

1. Parish: Stradbroke

Meaning: Brook by a 'Roman' road

2. Hundred: Hoxne

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

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

Other administrative details:

Hoxne Petty Sessional Division
Eye County Court District

3. Area: 3,790 acres land, 6 acres water (1912)

4. Soils: Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay

5. Types of farming:

1086		25 acres meadow, wood for 448 pigs, 30 pigs, 30 sheep
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 summer fallow as preparation for corn production.
1937	Main crops:	Area excellent for corn production.
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet.

6. Enclosure:

1813	132 acres in Stradbroke enclosed under Private Act of Lands 1811
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7. Settlement:

1958	Moderate sized compact development. Church centrally situated. Secondary settlements at Battlesea Green, Pixie Green, Wootten Green, Barley Green and Ashfield Green. Scattered farms.
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Inhabited houses: 1674 – 100, 1801 – 139, 1851 – 319, 1871 – 98, 1901 – 236, 1951 – 267, 1981 – 395

8. Communications:

Road: To Wingfield, Horham, Wilby, Laxfield and Fressingfield.
1844 Carriers to Ipswich and Norwich Monday, Tuesday and Friday
1891 Carriers to Ipswich Monday and Friday
to Norwich Friday
to Diss Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
1912 Carriers to Norwich Friday
to Diss Friday
to Eye Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Rail: 1912 Railway station (Mid Suffolk Light Railway): opened 1904,
opened for passengers 1908, closed for goods 1912, closed
completely 1952

9. Population:

1086 – 62 recorded
1327 – 77 taxpayers paid £7 14s. 3d. (includes Wingfield)
1524 – 64 taxpayers paid £10 4s. 4d.
1603 – 360 adults
1674 – 130 households
1676 – not recorded
1801 – 1,215 inhabitants
1831 – 1,527 inhabitants
1851 – 1,822 inhabitants
1871 – 1,513 inhabitants
1901 – 1,016 inhabitants
1931 – 903 inhabitants
1951 – 832 inhabitants
1971 – 880 inhabitants
1981 – 1,068 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Vicarage 1831, Discharged Vicarage 1844

1254	Valued £17 6s. 8d.
1291	Valued £20
	Portion of Wodebregg 13s. 4d.
1535	Valued £9 18s. 4½d. <u>£20 13s. 4d.</u>
	No incumbent, stipend of 15s taken by Patron 1546
1600	Rectorial tithes granted to the See of Ely
1603	Valued £9 19s. 11d.
17 th cent.	Tithes granted to incumbent subject to payment of £8 p.a. rent and fine of £60 to Bishop of Ely every 7 years
1831	Glebe house, gross income £738 p.a.
	Tithes commuted for £1,050 1840
1844	6 acres 1R 2P glebe and near vicarage house, enlarged and repaired 1863

1912 Nett value £684 p.a. 6 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Jefferie Borrett (1546), Bishop of Ely (1603), Bishop of
Norwich (1831–)

11. Church All Saints

(Chancel, vestry, clerestoried nave, aisles, N. & S.
porches, W tower)

1086 2 churches + 40 acres, ½ plough
14/15th cent. Main structure
15th cent. Tower
1643 Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) ordered removal
of 8 angels from roof and cherubim in wood, destroyed
4 crosses and 17 pictures

1871–79 Restoration
1952 Tower restored

Seats: 700 (1915)

Chapel at Shelton in use 1306–1455

12. Nonconformity etc:

Baptist Chapel built 1814/1817, enlarged/rebuilt 1841, seats 450

13. Manorial:

1066 Manor of 5½ carucates held by Edric
1086 Manor of 5½ carucates belonging to Robert Malet

Stradbroke with Stubcroft

11th cent. Ernald Rufus (le Rus) held as of Honor of Eye (linked to
Fressingfield, Clopton and Hasketon)
c.1280 Richard de Brewse owns (linked to Wingfield, Wenham Parva,
Hasketon, Martlesham and Newborne)
late 14th cent. Sir John Wingfield owns (linked to Fressingfield, Syleham and
Wingfield)
1450 Inquis. p.m. of William de la Pole (linked to numerous manors
throughout Suffolk)
1510 Thomas, Lord Howard owns (linked to numerous manors
throughout Suffolk)
1538 Charles Brandon owns (linked to numerous manors
throughout Suffolk)
1610 Henry, Prince of Wales owns
1650 Part of jointure of Queen Henrietta Maria
1810 Charles Marquis Cornwallis owns (linked to numerous manors
throughout Suffolk)
1909 Lady Bateman owns (linked to Denham, Horham, Hoxne,
Wingfield and Thelnetham)

