

1. Parish: Shotley (also known as Kirketon)

Meaning: Pigeon wood or clearing of the Soots

2. **Hundred:** Samford

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Union: Samford

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Seaford RD (–1974), Babergh DC (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Seaford Petty Sessional Division
Ipswich County Court District

3. **Area:** 2,040 acres land, 665 scores tidal water, 416 acres foreshore (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed

a. Deep well drained fine lose, course loam and sandy soils, locally flinty and in places over gravel. Slight risk water erosion.
b. Deep stoneless non-calcareous/calcareous clay soils, locally having humose/peaty surface horizons.
Groundwater controlled by ditches/pumps. Flat land, risk of flooding.

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		29½ acres meadow, 1 cob, 40 sheep, 2 oxen, 2 parts fishery
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Wood-pasture region, mainly pasture meadow engaged in rearing and dairying 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 lands.
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley.
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet.

6. **Enclosure:**

7. Settlement:

1958/ River Orwell forms natural boundary to North and East while the River Stour forms natural boundary to the South. Wet lands in these areas restrict development. Large compact development along road to Chelmondiston. Secondary settlement around church. Rectory isolated on western boundary. Scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 38 , 1801 – 40 , 1851 – 107,
1871 – 143, 1901 – 161, 1951 – 258,
1981 – 604

8. Communications:

Road: To Chelmondiston and Harkstead
1844 Carrier's cart to Ipswich on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday
Ominbus to Ipswich on Tuesday and Saturday
Carrier to Ipswich on Tuesday and Saturday
1891 Carriers to Ipswich daily
1912 Ominbus to Ipswich station from Shotley pier on Saturday
Carriers to and from Ipswich daily

Rail: 1891 9–10 miles from Ipswich station

Water Estuary of Orwell and Stour (both navigable rivers).
1844– Ferry to Harwich from the Bristol Arms Inn
1912 on demand

9. Population:

1086 – 192 recorded
1327 – 23 taxpayers paid £2 9s. 1d.
1524 – 28 taxpayers paid £5 7s.
1603 – 188 adults
1674 – 38 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 284 inhabitants
1831 – 410 inhabitants
1851 – 505 inhabitants
1871 – 628 inhabitants
1901 – 750 inhabitants
1931 – 2,005 inhabitants
1951 – 2,582 inhabitants
1971 – 2,803 inhabitants
1981 – 1,673 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory – Shotley St. Mary or Kirketon

1254	Not listed
1291	Not listed
1535	Valued £20
	Rectory house built 1697
1831	Glebe House. Gross income £608 p.a. Incumbent also holds 54 acres 3R 14P glebe. £585 p.a. awarded in lieu of tithes 1839
1891	Valued £604
1912	Nett value £400 p.a. 54 acres glebe and residence.

Patrons:

Sir Anthonie Felton (1603), Marquis of Bristol (1831–)

11. Church: St. Mary
(Chancel, nave, clerestory, aisles, S. porch, low modern tower)

1086	2 churches + 62 acres
14 th cent.	Main structure including nave
15 th cent.	Clerestory
1745	Chancel rebuilt

Seats: 400 (1831)

12. Nonconformity etc:

Primitive Methodist chapel built 1868

13. Manorial:

1066	Manor of 2½ carucates 1 acre held by Earl Gyrth
1086	Manor of 2½ carucates belonging to the King
1066	Manor of 60 acres held by Ceolwold
1086	Manor of 60 acres belonging to Richard, son of Count Gilbert

Domesday vill of Kirton:

1066	Manor of 60 acres held by Edmund, a free man
1086	Manor of 60 acres belonging to Richard, son of Count Gilbert
1066	Manor of 60 acres held by Strangwulf, a free man
1086	Manor of 60 acres belonging to Richard, son of Count Gilbert
1066	Manor of 60 acres held by Thuri, a free man
1086	Manor of 60 acres belonging to Richard, son of Count Gilbert

Domesday vill of Purtepyt:

1066	Manor of 60 acres held by Osbern
1086	Manor of 60 acres belonging to Richard, son of Count Gilbert

Domesday vill of Turchetlestuna:

1066	Manor of 1 carucate held by Grim under patronage of Gyrth
1086	Manor of 1 carucate belonging to Robert Gernon

Domesday vill of Kalweton:

1066	Manor of 40 acres held by Thurstan
1086	Manor of 40 acres belonging to Count Alan

Shotley Hall/Kirton:

12 th cent.	John de Visdelou/Vicedeliew owns
1286	Guy de Visdelieu claimed wreck of the sea, view of frankpledge and other manorial franchises
1303	William de Visdelieu had grant of market and fair
14 th cent.	Linked to Kirton and Stratton Hall (Walter de Stratton)
c.1631	Linked to Brampton (Sir John Leman)
1840	William Lucas owns
1885	J. Berners owns

