

1. Parish: Shottisham

Meaning: Village near the sea

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: 1,134 acres (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 crag. Problem of acidity and trace element deficiency.

5. Types of farming:

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, oats.
1969	Trist:	Dairying has been replaced by arable farming.
	Note:	Mid 19 th cent. Large tracts of heath grazed by sheep

6. Enclosure:

Heath reclamation:	1949–52	70 acres Shottisham Heath
	1955–64	133 acres in Shottisham, Sutton and

Hollesley incorporated into Broxstead Estate.

7. Settlement:

1975 Compact development around church, mainly concentrated along Hollesley Road. Small secondary community around Shottisham Hall. Scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 14, 1801 – 22, 1851 – 80, 1871 – 82, 1901 – 63, 1951 – 64, 1981 – 67

8. Communications:

Road: To Sutton, Hollesley and Alderton
1891 Carrier to Woodbridge on Monday and Thursday, to Ipswich on Saturday.
1912 Carrier to Woodbridge on Monday, Thursday and Saturday.

Rail: 1891 6 miles Woodbridge station: Ipswich–Lowestoft Line, opened 1859, still operational.

Water: River Deben: East bank

9. Population:

1086 – 23 recorded
1327 – 36 taxpayers paid £1 12s. 11d. (includes Hollesley)
1524 – 12 taxpayers paid £1 1s. 2d.
1603 – 41 adults
1674 – 20 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 161 inhabitants
1831 – 280 inhabitants
1851 – 372 inhabitants
1871 – 329 inhabitants
1901 – 209 inhabitants
1931 – 206 inhabitants
1951 – 166 inhabitants
1971 – 164 inhabitants
1981 – 179 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory (with Ramsholt)

1254 Valued £3 6s. 8d.
1291 Valued £3 6s. 8d.
Portion of Priory of Eye 10s. (not titheable) £3 16s. 8d.
1535 Valued £4 6s. ½d.
1603 Held in union with Bawdsey. Valued £4.

1831	Curate, stipend £60 p.a. Glebe house, gross income £250 p.a.
1912	Net value £158. 14 acres glebe and residence.

Patrons: Richard Lovell (1603), Mrs. Darby and Mary Kott (1831), Trustees of Mrs. W.W. Darby (1912).

11. Church St. Margaret
(Chancel, nave, N. aisle, S. porch, W. tower)

1086	Church + 13 acres land, valued 32d.
14 th cent.	Nave and chancel.
14/15 th cent.	S. porch
19 th cent.	Refaced
1847	4 arch pier arcade built.
1868	Thorough restoration. N. aisle added, porch and tower refaced.

Seats 180 (1912)

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

Shottisham Hall Manor

1066	Manor of 44 acres held by Osmund under patronage of Edric.
1086	Manor of 44 acres belonging to Robert Malet's mother and held of the Queens Fee and of Robert Malet by Walter the Crossbowman.
1288	Extent included in the Inquis, p.m. of John de Vallibus
1428	Wingfield family owns (linked to Hollesley, Debach and Pettistree).
1649	Miles Ferneley owns (linked to Sutton).
18 th cent.	Henry Negus mortgages manor to Joseph Kell a mariner of Woodbridge.
1885–1911	Darby family owns.

Sub-manors

Talvies/Talvas

No dates	Held as of the Honor of Eye
14 th cent.	Thomas Televas owns.
1438	Nicholas, Abbot of St. Edmunds owns.
15 th cent.	Wingfield family owns (absorbed by main manor).
1675	Sold to Sir Nicholas Bacon (linked to Sutton).
1789	Wailer family owns.
19 th cent.	Darby family owns (re-absorbed by main manor).

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£1,035 rental value
1891	£1,249 rateable value
1912	£798 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844	Land sub-divided
1891	Mrs C.T. Darby and Lord Rendlesham, principle owners.
1912	Sir W. Quilter and Lord Rendlesham, principle owners.

17. Resident gentry:

18. Occupations:

1500–1599	1 husbandman
1600–1649	4 husbandmen, 2 yeoman, 1 wheelwright, 1 plough carpenter.
1650–1699	1 clerk, 4 yeoman, 1 sackcloth weaver, 1 rector.
1831	45 in agriculture, 21 in retail trade, 3 professionals, 2 in labouring, 6 in domestic service, 2 others.
1844	Teacher, blacksmith, collar/harness maker, wheelwright, corn miller, 2 shoemakers, butcher, farrier, victualler, vet, land agent, 2 shopkeepers.
1874	Tin plate worker.
1912	Sub-postmistress, police officer, teacher, 3 farmers, baker, carrier, water steam and roller mills, publican, blacksmith, grocer.

19. Education:

1818	Sunday school supported by benevolent lady (75 attend).
1833	1 daily school (55 attend), 1 Sunday school (30 attend). National school built 1869 (50 attend), average attendance 1912 48.

20. Poor relief:

1776	£25 15s. 9d.
1803	£57 12s. 6d.
1818	£257 5s.
1830	£86 1s.
1832	£83 4s.
1834	£130 3s.

21. Charities:

Church Estate:

1840 Cottage and 1 acre let at £6 10s. p.a. applied to repair of church.

Clarke's Gift

1708 by will of Sarah Clarke: Yearly payment of £2 for distribution at Christmas among poor.

22. Other institutions:

1803 Friendly Society (41 members).

23. Recreation:

1844 The Sorrel Horse public house.

1891 The Sorrel Horse public house and 1 beerhouse.

1912 The Sorrel Horse public house.

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Water Mill (no dates): weatherboarded.

Woodhall: Jacobean on 'E' plan.

Radar station exist in parish 1972.