

1. Parish: Raydon

Meaning: Rye hill

2. Hundred: Samford

Deanery: Samford (–1946), Hadleigh (1946–)

Union: Samford

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Samford R.D. (–1974), Babergh D.C. (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Samford Petty Sessional Division
Hadleigh County Court District

3. Area: 2,374 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

- Mixed:**
- a. Deep well drained fine loam over clay, coarse loam over clay and fine loams, some with calcareous clay subsoils.
 - b. Deep well drained fine loam, coarse loam and sandy soils, locally flinty and in places over gravel. Slight risk water erosion.

5. Types of farming:

1086		27 acres meadow, woodland for 26 pigs, 1 mill, 9 cattle, 25 pigs, 86 sheep, 2 oxen and 1 cob
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:	Wide variations of crop and management techniques including summer fallow in preparation for corn and rotation of turnip, barley, clover, wheat on lighter lands.
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, oats.
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet.

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1958 Dismantled railway crosses parish to N. from NW–SE. Raydon Great Wood occupies central position on northern boundary. Disused airfield occupies SE sector of parish. Well spaced development along Hadleigh–Holton St. Mary road. Church situated to western side of development. Secondary settlements at a. Lower Raydon, b. Sulleys Hill. Scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 46, 1801 – 73 , 1851 – 119,
1871 – 124, 1901 – 120, 1951 – 128,
1981 – 144

8. Communications:

Road: To Layham, Holton St. Mary and Hintlesham
1891 Carrier to Ipswich on Tuesday and Saturday

Rail: 1891 Raydon station. Bentley–Hadleigh line, opened
1847, closed for passengers 1932, closed for goods
1965

Air: Raydon airfield built 1942/3 as Class 'A' standard bomber
base for USAF but was never used as such. Transferred to
RAF 1945, part sold 1952, remainder of station closed 1958,
land sold and returned to agriculture 1960/62.

Water: River Brett

9. Population:

1086 – 37 recorded
1327 – 8 taxpayers paid £2 10s. 3d.
1524 – 15 taxpayers paid £2 15s.
1603 – 90 adults
1674 – 46 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 367 inhabitants
1831 – 559 inhabitants
1851 – 555 inhabitants
1871 – 558 inhabitants
1901 – 505 inhabitants
1931 – 435 inhabitants
1951 – 375 inhabitants
1971 – 412 inhabitants
1981 – 416 inhabitants

- 10. Benefice: Rectory**
- 1254 Valued £8
 1291 Valued £12
 Portion to Tefford (Thetford) £2 13s. 4d.
 Portion to St. Botolphs, Colchester £2. £16 13s. 4d.
- 1535 Valued £14
 1603 Parson also holds living of Lanham, valued £14
 1831 Glebe house. Gross income £554 p.a.
 48 acres 2R 6P glebe. £511 p.a. awarded in lieu of tithes
 1836
 1912 Nett income £358. 50 acres glebe and residence.
- Patrons:** T. Reeve (1831), Rev. T. Reeve (1844), Mrs. Dennis Coyle (1891)

- 11. Church St. Mary**
 (Chancel, nave, modern N. vestry, N. porch, W. turret)
- 1086 3 x 5th part of church + 5 acres each
 Late 13th/
 early 14th
 cent. Main structure.
 1643 Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) broke down a
 crucifix, 12 superstitious pictures and a popish inscription
 1883 Restoration
- Seats:** 300 (1831)

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

- 1066 Manor of 1 carucate held by Edwy, a free man
 1086 Manor of 1 carucate belonging to Bishop of Bayeux
 1066 Manor of 60 acres held by Alwin, a free man
 1086 Manor of 60 acres belonging to Bishop of Bayeux
 1066 Manor of 30 acres held by Smeri, a free man under
 patronage
 1086 Manor of 30 acres belonging to Bishop of Bayeux
 1066 Manor of 30 acres held by Aelfric, a free man
 1086 Manor of 30 acres belonging to Bishop of Bayeux
 1066 Manor of 2 carucates held by Asgar
 1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Geoffrey de
 Mandeville

