

1. Parish: Sutton

Meaning: Southern village/homestead (Ekwall)

2. Hundred: Wilford

Deanery: Wilford (- 1972), Woodbridge (1972 -)

Union: Woodbridge

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Woodbridge R.D. (1894-1934), Deben R.D. (1934-1974)
Suffolk Coastal D.C. (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Woodbridge Petty Sessional Division and County Court District

3. Area: 5,445 acres land, 90 acres tidal water, 439 acres foreshore (1912)

4. Soils: Deep well drained sandy soil, some very acid with bleached sub-surface especially under heath and woodland, risk of wind erosion. Rich loam by river. Subsoil and crag. Rich in antediluvian shells and fossils, numerous crag deposits, extensive diggings of coprolites
Problem of acidity and trace element deficiency

5. Types of farming:

1086	3 cattle, 60 sheep, 2 oxen, 18 acres meadow Domesday vill of Udeham: 1 cob, 7 cattle, 56 pigs, 10 acres meadow and 1 mill
1500–1640	Thirsk: Sheep-corn region, sheep main fertilising 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, barley, clover, wheat or turnips as preparation for corn and grass
1937	Main crops: Wheat and barley
1969	Trist: Dairying has been replaced by arable farming

6. Enclosure:

Heath Reclamation: 1952-55 160 acres Sutton Common
 1955-64 174 acres Ferry Farm, Sutton
 133 acres in Sutton, Shottisham and
 Hollesley incorporated into Broxstead
 Estate

7. Settlement:

1977 Small compact development following line of Woodbridge
 – Shottisham road.
 Church and school situated at the northern end of village.
 A large part of the parish is common heath land.
 Secondary centre by living quarters attached to
 Woodbridge air base on N.E. corner of parish. Some
 scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 29, 1801 – 57, 1851 – 128,
 1871 – 134, 1901 – 122, 1951 – 124,
 1981 – 375

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Woodbridge and Shottisham
 1891 Carriers pass through to Ipswich on Tuesday and
 Saturday
 to Woodbridge on Monday,
 Tuesday, Wednesday and
 Thursday
 1912 Carriers from Bawdsey to Woodbridge daily
 to Ipswich on Tuesday
 from Shottisham to Woodbridge on Monday
 and Thursday

Rail: 1912 4 miles Woodbridge station: Ipswich – Lowestoft line,
 opened (1859), still operational

Water: River Deben: east bank. Ferry (1912)

Air: Woodbridge Air Base: constructed for RAF (1942) covering
 159 acres. Used for experimental work (post 1945). Used by
 Blind Landing Experimental Unit. RAF abandoned (1948),
 USAF base (1952 -)

9. Population:

1086 — 99 recorded
1327 — 40 taxpayers paid £2. 10s. 10d.
1524 — 44 taxpayers paid £9. 17s. 4d.
1603 — 196 adults

9. Population cont'd:

1674 — 43 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 425 inhabitants
1831 — 680 inhabitants
1851 — 732 inhabitants
1871 — 600 inhabitants
1901 — 495 inhabitants
1931 — 503 inhabitants
1951 — 441 inhabitants
1971 — 1,742 inhabitants
1981 — 1,529 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Vicarage

1254/1291 Valued £12
1535 Valued £8. 2s. 1d.
1603 Impropriation endowed with vicarage. Valued £8. 2s.
1831 Curate, stipend £60 p.a. No glebe house (vicarage house burned down and not rebuilt). Gross income £300 p.a. Incumbent also holds Perpetual Curacy of Flitcham, Norfolk
1912 Nett value £250. 32 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Michael hare (1603), R. Field (1831), C.H. Sargent (1912)

11. Church ALL SAINTS

(Chancel, nave, modern S.porch, bell hangs in yard)

1086 Church + 22 acres land
14th cent. Main structure
1616 Almost entirely destroyed by fire
1642 Tower collapsed (formerly a square tower)
1859/60 Restoration

Seats: 200 (1912)

12. Nonconformity etc:

Congregational chapel built (1813)
Baptist chapel (1874)

13. Manorial:

1066 Manor of 60 acres belonging to Leofstan a free man of Edrics
1086 Manor of 60 acres belonging to Robert Malet's mother
1086 Manor of 80 acres belonging to Rober Malet

