

1. Parish: **NEWTON** (Also Known as Newton Green or Newton near Sudbury)

**Meaning:** New homestead or village

2. **Hundred:** Babergh

**Deanery:** Sudbury (–1864, Sudbury (Western)(1864–1884), Sudbury (1974–)

**Union:** Sudbury

**RDC/UDC:** (W. Suffolk) Melford RD (–1974), Babergh DC (1974–)

**Other administrative details:**

Boxford Petty Sessional Division  
Sudbury County Court District

3. **Area:** 2,198

4. **Soils:** Deep fine loam over clay, coarse loam over clay, fine loam and clay soils with slowly permeable sub-soil and slight seasonal waterlogging. Calcareous subsoils in places. Slight risk of water erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

1086 Wood for 12 pigs, 15 cattle, 49 pigs, 205 sheep, 49 goats, 9 beehives

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 in preparation for corn products

1937 Main crops: Wheat, barley, beans, 2 fruit growers

1969 Trist: More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1977 Line of Roman road marks western boundary. Small relatively compact development following the line of Assington Road which has the golf course situated on the Green to the south. Church and small settlement is slightly separate to the north. Scattered farms

**Inhabited houses:** 1674 – 34, 1801 – 47, 1851 – 90, 1871 – 103,  
1901 – 90, 1951 – 119, 1981 – 168

**8. Communications:**

**Road:** To Assington, Gt. Waldingfield, Chilton and Boxford

**Rail:** 1891 3 miles Sudbury: station: opened 1849, line to Shelford  
opened 1854, line Haverhill opened 1865, closed for  
goods 1966, closed for passengers 1967

**9. Population:**

1086 – 39 recorded  
1327 – 22 taxpayers paid £2 7s. 7d.  
1524 – 28 taxpayers paid £4 11s. 4d.  
1603 – 100 adults  
1674 – 48 households  
1676 – 158 adults  
1801 – 354 inhabitants  
1831 – 432 inhabitants  
1851 – 499 inhabitants  
1871 – 477 inhabitants  
1901 – 326 inhabitants  
1931 – 278 inhabitants  
1951 – 341 inhabitants  
1971 – 376 inhabitants  
1981 – 431 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Rectory**

1254	Portion of parson £10 Portion of Prior of Stoke 13s 4d. Portion of Prior of Berdeu £1	<u>£11 13s.14d.</u>
1291	Value £12 Portions as previous £1. 14s	<u>£13 14s. 0d.</u>
1535	Value £17 13s. 8½d.	
1831	Not recorded Good residence. 55 acres glebe. Modus of £597 p.a. 1840	
1912	Nett value £370. 51 acres glebe and residence	

**Patrons:** William Barrow (1603), St Peters College, Cambridge  
(1831)

**11. Church: All Saints**  
(Chancel, nave, s. porch, w. tower)

1086 Church + 30 acres free land  
½ church + 8 acres free land  
11/12<sup>th</sup> cent. N. doorway

14 <sup>th</sup> cent.	Main structure and chancel
14/15 <sup>th</sup> cent.	Tower
1643	Puritanical vandals (William Dowsing) destroyed superstitious pictures and ordered steps levelled
1937	Restoration
1973	Declared redundant
1974	Restoration

**Seats:** 310 free (1873)

**12. Nonconformity etc:**

1606	2 persons not receiving communion
1676	1 nonconformist
1743–1821	2 houses set aside for worship
	Primitive Methodist chapel 1908

**13. Manorial:**

1066/1086:	Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Abbot of St Edmunds and held by Adelund
1066	Manor of 2 carucates held by Uhtred under Harold
1086	Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Ralph of Limesy

**Newton Hall:**

1086	Manor (as above) belonging to the Abbot of St Edmunds
1285	John de Morse held
1316	Vested in Sir William de Botevilleyne
late 14 <sup>th</sup> cent.	Fanelore family owns
1425	Sir Alan Buxhall owns passing to Richard Neville (Earl of Warwick) linked to Somerton)
1485	Crown granted to Queens College, Cambridge in perpetual frankelmoign
1543	Thomas Barrow owns (linked to Gt. Waldingfield) and passing to the Shelton family
1905	Earl Howe owns (linked to Cavendish and Acton)

**Sub-Manors:**

**Sayham al Siam/Saxham:**

1086	Manor (as above) belonging to Ralph de Lemesi
c.1550	Edward Alston holds until at least 1656
	Nothing more known

**Boteler al Butlers/Buxtons**

13 <sup>th</sup> cent.	Robert Carbonell owns
1393	Ralph Butler owns

1460 William Crane owns  
1880 Rev. T.L.N. Causton owns

**14. Markets/Fairs:**

Grant for market and fair 1257

**15. Real property:**

1844 £2,737 rental value  
1891 £2,470 rateable value  
1912 £1,827 rateable value

**16. Land ownership:**

1844/1912 Land sub-divided

**17. Resident gentry:**

1686 Thomas Keble and Frances Quailes  
1844 Rev. C. Smith BD  
1912 Rev. A.T. Wren MA

**18. Occupations:**

1500–1549 1 husbandman  
1550–1599 1 glover, 4 yeoman, 1 clerk, 5 husbandmen, 1 pewterer,  
2 labourers,  
1600–1649 1 innkeeper, 7 yeoman, 2 spinsters, 3 husbandmen,  
1 blacksmith  
1650–1699 8 yeoman, 1 clerk, 1 spinster, 1 maltster, 1 labourer  
1831 93 in agriculture, 14 in retail trade, 2 professionals, 18 in  
domestic service, 4 others  
1844 Publican, blacksmith, miller, bricklayer, cattle dealer,  
carpenter, 9 farmers  
1912 Sub-postmaster, teacher, 8 farmers, farm bailiff, publican,  
shopkeeper, beer retailer, golf club manager,  
wheelwright, blacksmith, pig dealer, asst. overseer,  
insurance agent

**19. Education:**

1621–26 1 schoolmaster/tutor recorded  
1818 1 infants school  
1833 Daily school (20 attended)  
National school built for 100 1836 (40 attend), average  
attendance 1912 65  
School converted to village hall 1977

**20. Poor relief:**

1776	£120 16s. 4d.
1803	£278 0. 6d.
1818	£460 7s.
1830	£731 9s.
1832	£682
1834	£573 18s.

**21. Charities:**

**Rentcharge Doles:**

1840	£1 16s. 8d. rent on land p.a. collected every 7 years and distributed among the poor
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**22. Other institutions:**

1776	Workhouse (24 inhabitants)
1803	Friendly Society (15 members)
	Village Hall (former school) 1977

**23. Recreation:**

1600–1649	1 innkeeper
1844	The Saracens Head public house
1891	The Saracens head public house, 1 beer house
1912	The Saracens Head public house, 1 beer retailer
	Newton Green golf club, new club house and changing built in 1981
	Football club 20 <sup>th</sup> cent.

**24. Personal:**

**25. Other information:**

Newton Green said to be about 45 acres 1912.

'Rogers' c.1600 timber framed building. Wall paintings of Life of Sampson and Martyrdom of St Stephen dated 1623.

Village stocks and pound said to have been situated on the Green.

'The Deans': Elizabethan manor house 1560 with Queen Anne frontage. Grade II listed building.

Roman well found 1975.

'A Sepulchral Monument at Newton by Sudbury, by Rev. C.R. Manning. PSIA Vol. IX, p.262.

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