Sub-Manors

Overhall with Netherhall

No date	Linked to Loudham (Sir William de Loudham)
c.1498	John Felton alias Chapman owns
1708/9	Sir Thomas Felton died seised
1709	Linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk (John Harvey, Earl of Bristol) in which family it remains

Thirkleton/Thorkleton al Shecke

1498	Absorbed by main manor (George Stratton died seised)
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14. Markets/Fairs:

1302/3	Grant of market and fair to William de Visdelieu
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15. Real property:

1844	£2,866 rental value
1891	£3,219 rateable value
1912	£5,277 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844	Land sub-divided
1891	C.H. Berners, Rev. C.E. Norman, principal owners + few small owners
1912	Marchioness of Bristol, C.H. Berners, principal owners

17. Resident gentry:

1680	1 Bart.
1844	Rev. S. Forster, DD
1912	Lt. Col. R. Barrington-Baker Rev. J.F.A. Harvey, MA

18. Occupations:

1550–1549	1 sailor/mariner, 3 husbandmen, 1 yeoman
1550–1599	3 tailors, 6 sailor/mariners, 3 weavers, 8 husbandmen, 2 yeomen, 1 cooper, 2 labourers, 3 shipwrights, 1 servant
1600–1649	2 tailors, 6 sailor/mariners, 2 carpenters, 2 innkeepers, 3 fishermen, 1 weaver, 9 husbandmen, 12 yeomen, 2 spinsters, 1 ships carpenter, 1 labourer, 1 butcher, 1 tanner
1650–1699	5 sailor/mariners, 1 clerk, 2 husbandmen, 11 yeomen, 1 spinster, 1 wool comber, 1 cordwainer
1831	75 in agriculture, 7 in retail trade, 4 professionals, 12 labourers, 16 in domestic service, 18 others
1844	Several boats employed collecting stone for Roman cement. 2 shopkeepers, wheelwright, auctioneer/estate agent, victualler, shoemaker, 8 farmers, 2 carriers
1912	2 sub-postmasters, police officer, schoolmaster/mistress, officers and staff of Royal Naval Training establishment HMS Ganges, shopkeeper/carrier, publican, 3 shopkeepers, carrier, carpenter, blacksmith, refreshment rooms owner, 3 farmers, cycle agent, newsagent, publican/ferry boat owner, beer retailer

19. Education:

1818	1 day school (28 attend), 1 Sunday school (26 girls attend)
1833	2 infants schools (43 attend), 1 Sunday school (30 attend), Council school built 1853 (consolidated with Erwarton) enlarged 1867, 1871, 1893 and 1906, average attendance 1912 188

20. Poor relief:

1776	£101 0s. 6d.
1803	£190 5s. 5¼d.
1818	£298 11s.

1830	£260 12s.
1832	£303 9s.
1834	£227 6s.

21. Charities:

Charity Estate:

2 orchards, piece of fen, 2 pightles (approx. 5 acres in total left by Andrew Barfoot 1591 let at £6. 6s. p.a. distributed annually among poor widows 1840

Sacrament Fund:

£10 invested at 5% to supplying bread and wine for communion 1840

22. Other institutions:

Guild has no land, ready money of 26s. 8d. 15th cent.
 Reading Room and Village Club built 1877
 2 cottages erected 1897 on land given by C.W. Berners to commemorate Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria.
 Houses two aged couples
 2 Martello towers and small fort built 1860
 H.M.S. Ganges Royal Naval Training establishment completed 1905 on site of the Martello towers and fort. Opened for 1,400 boys and 400 officer and men. H.M.S. Ganges II (Tender to training school stationed off Shotley Gate). Took its name from ship H.M.S. Ganges, launched from Bombay dockyard 1821. Closed 1976.
 'H.M.S. Ganges, One Hundred Years of Training Boys for the Royal Navy', by D.L. Summers 1966

23. Recreation:

1600–1649	2 inn holders listed
1844–1912	The Bristol Arms Inn
1891–1912	The Rose Inn
1891	1 beerhouse
1912	Refreshment rooms at Shotley Gate, 1 beer retailer

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

2 martello towers built c.1810.
 Large earthwork battery built 1868 for mounting of 14 heavy guns commanding harbour entrance.
 Pier opened 1894.

Proposals to turn H.M.S. Ganges site into Disney-style theme park
1979.

Shotley Parish Records:

Suffolk Green Book No. XVI (2) (contains photographs and maps of
foreshore, glebe etc.).

Sea battle fought AD 885 against Danes off Shotley Point (area known
as 'Bloody Point'.