13. Manorial (cont'd):

1066	Manor of 60 acres held by Azor
1086	Manor of 60 acres belonging to Hervey of Bourges and held by Erchenbald
1086*	Manor of 12 acres belonging to Robert Malet's mother and held by Walter Caen
1086*	Manor of 12 acres belonging to St. Etheldreda's and held by Robert Malet

NOTE*: Copinger interprets these as 2 manors
N. scarfe says 2 manors because one has animals and the other has not
VHC refers to 'the other half' belonging to St. Etheldreda's
These can be interpreted as two halves of one manor

Sutton Hall

1316	de Glanville family owns followed by the Wingfield and Ferneley families (links to Shottisham)
1911	Sir William Cuthbert Quilter owns (linked to Bawdsey)

Sub-Manors:

Stokerland

1086	2 estates mentioned in Domesday both of 30 acres and belonging to Robert Malet
1541	Fernesley family owns (absorbed by main manor)

Wood Hall (Udeham)

1086	Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Bishop Evreux and held by Thormod
1481	Wingfield family owns (absorbed by main manor)

Fenn Hall

1348	John de Sutton of Wyvenhoe owns
1416-1541	Tuddenham family owns (linked to Brandeston)
1585	Burwell family owns (links with Pistries and Osmonds)

13. Manorial (cont'd):

Pistries/Pettistree

- 1456 Fine levied by several persons mentioning also manors of Osmonds and Tavies
- 15/16th cent. Held by Thomas Alverd – tenement rented from Earl of Surrey and Lady Elizabeth Wingfield called Pistries. 52 acres land, 8 acres pasture, 7 acres meadow, 80 acres head said to be worth 5 marks

Osmond's

- 15th cent. Wlaler Fulborne had three parts of a fee 'formerly Peter Osmund'
- 15/16th cent. Alverd family owns (linked to Pistries)
- 1589 Burwell family owns (annexed to Fenn Hall)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

- 1844 £3,231 rental value
- 1891 £3,568 rateable value
- 1912 £2,682 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

- 1844-1912 Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

- 1680 2 gents recorded
- 1686 William Jermy
Robert May, High Sheriff of Suffolk (1758)

18. Occupations:

- 1500–1549 1 tailor, 3 husbandmen
- 1550–1599 8 yeomen, 6 husbandmen, 1 labourer, 1 vicar
- 1600–1649 4 husbandmen, 13 yeomen, 1 glover, 1 carpenter, 1 miller, 1 tailor
- 1650–1699 4 yeomen, 1 mariner, 1 husbandman
- 1831 121 in agriculture, 6 in retail trade, 1 professional, 12 in labouring, 18 in domestic service, 1 other
- 1844 2 shopkeepers, 5 farmers, steward, joiner/builder, blacksmith, tailor, 3 boot/shoemakers, corn miller, collar/harness maker, maltster/brickmaker, victualler
- 1912 Sub-postmaster, teacher, blacksmith, farm bailiff, builder, publican, shopkeeper, miller, 2 farmers

19. Education:

1818	1 day school (20 attend)
1833	2 daily school (20 attend), 1 Sunday school (90 attend)

20. Poor relief:

1776	£146. 17s. 6d	spent on poor relief
1803	£304. 10s.	spent on poor relief
1818	£873. 16s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£449. 17s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£539. 19s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£623. 10s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Bloss's Charity:

1894	£1 p.a. to the vicar for 2 sermons preached on St. Thomas's Day and Good Friday 2s. 6d. for bread to the poor on the same days
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Sir M. Stanhope's Gift:

1618	Deed of Sir Michael Stanhope: Yearly rends from Manor of Valence in Bloxhall and from other holdings payable at Michaelmas and Lady Day for distribution among poor: £4 p.a.
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Burrell's Charity:

1687	Land surrendered from Manor of Staverton with Bromeswell: profits of £5. 4s. by buy bread distributed fortnightly at church
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22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

1844	The Plough and Horses public house
1891/1912	The Plough public house

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Stone jetty: (no dates) ferry landing place at Sutton Hoo.

Barrow group: $\frac{1}{4}$ mile south of Sutton Hoo

1½ miles N.N.W. of Sutton village: Sutton Hoo burial place of the Wuffinga's (11 tumuli). Distinguished by excavations carried out in 1939 (Numerous books and articles written on the subject)

'The Sandlings' by V.B. Redstone. PSIA Vol.X p.56

'the Sutton Font' by H.W. Birch. East Anglian New Series Vol.V p. 334