

# 1. Parish: Onehouse

**Meaning:** Lonely cottages and house (Ekwall)

2. **Hundred:** Stow

**Deanery:** Stow (- 1972), Stowmarket (1972 -)

**Union:** Stow

**RDC/UDC:** E. Stow RD (1894-1934), Gipping RD (1934-1974),  
Mid Suffolk (1974 -)

## Other administrative details:

1891 Abolished ecclesiastically to create Onehouse with Harleston

1934 Civil boundary change – gains part of Stowmarket Stowmarket Petty Sessional Division Stowmarket County Court District

3. **Area:** 926 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

**Mixed:** a. Fine loam over clay with slowly permeable subsoils, slight seasonal waterlogging. Some calcareous/non calcareous slowly permeable clay soils.  
b. Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils. Slight risk water erosion.

5. **Types of farming:**

1086 23 acres meadow, wood for 6 pigs, 1 cob, 6 cattle, 30 pigs, 87 sheep, 22 goats

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.

1813 Young: Large acreages of hops grown

1818 Marshall: Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products.

1937 Main crops: Wheat, barley, beans, pasture.

1969 Trist: More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet.

6. **Enclosure:**

**7. Settlement:**

1958 Very small well spaced development. Church dislocated by hall. Relatively well wooded to south and north. Scattered farms.

**Inhabited houses:** 1674 – 13, 1801 – 21, 1851 – 46,  
1871 – 46, 1901 – 49, 1951 – 63,  
1981 – 248

**8. Communications:**

**Road:** Roads to Buxhall, Stowmarket and Great Finborough  
1891 Carriers pass through to Stowmarket on Thursday

**Rail:** 1891 2 miles Stowmarket station. Ipswich – Norwich line opened (1846), line electrified (1985)

**9. Population:**

1086 — 37 recorded  
1327 — 16 taxpayers paid £2. 2s. (includes Harleston and Shelland)  
1524 — 8 taxpayers paid £0. 11s.  
1603 — 60 adults  
1674 — 18 households  
1676 — 72 adults  
1801 — 180 inhabitants  
1831 — 358 inhabitants  
1851 — 432 inhabitants  
1871 — 336 inhabitants  
1901 — 314 inhabitants  
1931 — 378 inhabitants  
1951 — 374 inhabitants  
1971 — 715 inhabitants  
1981 — 879 inhabitants

**10. Benefice:**

1254 Valued £4  
1291 Value – not listed  
1535 Valued £7. 2s. 6d.  
1674 Parsonage has 6 hearths  
1831 Glebe house. Gross income £200 p.a.  
Valued £200. 34½ acres glebe (1835)  
1891 Valued £253. Commodious residence. 48 acres glebe  
United with Harleston. Value (joint) £306 p.a. (1892)

**Patrons:** John Tyndall (1603), R. Pettiward (1831), Lady Hotham (1844), Rev. C. Terry (1891)

**11. Church**      **St. John Baptist**  
(chancel, nave, brick S. porch, round tower)

1086            Church + 3 acres free land  
Norman        Tower  
14<sup>th</sup> cent.      Main structure  
1887 & 1893 Restoration  
Modern chancel  
Base of cross in churchyard

**Seats:**                      90

**12. Nonconformity etc:**

1558            1 person burned at Bury St. Edmunds for their beliefs  
1611            1 person neglects to attend church  
1676            4 nonconformists  
1773-1838    2 houses set aside for worship

**13. Manorial:**

**Onehouse**

1066            Manor of 1½ carucates held by Ketel, a thane of King Edward  
1086            Manor of 1½ carucates belonging to Ranulf Peverel  
1270            henry de Caldecotes owns  
1290            Wardship of Onehouse manor belonged to Abbot of St. Edmunds  
1315            Richard de Weyland owns  
1474            Sir John Skrene died seised  
Late 15<sup>th</sup> cent.    Linked with many Suffolk manors (Roger Drury)  
1580            William Deane owns  
1628            Links with Gt. Finborough and Harleston (Roger Petteward)

**Sub-manors**

**Caldecotes**

1270            Henry de Caldecote owns  
1557            Annexed to main manor (Sir William Drury died seised)

**14. Markets/Fairs**

1270            Grant of market and fair

**15. Real property:**

1844	£1,086 rental value
1891	£1,153 rateable value
1912	£1,069 rateable value

**16. Land ownership:**

1844	Lady Hotham/J. Garnham, principal owners + several small owners
1891	R.J. Petteward, principal owner
1912	C. Petteward and E. Wells, principal owners

**17. Resident gentry:**

**18. Occupations:**

1550–1599	2 yeomen, 2 husbandmen, 1 labourer, 1 tanner
1600–1649	1 yeoman, 1 husbandman, 1 labourer
1650–1699	3 yeomen, 1 spinster
1844	Master of Union workhouse, 2 farmers, maltster/victualler
1912	8 officers of Stow Union workhouse, schoolmistress, 5 farmers, basket manufacturers, basket maker, publican, builder/undertaker

**19. Education:**

circa 1806	Small school built on glebe land (20 attend)
1818	1 Sunday school (30 attend)
1833	1 daily school (25 attend)
1900	Public Elementary school built by R.J. Petteward, average attendance (1912) 61. Closed 1966 and converted to Community Centre.

**20. Poor relief:**

1776	£60. 18s. 1d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£174. 12s. 8½ d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£227. 5s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£157. 5s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£161. 5s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£102. 14s.	spent on poor relief

**21. Charities:**

**22. Other institutions:**

- 1778/1781 Stow Union Workhouse built as House of Industry.  
1821 – 235 inmates, 1841 – 91 inmates, 1912 – 118  
inmates.  
Maintained on 2s. 4d. per head per week.
- 1803 2 Friendly Societies (42 members)
- 1948 Stow Lodge Hospital (see 'Other Information') for details)

**23. Recreation:**

**24. Personal:**

**25. Other information:**

1917 Photograph of osier beds known locally as the 'rod ground' – in parish folder.

Stow Lodge Hospital: occupies site of workhouse (taken over by National Health Service – 1948)

Overgrown paupers graveyard (graves marked by numbered wooden crosses) was cleaned and tidied by pupils and staff of Oakwood School, Stowmarket (1975). Graves number between 1 and 200.

2 large crosses containing number plates from decayed crosses were dedicated by Rev. H. Wake (1977)

Register to identify those buried is unfound.