Sub-manors:

Shelton Hall

1271	Henry de Scelton/Shelton owns
c.1333	Annexed to Priory of Butley
1405	Robert de Wingfield owns
1659	Edward Carewe owns (linked to Wilby)
1660	Sir William Blois owns (linked to Middleton, Wilby, Burgh Culpho, Hasketon and Grundisburgh)
1683	Robert Thompson owns (linked to Wilby and Hasketon)
1803	Thomas Corbett owns (linked to Wilby, Debach and Hasketon)

Hylls/Hills, Drawsword's and Denneys

1336	Maurice Drawsword owns
16 th cent.	Thomas Gyrling owns

Wootton's

1236	Richard de Eye owns
c.1605	Sir Thomas Knevetts owns
1845	Sir Edward Kerrison owns (linked to Horham and Thelnetham)
1909	Lady Bateman owns (absorbed by main manor)

Wotton's/Thorpe Hall with Wotton's

1343	Walter de Wottone owns
1358	Sir Edmund de Thorpe owns
c.1605	Sir Thomas Knevetts owns (absorbed by Woottons)
17 th cent.	Sir Edward Coke owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)
c.1770	Joshua Vanneck owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)

Barleugh/Buslaugh Hall

16 th cent.	Thomas Huntingfield owns
1564	Thomas Grenlynge owns
1602	John Lemain owns (linked to Brampton and Shotley)
1805	John, Lord Henniker owns

14. Markets/Fairs:

Grant of market 1225, 2 grants of markets 1226/27, and fairs 1309 to Sir Richard Brewse.

1759	Fairs held on August 10 th for toys, St Matthew's Day and September 21 st for toys
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| 1844 | Market formerly held every Friday, fell into disuse 18 th cent.
Corn market held on Tuesday at local Inns (ceased when
Corn Hall built 1854) |
| 1844 | Market held during Spring and Summer for sale of calves
Fair for cattle and pedlary on 3 rd Monday in June (abolished
1872)
Fair for hiring servants held on 2 nd October (abolished 1872) |
| 1891 | Fairs held on 3 rd Monday in June and 21 st September |

15. Real property:

1844	£ 5,283 rental value
1891	£ 5,549 rateable value
1912	£ 4,215 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1814–1912 Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

1844	Rev. J.T. Allen, MA and C. Bradfield
1891	Rev. W. Tate, MA, LLD, JP
1912	Rev. G.R. Shackleton, MA and Rev. Canon W. Tate, MA, LLD, JP

18. Occupations:

1500–1549	1 minstrel
1550–1599	5 yeomen, 1 husbandman, 1 smith
1600–1649	23 yeomen, 6 husbandmen, 1 joiner, 1 turner, 1 tailor, 1 blacksmith, 2 coopers, 2 weavers, 3 shoemakers/ cordwainers
1650–1699	15 yeomen, 1 gardener, 3 spinsters, 6 husbandmen, 1 innholder, 3 tailors, 1 bricklayer, 1 thatcher, 1 shoemaker/ cordwainer, 1 carpenter, 1 linen weaver, 1 collar maker, 1 wheelwright, 2 butchers
1831	228 in agriculture, 98 in retail trade, 5 professionals, 26 in labouring, 50 in domestic service, 10 others
1844	Postmaster, pork butcher, cryer, linen weaver, 2 gardeners, coal dealer, 2 surgeons, brazier/tinner, basket maker, bookbinder, cabinet maker, vet, artist, registrar, seedsman, cooper, matron, 4 fire and life officers, 5 academies, 2 attorneys, 3 bakers, banker, 7 blacksmiths, 8 boot/shoemakers, 3 bricklayers, 2 butchers, 6 cattle dealers, 3 corn millers, 2 druggists, 40 farmers, 5 grocer/ drapers, 2 hairdressers, 2 innkeepers, 4 beerhouse keepers, linen maker, maltster, glover, 3 joiners, 3 milliners, 2 plumber/glaziers, 3 saddlers, 3 tailors, 2 watchmakers, 1 wine spirit and porter merchant, 5 wheelwrights

