

## 1. Parish: Stowupland

**Meaning:** Place occupied on higher ground than, or above, Stowmarket

2. **Hundred:** Stow

**Deanery:** Stow (1844-1972), Stowmarket (1972-)

**Union:** Stow

**RDC/UDC:** E. Stow RD (1894-1934), Gipping RD (1934-1974)  
Mid. Suffolk DC (1974-)

### Other administrative details:

-1844 Chapelry of Stowmarket. Separate ecclesiastical identity (1844)  
1926 Ecclesiastical boundary change  
1934 Civil boundary change, part transferred to Stowmarket  
Stowmarket Petty Sessional Division  
Stowmarket County Court district

3. **Area:** 2,879 acres land, 7 acres water (1912)

4. **Soils:**

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

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
1813	Young:	Large acreages of hops grown
1818	Marshall:	Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products
1937	Main Crops:	Wheat, barley, beans, sugar beet, clover
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

**6. Enclosure:**

**7. Settlement:**

1958            Large well spread development. Mainly concentrated around the two parts of Thorney Green and along Saxham Street. Church situated mid-way between the Green and Saxham Street  
Secondary development at Mill Street  
Scattered farms

**Inhabited houses:** 1674 – 67, 1801 – 95, 1851 – 195, 1871 – 231, 1901 – 297, 1951 – 284, 1981 – 718

**8. Communications:**

**Road:**            Roads to Stowmarket, Old Newton, Gipping, Creting St. Peter and Stonham Earl  
**Rail:**            Stowmarket station in Stowupland parish: Ipswich – Norwich  
Line opened 1846, line electrified (1985)  
**Water:**          River Gipping: Gipping Navigation Act, 1790, Navigable to Ipswich, Decline began with advent of railways (circa 1846)

**9. Population:**

1327 — 21 taxpayers paid £2. 12s. 2 ¾ d.  
1524 — 39 taxpayers paid £4. 7s. 5d.  
1603 — not listed  
1674 — 82 households  
1676 — not recorded  
1801 — 709 inhabitants  
1831 — 826 inhabitants  
1851 — 966 inhabitants  
1871 — 1,097 inhabitants  
1901 — 1,326 inhabitants  
1931 — 1,619 inhabitants  
1951 — 942 inhabitants  
1971 — 1,905 inhabitants  
1981 — 2,000 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Vicarage**

-1814            Chapelry of Stowmarket  
Rectorial tithes commuted for £257 p.a. (Stowupland only) (1841)  
Consolidated with Stowmarket (1845)  
1891            Valued £100  
1912            Valued £169 with residence

**Patrons:**        Vicar of Stowmarket (1891)

11. **Church**      **Holy Trinity**  
(Chancel, nave, S. porch, W. tower + spire)  
  
1843      Built of white brick in Gothic style  
  
Previous church said to be dedicated to St. Peter (no further information)  
  
**Seats:** 250
12. **Nonconformity etc:**  
  
1611      17 recusants  
1708-1835      4 houses set aside for worship  
1810      Congregational chapel built, seats 250
13. **Manorial:**  
  
Always incorporated in the manorial system of Stowmarket
14. **Markets/Fairs**
15. **Real property:**  
  
1844      £3,775 rental value  
1891      £8,255 rateable value  
1912      £10,094 rateable value
16. **Land ownership:**  
  
1844/1912      Land sub-divided
17. **Resident gentry:**  
  
1679      Edmund Poley
18. **Occupations:**  
  
1550-1599      1 husbandman, 4 yeoman  
1600-1649      1 linen weaver, 8 husbandmen, 10 yeomen, 1 freemason, 1 tailor, 1 worsted weaver, 1 wheelwright  
1650-1699      1 sawyer, 1 cooper, 2 husbandmen, 20 yeomen, 1 carpenter, 2 spinsters, 1 currier, 1 tanner, 1 glover  
1844      3 corn millers, victualler, shopkeeper, blacksmith, carpenter, wheelwright/blacksmith, 17 farmers,  
1912      Stowmarket Gas works  
Sub-postmaster, schoolmaster, 15 farmers, general smith, 3 poultry dealers, plumber/glazier, 2 pork butchers, grocer, publican, thatcher, farm bailiff, insurance agent, miller, beer retailer, boot maker

**19. Education:**

1833	1 Independent Sunday school with lending library (117 attend)
1875	School Board formed
1875	Former National school given to Board, enlarged (1876 and 1880) average attendance (1912) 203
1978	High School opened

**20. Poor relief:**

1776	£218. 19s.	spent on poor relief
1803	£554. 17s. 11d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£757. 4s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£650. 10s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£685. 16s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£403. 14s.	spent on poor relief

**21. Charities:**

**Poor Estate:**

1840	Small house, outbuildings, and 22 acres let at £35 p.a. Cottage and 21 acres let at £30 p.a. Rents applied to coals distributed among poor (shared with Stowmarket)
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**Blackerby's Gift:**

1840	Coat furnished once every 4 years to 4 men of Stowupland.
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**22. Other institutions:**

1776	Workhouse (20 inmates)
1803	Friendly Society (30 members)
1891	Police officer listed

**23. Recreation:**

1844	The Crown public house
1891	5 public houses, 2 beerhouses
1912	The Crown public house, 1 beer retailer
circa 1931	Stowupland Athletic F.C.

**24. Personal:**

## **25. Other information:**

Stowupland Hall: Early 19<sup>th</sup> century construction of white brick. Sold (1979)

Columbyne Hall: 16<sup>th</sup> century building, moated farmhouse by (1844)

Awarded Best Kept Village – model of water pump presented by Haverhill Meat Products to commemorate award (1984)

Parish won 'Best Kept Large Village' award (1986)

Flemish pulpit discovered (1840's)

Barn (17<sup>th</sup> cent.) converted to dwelling house (1977)

Sheltered housing for elderly established at Jubilee Court (1979)

Village sign erected (1978)

Parish church hall opened by Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich (1985)

4 cases of incendiarism due to agrarian unrest (1844)

### **Archaeological Sites:**

Med. moated sites (CRN 5376, 5377)

Stray finds:	Rom. bronze coin (CRN 5382)
	Rom. quern stone (CRN 5384)
	Med. iron dagger (CRN 5385)
	Med. lock fastening (CRN 5386)
	Med. bronze crucifix (CRN 5387)

Scatter finds:	I.A. pottery (CRN 244)
	Rom, I.A> and Med. pottery and misc. objects (CRN 245)
	Med. pottery, antler knife (CRN 5375)
	Med. pottery (CRN 5378-81)
	Rom. sherds and horseshoes (CRN 5383)