

1. Parish: Saxtead

Meaning: Seaxa's Place

2. Hundred: Hoxne

Deanery: Loes

Union: Hoxne (1835–1907), Hartismere (1907–1930)

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

Other administrative details:

Framlingham Petty Sessional Division
Framlingham and Saxmundham County Court District

3. Area: 1,209 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:** Mixed
- a. Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay
 - b. Slowly permeable calcareous/non-calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion

5. Types of farming:

1086		4 acres meadow, wood for 200 pigs
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 a summer fallow as preparation for corn products
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, roots, barley, hay
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

- 1958 Three small areas of development a. Saxtead (school and church which is situated separately to NE, b. Saxtead Little Green and c. Saxtead Green.
Line of Roman Road crosses Saxtead Green from NE–SW

Few scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 37, 1801 – 52, 1851 – 92,
1871 – 88, 1901 – 71, 1951 – 72, 1981 – 101

8. Communications:

Road: To Earl Soham, Bedfield, Dennington and Framlingham

Rail: 1891 2 miles Framlingham station: Wickham Market–Framlingham
line opened 1859, closed for passengers 1952, closed for
goods 1965

9. Population:

1086 – 16 recorded
1327 – 44 taxpayers paid £2 3s. 1d. (includes Bedfield)
1524 – 21 taxpayers paid £2 14s. 6d.
1603 – included within Framlingham
1674 – 50 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 391 inhabitants
1831 – 505 inhabitants
1851 – 441 inhabitants
1871 – 383 inhabitants
1901 – 270 inhabitants
1931 – 254 inhabitants
1951 – 261 inhabitants
1971 – 225 inhabitants
1981 – 263 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Curacy (with Framlingham)(1831)
Rectory (with Framlingham)(1844)**

1254 Not recorded
1291 Valued £4. 13s. 4d.
1535 Not recorded
1831 Curate, stipend £215. No glebe house, joint gross income
£1,231 p.a.
1844 Tithes commuted for £340
1912 Joint nett value £900. 70 acres glebe and residence. Incumbent
resides in Framlingham

Patrons: Pembroke College, Cambridge (1831–)

11. Church: All Saints (Chancel, nave, S.porch, belfry)

14th /15th cent. Main Structure
1805 Tower fell

Seats: 120 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1912 United Methodist chapel

13. Manorial:

Anciently considered a hamlet of Framlingham

1275 Manor vested in Roger Bigot

1316 Priory of Ely owns

1609 Thomas, Duke of Norfolk owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)

c.1633 became separated from Framlingham

Sir Robert Hitcham gave to Master and Fellows of Pembroke Hall, Cambridge with whom it remains

14. Markets/Fairs:

15. Real property:

1844 £1,784 rental value

1891 £1,717 rateable value

1912 £1,205 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844 Sir Robert Hitcham's Charity, principal owners

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1912 Pembroke College, Cambridge and Sir Robert Hitcham, principal owners

17. Resident gentry:

18. Occupations:

1550–1599 3 husbandmen, 1 yeoman

1600–1649 3 coopers, 1 tailor, 2 cordwainers, 5 husbandmen, 14 yeomen, 1 twill weaver, 1 carpenter

1650–1699 14 yeomen, 1 weaver, 1 blacksmith, 1 farmer, 1 pail maker

1831 87 in agriculture, 27 in retail trade, 21 in domestic service, 15 others

1844 Blacksmith, shoemaker/shopkeeper, 2 shopkeepers, wheelwright, cooper, corn miller, victualler, 2 shoemakers, beerhouse keeper, tailor, 14 farmers

1912 Sub-postmaster, school teacher, 14 farmers, miller, blacksmith/beer retailer, asst. overseer, draper/grocer, shoemaker/shopkeeper, publican, saddler

19. Education:

1833 1 daily school established 1829, 13 attend
 1 Sunday school
 School built 1879 by Master and Fellows on Pembroke
 College, Cambridge, 50 attend 1891, average attendance
 1912 58

20. Poor relief:

1776	£78 17s. 6d.
1803	£154 10s. 9d.
1818	£659 2s.
1830	£576 9s.
1832	£663 8s.
1834	£439 12s.

21. Charities:

Town Estate: 1840 Cottage used as poorhouse + 14 acres, profits
 from which are applied to church repairs,
 churchwardens expenses, maintenance of
 parochial poor and purchase of coals for poor.

22. Other institutions:

1803 Friendly society (40 members)

23. Recreation:

1844-1912 The Volunteers Inn public house and 1
 beerhouse/retailer

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Green extended (pre enclosure) to 30 acres 1847.
 Saxtead Green Mill. D.O.E. official guidebook:
 1st reference to mill in the parish c.1309.
 Mill in existence on same site 1796.
 Post mill used for flour production –1914.
 Placed in custody of Ministry of Works 1951.
 Restoration 1957–60.
 'A Roman Road at Saxtead', by E.Owles (Saxtead Green–Dennington
 Corner), PSIA Vol.32, p.272.
 Stocks and whipping post kept in church porch 1974.