

1. Parish: Trimley St. Martin

Meaning: Trymma's clearing

2. **Hundred:** Colneis

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Union: Woodbridge

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Woodbridge RD (1894–1934), Deben RD (1934–1974), Suffolk Coastal DC (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Woodbridge County Court District and Petty Sessional Division

3. **Area:** 2,536 acres land, 124 acres tidal water, 100 acres of foreshore (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed

a. Deep well drained sandy soils. Risk of wind and water erosion

b. Some coarse loams (often stoneless)

c. Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged clay soils, brown subsoils. Some fine loam over clay and fine silts over clay soils.

5. **Types of farming:**

1500–1640 Thirsk: Light lands, sheep/corn region, sheep main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Barley cash crop.

1818 Marshall: Area known as the Sandlings where the cultivation of carrots is undertaken.
Young: Their culture of carrots, their breed of horses is nowhere else to be seen (1813).

1937 Main crops: Wheat, barley, roots.

1969 Trist: The sand is ideal for carrot production which

was resumed in post war period, now mainly produced for canning. Other crops are turnip and kale seed.

6. Enclosure:

1804 & 1808 Trimley Heath enclosed
1807 541 acres of enclosed at Trimley St. Martin, St. Mary, Kirton, and Nacton under Private Acts of Lands 1805

7. Settlement:

1958 Settlement is divided by line of boundary which also runs through centre of churchyard (shared with Trimley St. Mary). Original settlement near to church. Secondary centres at Lower Street, Thorpe Common and Trimley Heath.
Some scattered farms
Inhabited houses: 1674 – 18, 1801 – 28, 1851 – 122, 1871 – 137, 1901 – 146, 1951 – 342, 1981 – 463

8. Communications:

Road: Ipswich–Felixstowe Road

Rail: Station at Trimley St. Mary. Ipswich–Felixstowe line opened 1877.

Water: River Orwell – navigable to sea-going vessels to Ipswich.

9. Population:

1086 – 74 recorded
1327 – 56 taxpayers paid £6 1s. ½d. (includes Altingston and Trimley St. Mary)
1524 – 26 taxpayers paid £1 10s. 6d.
1603 – 85 adults
1674 – 24 households
1676 – not listed
1801 – 256 inhabitants
1831 – 514 inhabitants
1851 – 574 inhabitants
1871 – 588 inhabitants
1901 – 691 inhabitants
1931 – 861 inhabitants

1951 – 1,086 inhabitants

1971 – 1,071 inhabitants

1981 – 1,301 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory (1831) Discharged Rectory (1844)

1254 Valued £6 13s. 4d.

1291 Valued £10.

1535 Valued £12 0s. 6d.

1831 1 curate. Stipend £50 p.a. No glebe house. Incumbent also holds Rectory of Easton.

1835 Valued £423.

1850 Rectory house built

1891 Rent charge of £507 in lieu of tithes. 24 acres glebe.

Note: Former parish and rectory of Alsteston consolidated with Trimley 1362.

Patrons: Sir Robert Barket 1603, J. Waller 1831, Thomas Waller 1844, E.G. Pretyman 1918

**11. Church St. Martin (shares churchyard with St. Mary)
(Chancel, nave, transept, tower)**

1086 1 church + 20 acres, valued 40d. 1 church + 8 acres valued 8d.

1 church (Alston) + 5 acres free land valued 16d.

14th/15th cent. Original structure

1643 1 statue broken and 28 cherubim ordered to be removed (Puritanical vandals under William Dowsing)

1850/1890 Much restoration

Seats: 220

St. John the Baptist, Alston

1362 Consolidated with Trimley St. Martin

c.1500 Demolished

1720 Human remains discovered near Grimston Hall (possible site of graveyard)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1644 Rev. John Beadle ejected by Suffolk Committee for Scandalous Ministers.

