

# 1. Parish: North Cove

**Meaning:** Probably named from South Cove – likely to have been an outlying part of this

2. **Hundred:** Wangford

**Deanery:** Wangford (–1914), Beccles (1914–1972), 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:

Incorporates decayed parish of Little Worlingham (114 acres) 1797  
Beccles Petty Sessional Division  
Beccles and Bungay County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,240 (1912)

4. **Soils:**

**Mixed:**

- a. Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay
- b. Deep well drained sandy and coarse loam soils, some with slowly permeable subsoils and slight seasonal waterlogging. Risk of wind erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

1500–1640	Thirsk:	Wood-pasture region. Mainly pasture, meadow, engaged in rearing and dairying with some pigs keeping, horse breeding and poultry. Crops mainly barley with some wheat, rye, oats, peas, vetches, hops and occasionally hemp. Also has similarities with sheep corn region, where sheep are main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop.
1818	Marshall:	Wide variations of crop and management techniques including summer fallow in preparation for corn and rotation of turnip, barley, clover, wheat on lighter soils
1937	Main crops:	Wheat barley and root crops
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

**6. Enclosure:**

1797 3,862 acres in North Cove, Ellough and Worlingham enclosed under Private Act of Lands 1796

**7. Settlement:**

1961 Small compact settlement along main Beccles – Lowestoft road around church, hall and inn. Scattered farms.

**Inhabited houses:** 1674 – 15, 1801 – 24, 1851 – 43, 1871 – 52, 1901 – 52, 1951 – 66, 1981 – 154

**8. Communications:**

**Road:** A146 Lowestoft–Beccles road. Road to Mutford.

**Rail:** 1891 3 miles Beccles station: Beccles–Lowestoft line opened 1854, Tivetshall–Lowestoft line opened to Beccles 1863, closed 1965

**Water:** River Waveney: Act passed to make Waveney navigable 1670, decline 1852

**9. Population:**

1086 – not recorded  
1327 – 58 taxpayers paid £2 16s. 10d.  
1524 – 13 taxpayers paid £3 9s. 5d.  
1603 – 60 adults  
1674 – 15 households  
1676 – Not recorded  
1801 – 178 inhabitants  
1831 – 218 inhabitants  
1851 – 200 inhabitants  
1871 – 238 inhabitants  
1901 – 240 inhabitants  
1931 – 241 inhabitants  
1951 – 214 inhabitants  
1971 – 165 inhabitants  
1981 – 487 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Rectory (with Willingham)**

1254 Valued £8  
1291 Valued £10  
1535 Valued £10  
1831 Curate, stipend £63 p.a. No glebe house. Gross income £353 p.a.  
Incumbent also holds rectory of Frostenden

Tithes commuted for £252 4s. Few acres of glebe, no parsonage house 1855  
1912 Nett value £110. 3 acres glebe

**Patrons:**

Crown (1284–1831), Lord Chancellor (1912)

**11. Church St. Botolph**  
(Chancel, nave, south porch, west tower, thatched)

Norman Walls and 2 doorways  
13<sup>th</sup> cent. Mural paintings  
1874 Restoration  
1886 Restoration  
1891 Restoration

**Seats:** 120 (1915)

**St. Peter**

Site in decayed parish of Little Worlingham.  
In existence 1291, probably not used after 1492

**12. Nonconformity etc:**

**13. Manorial:**

**Wathe/Wade Hall/Woodhall**

12<sup>th</sup> cent. Robert Watheby of Cumberland owns.  
1239 Jernegen family owns  
1538 William Rede owns (linked to Beccles)  
1745 Robert Sparrow owns (linked to Worlingham and Beccles)

**Sub-Manors:**

**Cove's al Jerningham al Worlingham**

14<sup>th</sup> cent. Hugh de Bery owns  
16<sup>th</sup> cent. John Aldham owns

**14. Markets/Fairs:**

**15. Real property:**

1844 £1,074 rental value  
1891 £1,719 rateable value  
1912 £1,639 rateable value

**16. Land ownership:**

1844 Earl of Gosford and J. Cooper, principle owners  
1891 Land sub-divided  
1912 W.S. Everitt and S. le Grice, principle owners

**17. Resident gentry:**

**18. Occupations:**

1500–1599 1 yeoman, 2 husbandmen  
1600–1699 12 yeomen, 1 tailor, 1 clerk  
1831 30 in agriculture, 8 in retail trade, 5 in labouring, 9 in domestic service, 5 others  
1844 1 shoemaker 1 woodman, 1 publican, 1 plumber/glazier, 1 shopkeeper, 7 farmers  
1912 2 farm bailiffs, 10 market gardeners, 3 farmers, 1 asst. overseer, 1 publican, 1 gamekeeper, 1 blacksmith, 1 grocer

**19. Education:**

1818 Sunday school (20 attend)  
National school 1829 (25 attend)  
1833 Daily school (17 fee paying and 1 supported by Rector) (50 attend)  
1 National school (25 attend)  
Parish school built 1850 (30 attend)  
1912 Children attend school in Barnby

**20. Poor relief:**

1776 £36 12s. 2d.  
1803 £73 4s. 4d.  
1818 £103 4s.  
1830 £67 12s.  
1832 £79 5s.  
1834 £79 13s.

**21. Charities:**

1828 1 acre 2R appropriated for use of poor, let at £4 10s. p.a. Rents used for fuel (wood) for distribution among the poor.

**22. Other institutions:**

**23. Recreation:**

1844–1912 The Three Horseshoes public house

**24. Personal:**

**25. Other information:**

Wade Hall: farmhouse near moated site of ancient hall 1846