Raydon/Raydon Hall

- 1066 Manor of 1 carucate 100 acres held by Ednoth, a free
 Man
 1086 manor of 1 carucate 100 acres belonging to Bishop of

	Bayeux
1258	Linked to Holton St. Mary (Robert de Raydon)
1310	Robert de Raydon had grant of market and fair
1513	Linked to Gt. Waldingfield, Milden, Burges and Acton (Bures family)
1665	Linked to Higham and Wenham Magna (Maurice Shelton)
1756	John Rush owns

Sub-Manors:

Mark's/Merk's

1066	Manor of 30 acres held by Leofric, a free man
1086	manor of 30 acres belonging to Richard, son of Count Gilbert
13 th cent.	Linked to Wangford (Adam de Hakebech)
1286	Andrew de Mark owns
1338	William de la Marshe owns
1357	Linked to Wherstead (Sir Andrew de Bures of Acton) Possible annexation to main manor
c.14 th cent.	Linked to Sutton and East Bergholt (Sir John de Sutton)
1461	Sir Thomas Waldegrave owns
c.1513	Absorbed by main manor (Sir Henry de Bures)

Sulveyes/Sullies/Martyns/Sulveges

No date	John Sulvey owns
1397	Linked to Stutton (William Sampson)
16 th cent.	Linked to Gt. Waldingfield and Newton (Thomas Barrow) (becoming annexed to main manor via the Shelton family)
1720	John Stuobin owns (becoming annexed again to main Manor via the Rush family)
1875	Charles T. Partridge owns

14. Markets/Fairs:

1310	Robert de Raydon had grant of market and fair
1364/65	Market and fair grated to Helmingus Legett

15. Real property:

1844	£2,916 rental value
1891	£2,511 rateable value
1912	£2,302 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844–1912	Land sub-divided
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17. Resident gentry:

1800 W.B. Rush, high Sheriff of Suffolk
1891 S.O. William C. Witby
1912 Rev. D. Coyle MA

18. Occupations:

1500–1549 1 shearman (one who cuts woollen cloth)
1550–1599 2 yeomen, 6 husbandmen, 1 labourer, 1 parson, 1 shoemaker
1600–1649 17 yeomen, 2 brick makers, 12 husbandmen, 1 armourer
1 mason, 1 gardener
1650–1699 14 yeomen, 1 husbandman, 1 tanner, 1 clothier, 2 labourers, 1 wheelwright, 1 thatcher, 1 spinster, 1 merchant
1831 108 in agriculture, 16 in retail trade, 1 professional, 11 in Domestic service, 1 other
1844 2 blacksmiths, shopkeeper, tailor, cornmill, gamekeeper, 1 victualler, wheelwright, 11 farmers
1912 Sub-postmaster, schoolmistress, station master, police Officer, 2 shopkeepers, boot maker, 2 publicans, blacksmith, 3 builders, roller mills, 7 farmers, hurdle maker, farm bailiff

19. Education:

1833 1 Sunday school (established 1820) (64 attend)
School Board established 1876
School built 1878 for 60 pupils, average attendance 1912 103, closed 1984, parents attempted to buy the school.
Primary school children attend school at Stratford St. Mary 1984.

20. Poor relief:

1776 £107 9s. 4d.
1803 £102 9s.
1818 £463 17s.
1830 £555 11s.
1832 £450 9s.
1834 £346 14s.

21. Charities:

Mayler's Gift:

1663 by will of Rev. John Mayler. Payment of 10s. p.a. to the minister and 40s. p.a. applied to distribution of bread to the poor

Glanville's Charity:

1725 Gift of Thomas Glanville. Cottage let at £3 p.a. to repairs, residue divided among poor widows of Higham, Holton and Raydon

22. Other institutions:

1803 2 Friendly Societies (40 members)
1912 Police officer listed

23. Recreation:

1844–1912 The fox and The Chequers public houses

24. Personal:

Betty Dougherty: Author of 'Green Gardner, Creating a Wild Garden'
1975

25. Other information: