

# 1. Parish: Tuddenham St. Martin

**Meaning:** Tudda's meadow/enclosure

**2. Hundred:** Carlford

**Deanery:** Carlford (–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:

Civil boundary change, loses part to Ipswich 1952  
Part of parish amalgamated with Playford 1883  
Woodbridge Petty Sessional Division  
Ipswich County Court District

**3. Area:** 1,274 acres (1912)

**4. Soils:**

Mixed:

- a. Deep well drained sandy often ferruginous soils, risk wind and water erosion
- b. Deep fine loam soils with slowly permeable subsoils and slight seasonal waterlogging. Some fine loam over clay and sandy soils.
- c. Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion

**5. Types of farming:**

1086		17½ acres meadow, 2 cattle, 16 pigs, 50 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. Also has similarities with sheep-corn region where sheep are main fertilizing 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.

**5. Types of farming (cont'd):**

1937 Main crops: Wheat, barley, peas  
1969 Trist: More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

**6. Enclosure:**

**7. Settlement:**

1972/80 Small compact development round centrally situated church and to west or river. Small extension of settlement to east of river, mainly along Clopton Road. Railway clips parish in southern sector cross W–E. River Fynn meanders through parish roughly N–S.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 33, 1801 – 42, 1851 – 89,  
1871 – 85, 1901 – 83, 1951 – 106,  
1981 – 135

**8. Communications:**

Road: To Westerfield, Ipswich, Rushmere St. Andrew, Witnesham, Culpho and Grudisburgh  
1891 Carriers pass through to Ipswich  
1912 Carrier to Ipswich

Rail: 1891 1½ miles Westerfield station: Westerfield–Felixstowe line opened 1877, Ipswich–Lowestoft line opened 1859, both still operational

Water: River Fynn

**9. Population:**

1086 – 40 recorded  
1327 – 27 taxpayers paid £2 1s. 2¾d.  
(includes Culpho)  
1524 – 31 taxpayers paid £2 14s. 2d.  
1603 – 111 adults  
1674 – 41 households  
1676 – Not recorded  
1801 – 205 inhabitants  
1831 – 369 inhabitants  
1851 – 425 inhabitants  
1871 – 390 inhabitants  
1901 – 356 inhabitants  
1931 – 310 inhabitants  
1951 – 359 inhabitants  
1971 – 353 inhabitants

1981 – 355 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Vicarage**

1254 Valued £10 13s. 4d.  
1291 Valued £10 13s. 4d.  
1535 Valued £10 13s. 4d.  
1603 Endowed with Vicarage valued £10 13s. 4d.  
1831 1 curate, stipend £50 p.a. No glebe house. Gross income £50 p.a. Incumbent also holds Perpetual curacy of St. Margaret, Ipswich. Rectoral tithes commuted for £220. 12s. Vicarial tithes commuted for £115 6s. p.a. c.1844  
Vicarage house built 1860 and stands in grounds of 3 acres  
1912 Nett value £60 p.a. 3 acres glebe and residence

**Patrons:** Sir Edmund Withipoll (1603), C.W. Fonnereau (1831), Miss Pickford (1891), H.F. Harwood (1912)

**11. Church St. Martin**  
(Chancel, nave, aisle, S. porch, W. tower)

1086 Church + 15 acres + 20 acres in Claydon Hundred  
Norman Nave N. doorway  
14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> cent. Chancel, nave  
1452/1460 Tower  
1845, 1861 Restorations and refitting  
Seats: 200 (1915)

**12. Nonconformity etc:**

1606 4 persons negligent in receiving communion  
1837 1 house set aside for worship  
1891 Independent/Congregational chapel recorded

**13. Manorial:**

1066 Manor of 68 acres held by Godhere a free man of St. Etheldreda  
1086 Manor of 68 acres belonging to Roger of Poitou  
1066 Manor of 12 acres held by Aelfric the Deacon under patronage of Saxi from the Abbot of Ely  
1086 manor of 12 acres belonging to Roger of Rames  
1066 Manor of 80 acres held by Brictrmer a free man under patronage of Edric of Laxfield  
1086 Manor of 80 acres belonging to Harvey of Bourges and held by Bernard of Alencon

