)  
1679      Tallemach Duke owns  
circa 1836      Alexander Adair owns (linked to Lt. Bricett, Mendham,  
                 Depden Cratfield, Naughton, and Fressingfield)  
1885      Chalres Austin owns (linked to brandeston, Cretingham  
                 and Sutton)

**14. Markets/Fairs**

**15. Real property:**

1844      £1,571 rental value  
1891      £1,244 rateable value  
1912      £965 rateable value

**16. Land ownership:**

1844 W. Adair principal owner  
1891 Land Sub-divided  
1912 C. Austin, principal owner

**17. Resident gentry:**

1891 Rev. C.A. Sinclair MA  
1912 Rev. A.H. McGachen Th.AKC

**18. Occupations:**

1550-1599 4 yeomen, 1 clerk, 3 husbandmen  
1600-1649 3 yeomen  
1650-1699 6 yeomen, 1 butcher  
1831 41 agriculture, 6 in retail trade, 13 in domestic service, 2 others  
1844 Corn miller/shopkeeper, shoemaker, thatcher, wheelwright, blacksmith, 12 farmers  
1912 School teacher, blacksmith, 10 farmers, corn, malt, hop and seed merchant, corn merchant, pig dealer, miller, grocer/carrier

**19. Education:**

1818 2 small day schools (20 attend)  
1833 1 daily school established (1825) (14 attend)  
Small school built (1873), 42 attend (1891)  
Private school run by Mrs. E. Waller at The Poplars(1891)  
Public Elementary school built (1879), enlarged (1898), average attendance (1912) 30

**20. Poor relief:**

1776	£15. 15s. 10d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£57. 19s.	spent on poor relief
1818	£200. 2s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£344. 3s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£385. 15s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£311. 14s.	spent on poor relief

**21. Charities:**

**22. Other institutions:**

1474 Possible guild of St. Peter

**23. Recreation:**

**24. Personal:**

'The Pitts family of Monewden, The Pacific Islands and Hoo'. Hoo: Deben Valley Place names Note D

**25. Other information:**

Cherry Tree Farmhouse: (circa 1600) timber-framed, carved tie beam to gable end with carved bracket

Monewden Hall: (early 18<sup>th</sup> cent.) original site of 16<sup>th</sup> cent. Building unknown. Reputedly built by trustees of a wealthy lunatic named Correy. East Anglian Miscellany (1923) p.30

Rookery Farm: built by George Stebbing (1593). Map (1656) reproduced in Suffolk Landscape by N. Scarfe fig. 20 (opposite p.219) Appears to be well preserved yeoman farmhouse. Field boundaries almost the same as appear on the map (1971). Description in Suffolk Landscape by N. Scarfe p.216/217

Parish reputedly held park (13th cent.) near church, to the NW.

Monewden Lodge: reputedly a ruin at unknown date from which Monewden Folly/Folly Farm was constructed (circa 1710). East Anglian Miscellany (1925) p.12

Red House: (1592). East Anglian Miscellany (1925) p.1

Working post mill in existence (1806)

**Archaeological Sites:**

Med. moated site (CRN 3248)

Stray finds: Neo. worked flint (CRN 2937, 2938)

Scatter finds: Med. pottery (CRN 3249)