1912	Sub-postmaster, public officers, police officer, 2 school teachers, station master, 2 shopkeepers, surgeon, insurance agent, bankers, 29 farmers, 2 saddlers, fishmonger, music teacher, 2 publicans, carpenter/shopkeeper, carrier/shopkeeper, wine/spirit merchant, boot repairer, iron foundry, miller, carpenter/builder, chemist, cycle repairer, farm bailiff, butcher, cycle dealer, pork butcher, plumber/glazier, 2 hairdressers, wheelwright, 2 grocers, coal merchant, school attendance officer, 2 boot/shoemakers, watchmaker, builder, baker, miller, relieving officer, 2 beer retailers, grocer/draper, stationer, photographer
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19. Education:

School endowed by Michael Wentworth 1587 for education of 5 poor children, 12 more educated from Warner Charity 1667.

1818	Endowed school (35 attend, 17 free) 1 day school (8 attend), 1 Baptist Sunday school (80 attend)
1833	Endowed school (23 attend, 17 free) 7 daily schools (158 attend), 1 Sunday school (established church) (98 attend), 1 Baptist Sunday school (140 attend)
1844	School for poor girls attached to Baptist chapel Endowed school and 5 academies
1891	Mixed elementary school built 1863 to accommodate 220 boys and girls, average attendance 1912 185
1969	Primary school and Secondary Modern school

20. Poor relief:

1776	£421 4s.
1803	£931 0s. 9d.
1818	£1,764 10s.
1830	£2,128 1s.
1832	£2,572 4s.
1834	£1,880 8s.

21. Charities:

Charity Estates:

1587	Town house granted by Michael Wentworth, part used as school, part as poor house 1840
1599	by will of William Grendling: House + 76 acres 2R let at £90 p.a. applied to Sunday school, church repairs and maintenance of the poor
1667	by gift of Giles Borrett: Land called Doggetts Pightle/Eyles (3 acres 2R) let at £6 8s. p.a. distributed among poor

1840 Syleham Estate: House + 16 acres let at £24 p.a. applied to apprenticeships

John Borrett's Gift:

1698 by will of John Borrett: £5 12s. p.a. applied to six 2d. loaves for 6 poor persons and distribution of clothes of linen or wool to 6 poor persons

Doles:

1658 by will of Richmond Girling: £1 10s. applied to distribution of bread
 1661 by gift of Henry Austin: £1 to poor at Christmas
 1668 by gift of Nicholas Borrett: £1 p.a. to poor on Ash Wednesday

School:

1840 £20 paid by Warner charity to education of 12 poor children (Warner Charity – 1736 by will of Mary Warner)

22. Other institutions:

1776 Guild of St Anne 1463
 1803 Workhouses (40 inmates)
 Friendly Society (50 members)
 Hoxne Union Workhouse built 1834/5 to accommodate 300 inmates, held 120 1841. Fever Ward added c.1844
 Petty Sessions held at Queens Head on alternate Tuesdays 1844–1854, removed to Corn Hall and held alternate Thursdays
 Book Society established 1836
 Fire Engine purchased 1843
 Corn Hall built 1854, used as magistrates' court and County Library 1969
 Police Station built 1855, compliment of 2 officers 1912, used as ironmongers shop 1969
 Clothing and boot and shoe clubs 1891
 Reading Room established 1876 in vicarage grounds
 Town House established by Michael Wentworth 1587 used in part as fire station 1891
 1912 Meetings of Hartismere No.2 Sub Committee of Suffolk (East) Local Pension Committee held at Police Station on Friday
 Meetings of Hoxne RDC held at Court House monthly on Monday

23. Recreation:

1650–1699 1 innholder recorded

1844	4 beerhouses, The Queens Head and The White Hart public houses, and 2 beerhouses
1912	The Queens Head and The White Hart public houses, 2 beer retailers
1969	The Queens Head, The Hemsheaf and The Ivy House public houses

24. Personal:

Robert Copley/Grossette: (d.1253), native of parish, Bishop of Lincoln and protagonist of Pope Innocent IV.

John Bannock (al Barber): styled in his will as 'the minstrel of Stradbroke' 1542.

25. Other information:

200 persons emigrated from the parish to America between 1830–1844.