## **Tuddenham/Loudham Hall**

1293	Robert Westerfield owns
c.1310	John de Tuddenham owns (linked to Kedington)
14 <sup>th</sup> cent.	John de Loudham owns
c.1509	Sir Thomas Blennerhasset owns (linked to Loudham)
1585	Robert Kind died seised (linked to Culpho)
1644	John Sickelmers owns
1693	Philip Bacon owns
1789	William Tong owns
1858	J. Wratilslaw and Major Michael Turner own
1909	Mrs. Holt Wilson owns (linked to Redgrave, Wangford, Brandon, Hinderclay, Rickinghall Inferior and Walsham le Willows)

## **Sub-manors:**

### **St. Bartholomews/Bertilmemes**

1252	John Bertelman owns
c.1540	George Baldry died seised
1541	Sir Richard Rich owns
1609	Robert Kind owns (annexed to main manor)
1635	Gilbert Havers owns
1644	Edmund West owns
1651	Roger Pratt owns
1663	John Couthois owns
1679	Sir Roger Pratt owns
1841	Dr. Lynn owns

#### **14. Markets/Fairs:**

#### **15. Real property:**

1844	£2,424 rental value
1891	£2,083 rateable value
1912	£2,038 rateable value

#### **16. Land ownership:**

1844	Land sub-divided
1891	H.F. Harwood, principal owner + small owners
1912	Land sub-divided

#### **17. Resident gentry:**

1891	H.F. Harwood JP
1912	H.F. Harwood JP and Rev. F.R. Keighley MA

#### **18. Occupations:**

1550–1549	2 husbandmen
1550–1599	6 yeomen, 2 husbandmen, 1 shipwright, 1 mariner
1600–1649	5 yeomen, 3 husbandmen, 1 apothecary, 1 blacksmith
1650–1699	8 yeomen, 1 innholder, 1 spinster, 1 mariner, 1 tailor
1831	64 in agriculture, 17 in retail trade, 5 in domestic service, 7 others
1844	2 shopkeepers, victualler, maltster, shoemaker, blacksmith, joiner, brick/tile makers, 2 corn millers, beerhouse keeper, butcher, 8 farmers
1891	Brick and tile factory
1912	Sub-postmaster, police officer, schoolmistress, blacksmith, engineer/assistant overseer, 6 farmers, pork butcher, shopkeeper, carrier, publican, farm bailiff, grocer

**19. Education:**

1833	3 infant schools (22 attend), 1 Sunday school (established church), (29 attend), 1 Protestant Dissenters Sunday school (65 attend). School Board for Tuddenham and Culpho formed 1873 Public Elementary school built 1867 by the rector and let at peppercorn rent to School Board, average attendance 1912 86
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**20. Poor relief:**

1776	£38 12s. 9d.
1803	£83 12s. 6d.
1818	£448 14s.
1830	£300 14s.
1832	£288 15s.
1834	£356

**21. Charities:**

**Knapp's and Minter's Charity:**

1672 by will of George Knapp and  
 1738 by will of William Minter  
 19 acres land let at £27 p.a. £5 applied to church repairs, the residue applied to purchase of clothing for distribution among poor.

**Harwood Charity**

Debentures by Samuel Harwood

**22. Other institutions:**

Horticultural Society established 1888  
 Village Club and Reading room established 1889, 30 members 1891  
 Police officer listed 1912

**23. Recreation:**

1844–1912 The Fountain public house 16<sup>th</sup> cent., exhibits an  
ornamental plaster ceiling  
1 beerhouse/retailer  
20<sup>th</sup> cent. Tuddenham Cottagers Flower Show

**24. Personal:**

**25. Other information:**

Tuddenham Hall: built c.17<sup>th</sup> cent. with additions of 1889 and 1897, sold  
1979  
'Tuddenham St. Martin', by V.B. Redstone. PSIA Vol.II, p.246.