

1. Parish: Stoven

Meaning: Tree stump

2. Hundred: Blything

Deanery: Dunwich (–1868), Dunwich (North) (1868–1914), N. Dunwich (1914–1972), Halesworth (1972–)

Union: Blything

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Blything R.D. (1894–1934), Wainford R.D. (1934–1974), Waveney D.C. (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Blything Petty Sessional Division
Halesworth County Court District

3. Area: 806 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

Mixed: a. Some permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay.
b. Deep well drained sandy and coarse loam soils, some with slowly permeable subsoils and slight seasonal waterlogging. Risk wind erosion.

5. Types of farming:

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. Also has similarities with sheep-corn region where sheep are main fertilising 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, roots
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1958 Small compact development with central church. Church Green extends northwards. Further possible settlements at North Green and Middle Green.
Few scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 12, 1801 – 13, 1851 – 38,
1871 – 37, 1901 – 30, 1951 – 37,
1981 – 27

8. Communications:

Road: To Brampton, Uggeshall and Sotterley

Rail: 1891 2½ miles Brampton station. East Suffolk line, opened 1854, closed for goods 1964, station demolished 1978

9. Population:

1086 – 5 recorded (valued 7½ s. + 100 herring)

1327 – 35 taxpayers paid £2 18s.

(includes Brampton)

1524 – 10 taxpayers paid £1 1s. 4d.

1603 – 30 adults

1674 – 15 households

1676 – Not recorded

1801 – 125 inhabitants

1831 – 112 inhabitants

1851 – 172 inhabitants

1871 – 187 inhabitants

1901 – 116 inhabitants

1931 – 108 inhabitants

1951 – 135 inhabitants

1971 – 70 inhabitants

1981 – 67 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Perpetual Curacy (1831), Vicarage (1891)

Anciently appropriated to Wangford Priory

1254 Valued £6

1291 Valued £4 13s. 4d.

Portion of Blythburgh in same 6s. 8d.

1535 Valued £3 6s. 8d.

1597 Incumbent also holds Shadingfield

1603 Tithes valued £10

1650 Impropiator allows minister 40s. a year for monthly sermon

1831 No glebe house. Gross income £72 p.a.

1835 Valued £69

1844 Modus of £200 p.a. in lieu of tithes

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| 1891 | Rent-charge of £105 in lieu of tithes |
| 1912 | Nett value £95. 6 acres glebe and residence. Incumbent also holds and resides in Brampton |
| Patrons: | N.T.O. Leman (1831), N.R.T. Leman (1891), Rev. A.A.P. Gardiner (1912) |
- 11. Church St. Margaret**
(Chancel, nave. W. tower)
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| Norman | S.doorway and part of N.doorway |
| 1597 | Chancel decayed in thatch and glass |
| 1849 | Church rebuilt on original foundations in Neo-Norman style. |
| Seats: | Not recorded |
- 12. Nonconformity etc:**
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| 1597 | Rector seldom wears the surplice and administers communion only at Easter and Whit Sunday |
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- 13. Manorial:**
- Stoven Manor**
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| 1219 | Roger Bigot owned, held by Sir Hugh de Jernegan (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk) |
| 1316 | Robert de Biskele/Bixley owns (linked to Frostenden) |
| 1328 | Roger de Kerdeston owns |
| 1844–1909 | Earls of Stradbroke owns (linked to Reydon, Sotherton, Uggeshall, Wangford, Henham, Dennington, Tannington and Bruisyard) |
- 14. Markets/Fairs:**
- 15. Real property:**
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| 1844 | £788 rental value |
| 1891 | £867 rateable value |
| 1912 | £631 rateable value |
- 16. Land ownership:**
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| 1844 | Land sub-divided |
| 1891 | Col. Barne, principal owner |
| 1912 | Earl of Stradbroke and Capt. M. Barne, principal owners |
- 17. Resident gentry:**
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| 1891 | Rev. T. St. Hill M.A. |
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18. Occupations:

1500–1549	1 farmer
1550–1599	1 tailor, 2 yeomen, 1 husbandman
1600–1649	3 yeomen, 1 cooper
1650–1699	4 yeomen
1831	28 in agriculture, 3 in retail trade, 7 in domestic service
1844	Joiner, victualler, 6 farmers
1912	5 farmers, publican, wheelwright, blacksmith, boot repairer, tailor

19. Education:

1818	Some children attend Brampton Sunday school
1833	Sunday school (6 attend) National school built 1861, used as Sunday school 1891, the children attending school at Brampton and Uggeshall
1912	Children attend school at Brampton

20. Poor relief:

1776	£43 3s. 0d.
1803	£64 11s. 11d.
1818	£153 9s.
1830	£76 9s.
1832	£112 7s.
1834	£97 3s.

21. Charities:

Town Lands:

1840	Cottage called Town House (3 tenements) 2+ acres let at £2 3s. 4d. applied to Town House repairs and poor relief
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22. Other institutions:

	Town House in existence 1674. Cottage known as Town House 1844, taken down 1882
1776	Workhouse (6 inmates)

23. Recreation:

1844–1912	The cherry Tree Inn public house
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24. Personal:

25. Other information: