

1. Parish: Ramsholt

Meaning: Gill or valley, grove, wood, hope or valley where wild garlic grew

2. **Hundred:** Wilford

Deanery: Wilford (–1972), Woodbridge (1972–)

Union: Woodbridge

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Woodbridge RD (1894–1934), Deben RD (1934–1974), Suffolk Coastal DC (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Woodbridge Petty Sessional Division and Country Court District.

3. **Area:** 1,801 acres, 3 acres water, 159 acres tidal water, 205 acres foreshore (1912).

4. **Soils:** Deep well drained sandy soils, some very acid with bleached sub-surface especially under heath and woodland. Risk of wind erosion. Subsoil gravel. Problem of acidity and trace element deficiency.

5. Types of farming:

1086		Ramsholt: 3 acres meadow, 1 mill, 2 cattle, 6 pigs, 27 sheep. Domesday vill of Peiton Hall (Peyton): 2 cobs, 2 cattle, 6 pigs, 27 sheep.
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Sheep-corn region, sheep main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening, barley main cash crop.
1804	Young:	‘This corner of Suffolk practices better husbandry than elsewhere’ ...identified as carrot growing region.
1818	Marshall:	Management varies with condition of sandy soils. Rotation usually turnip, barely, clover, wheat or turnips as preparation for corn and grass.
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barely.
1969	Trist:	Dairying has been replaced by arable farming.

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1975 Small well scattered community on the bank of the River Deben. Whole area criss-crossed by tracks. No evident village centre, Scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 7, 1801 – 13, 1851 – 49,
1871 – 38, 1901 – 25, 1951 – 23, 1981 – 11.

8. Communications:

Road: To Alderton

Rail: 1912 6½ miles Melton station: Ipswich–Lowestoft line, opened 1859, closed for passengers 1955, used for coal traffic 1984.

Water: East bank of River Deben opposite Kirton Sluice (Dock for ship building 1831).

9. Population:

1086 – Ramsholt: 15 recorded

Peyton: 23 recorded

1327 – 25 taxpayers paid £1 9s. 7d. (includes Bromswell)

1524 – 14 taxpayers paid £1

1603 – 40 adults

1674 – 9 households

1676 – Not recorded

1801 – 152 inhabitants

1831 – 215 inhabitants

1851 – 203 inhabitants

1871 – 163 inhabitants

1901 – 105 inhabitants

1931 – 118 inhabitants

1951 – 78 inhabitants

1971 – 43 inhabitants

1981 – 36 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Perpetual Curacy (with Shottisham by dispensation – no dates)

1254 Valued £3 6s. 8d.

1291 Not recorded

1535 Not recorded

1603 Impropriation served by a curate, stipend £8

1831 No glebe house, gross income £17 p.a.

Valued £70 p.a. (1844) augmented by Queen Anne's Bounty. Tithes commuted for £456 p.a.

1912 Net value £38.

Patrons: J. Pennington (1831), C. Pennington (1844), Rev. H. Canham (1912)

11. Church **All Saints**

(Chancel, nave, modern S. porch, round W. tower)

Norman Door to nave and tower (possibility of tower being early Roman construction, suggested to have been military Work

14th cent. Main structure

19th cent. Box pew

Seats 80 (1912)

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

Ramsholt Manor

1086 Estate of 29 acres belonging to Rober Malet and held bt Ralph.

1307 Fee held by Roger Bigot.

15th cent. Sir John Wingfield owns (linked to Dallinghoo, Hollesley, Debach).

16th cent. John Purpeltt owns (linked to Hollesley).

1844 Peter Thullusson owns (linked to Rendlesham, Boyton and Capel St. Andrew).

1911 Lord Rendlesham owns (linked to Rendlesham, Boyton and Capel St. Andrew).

Sub-manors:

Peyton Hall

1066 Manor of 3 carucates belonging to Godric under Patronage of Harold.

1086 Manor of 3 carucates belonging to Swein of Essex.
Version 1: Passed in line with manor of Stratford St. Mary until forfeited to the Crown 1163

Version 2: de Peyton family owns 1135

John de Vere, Earl of Oxford owns late 14th cent.

Links by marriage to Alderton and Ramsholt main manor.

Note: Descent of this manor is reported to be in the Rawlinson MSS in the Bodleian Library.

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£2,113 rental value
1891	£1,950 rateable value
1912	£1,266 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844–1912 Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

1 gent recorded.

18. Occupations:

1550–1599	1 scavellman (marshman), 2 yeoman, 1 husbandman.
1600–1649	5 yeoman, 1 husbandman
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1831	47 in agriculture, 1 in retail trade, 12 in domestic service.
1844	Victualler, master mariner, Royal Naval officer, 5 farmers.
1912	Teacher, publican, 2 farmers farm bailiff, marshman.

19. Education:

Public Elementary school built 1879, average attendance 1912 30.

20. Poor relief:

1776	£63 12s. 4d.
1803	£141 17s.
1818	£373 6s.
1830	£320 18s.
1832	£300 10s.
1834	£269 11s.

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

1844/1891	The Dock Inn public house.
1912	The Ramsholt Arms public house

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Jetty for smacks and oyster fishery (no dates).