1912 Primitive Methodist chapel

13. Manorial:

- 1066 Manor of 50 acres held by Godric under patronage of Norman
- 1086 Manor of 50 acres belonging to Roger Bigot held by Thorold.
- 1066/1086 Manor of 40 acres belonging to St Etheldreda's held by Leofric 1066, and by Roger Bigot 1086

Grimston Hall with Morston Manor

- 13th cent. Linked to Trimley St. Mary, Groton, Boxford, Assington (Geoffrey de Bellomonte) passing by marriage to Edmund Peveral c.1321 (links with Debenham, Westhorpe Hall and Aspell)
- 1353 Links with Thorndon, Westhorpe Hall, Wyverstone, Cotton, Braiseworth (William de la Pole)
- 1591 Links with Brome, Palgrave, Stuston, Thrandeston and Westhorpe (Cornwallis family)
- 1597 Links with Falkenham, Kirton, Trimley St. Mary (Robert Barker)
- 1909 Links with Bucklesham, Falkenham, Kirton, Levington, Stratton Hall and Walton (E.G. Pretyman)

Sub-Manors

Marston/Moston Hall

- c.14/15th cent. Absorbed by main manor (Roger Cavendish)

Capel/Capel Hall

- no date William Ambervil
- 1464 William Owden (Ouband) paid relief in its respect to Framlingham Castle
- 16th cent. Links with Trimley St. Mary, Walton and Blythford (James Hobart)
- 1609 Thomas Lye owns
- c.17th cent. Links with Eye, Ocoold and Wetheringsett (Miles Edgar)

14. Markets/Fairs:

15. Real property:

- 1844 £3,338 rental value
- 1891 £3,934 rateable value

1912 £3,874 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844 Land sub-divided
1891/1912 Capt. E.G. Pretyman principal owner

17. Resident gentry:

1679 Sir J. Barker of Trimley Park
1680 2 gents listed
1805 George Nassau, High Sheriff of Suffolk

18. Occupations:

1550–1599 1 yeoman, 1 husbandman
1600–1649 5 yeoman, 1 thatcher, 3 husbandmen, 1 goldsmith
1650–1699 3 yeoman, 1 linen weaver
1831 100 in agriculture, 22 in retail/handicrafts, 2 professionals,
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Labouring, 19 in domestic service, 4 others
1844 Miller, boot/shoemaker, carpenter, 4 farmers, 2
shopkeepers, blacksmith
1912 Sub-postmaster, policy officer, teachers, station master,
grocer/draper, boot repairer, confectioner, beer retailer,
threshing machine owner, 5 farmers, carpenter, 3
builders, 2 millers, 2 shopkeepers, market gardener, boot
repairer, timber merchant, cycle agent.

19. Education:

1818 3 day schools shared with Trimley St. Mary (100 attend)
1833 1 daily school (40 attend), 1 Sunday school (30/40 attend)
1832 Church school established.
1874 School Board formed
1891 3 teachers listed
1875 Public Elementary school built, average attendance 1912
280
1903 Public Elementary school at Main Road build (shared with
Trimley St. Mary), average attendance 1912 150

20. Poor relief:

1776 £53 1s. 4d.
1803 £110 14s. 4d.

1818	£485 16s.
1830	£345 11s.
1832	£386 11s.
1834	£358

21. Charities:

Poors Allotment:

1808	Allotment of 4 acres set aside for poor at enclosure let at £10 p.a. for fuel distributed at Christmas.
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22. Other institutions:

1912	Police station
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23. Recreation:

1891/1912	1 beer house/retailer
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24. Personal:

Edwin Julian (Lord of Manor) died on passage to America.

25. Other information:

Domesday vills – Alston, Grimston Hall, Morston, Norton, Plumgeard, Thorpe and Turstanestuna.

N. Scarfe suggests Trimley (spelt Tremelaia in D.B.) means island/clearing of the tree cross and intimates this could refer to a hallowed site of very early cross and as both St. Martins and St. Marys churches shares the same churchyard he suggests this as a possible site of such a cross (Suffolk Landscape).

D. Dymond and P. Northeast suggest Alston/Altoston as possible example of village killed by Black Death. United with Trimley St. Martin 1362.

Civil boundary change 1883.

‘Trimley St. Martin school 1875–1975’ booklet published by the school.

Explosion at powder factory Trimley marshes: 2 killed, 3 injured 1900.

Badly affected by flooding 1953.