

1. Parish: Tuddenham (also known as Tuddenham St Mary)

Meaning: Tudda's enclosure

2. Hundred: Lackford

Deanery: Fordwich (–1862), Fordwich (Suffolk) (1862–1884)
Mildenhall (1884–)

Union: Mildenhall

RDC/UDC: (W. Suffolk) Mildenhall RD (–1974), Forest Heath DC (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Lackford Petty Sessional Division
Mildenhall County Court District

3. Area: 2,664 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

Mixed: a. deep well drained sandy soils, in places very acid, some calcareous sandy soils. Risk wind erosion
b. deep permeable sand and peat soils affected by groundwater near river

5. Types of farming:

1086		6 acres meadow, 2 mills. 46 pigs, 140 sheep, 10 horses at hall, 11 cattle
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Sheep-corn region, sheep main fertilising agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop.
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, barley, turnip
1969	Trist:	Barley and sugar beet are the main crops with some rye grown on poorer lands and a little wheat, herbage seeds and carrots

6. Enclosure:

1796 2,420 acres enclosed under Private Acts of Lands 1794

7. Settlement:

1958 Boundaries: Icknield Way to S. Tuddenham mill stream to W. Large proportion of parish consists of heath and fen. Small compact development along Worlington–Higham road.
Church situated at southern end of settlement.
Few isolated farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 23, 1801 – 54, 1851 – 93, 1871 – 90,
1901 – 71, 1951 – 109, 1981 – 138

8. Communications:

Roads: To Worlington, Higham, Herringwell and Icklingham
1844 Carrier to Bury St Edmunds on Wednesday (also 1891)

Rail: 1891 3 miles Mildenhall station: Cambridge line opened 1885, closed for passengers 1962, closed for goods 1964
Ely–Norwich line opened 1845, closed for goods 1966, unmanned halt 1967

Water: Mill stream made navigable 1895, connects with River Lark. Used by barges to carry stone, discontinued by 1912

9. Population:

1086 – 25 recorded
1327 – 24 taxpayers paid £3 1s. 5d.
1524 – approx. 38 (membrane incomplete)
1603 – 120 adults
1674 – 33 households
1676 – 109 adults
1801 – 268 inhabitants
1831 – 388 inhabitants
1851 – 479 inhabitants
1871 – 400 inhabitants
1901 – 335 inhabitants
1931 – 288 inhabitants
1951 – 465 inhabitants
1971 – 327 inhabitants
1981 – 402 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254	Valued £10 to Thetford Canons £6 Portion to Master H formerly of Mortimer £6 13s. 4d. <u>£22 13s. 4d.</u>
1291	Valued £13 6s. 8d. Portion Canon Teff (Thetford) £6 <u>£19 6s. 8d.</u>
1535	Valued £10 17s. 6d.
1674	Parsonage has 5 hearths
1831	1 curate, stipend £70 p.a. Glebe house unfit for occupation Gross income £303 p.a.
1835	Valued £284
1854	Rectory house built
1887	22 acres 1R 2P glebe. Rent charge of £365 p.a.

Patrons: Marquis of Bristol (1831), William Wootton (1603)

11. Church **St Mary**
(Chancel, nave, S. aisles, porch, W. tower)

14/15th cent. Main structure
1876 Restoration by C. Kirk of Sleaford

Seats: 250

12. Nonconformity etc:

1676 2 nonconformists
1813–1848 15 persons from Tuddenham listed as buried at Barton Mills
chapel
1912 Baptist chapel

13. Manorial:

1066 Manor of 3 carucates held by Canute under patronage of
Algar
1086 Manor of 3 carucates belonging to Eudo

Tuddenham cum Badgicrofts al Hengraves al Shardelowes

1236 Eborard de Trumpington owns
No dates John de Leyham sells to Sir Thomas de Hemegrave (d. 1264)
1475 Thomas Wellys owns
1495 Valued £6 13s. 4d.
1548 Edmund Smyth owns
1698 John Hervey owns (linked to Cockfield, Bures, Ickworth and
Worlington)

Sub-Manors

Banstead/Bensteads

c.13 th cent.	Thomas de Burgh owns
1334	Edmund de Bensteads owns
1471	Held by Honor of Clare
1548	John Pleasaunce owns (linked to Herringswell)
1680	Thomas Shelley died seised

Netherhall

1236	Eborard de Trumpington owns (linked to main manor)
1312	John de Frevile owns
1461	Bedingfield family owns (linked to Cavenham, Eriswell, Hoxne, Eye, Gisingham, Redlingfield, Stoke Ash and Stuston)
1680	Thomas Shelley owns (absorbed by Bansteads)

14. Markets/Fairs:

15. Real property:

1844	£1,438 rental value
1891	£1,752 rateable value
1912	£1,653 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844	Marquis of Bristol and M.E. Rogers, principal owners
1891/1912	Marquis of Bristol, principal owner

17. Resident gentry:

1321	Sir Edmund de Hemegrave, High Sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk
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18. Occupations:

1550–1599	1 labourer, 1 yeoman, 4 husbandmen, 1 shepherd, 1 shoemaker, 2 carpenters, 1 herdsman, 2 parsons
1600–1649	1 labourer, 6 yeoman, 2 husbandmen, 1 shepherd, 1 carpenter, 1 tailor
1650–1699	6 yeoman, 3 husbandmen, 1 miller, 1 carpenter, 1 wheelwright, 1 victualler
1831	59 in agriculture, 22 in retail trade, 3 professionals, 2 labouring, 19 in domestic service, 2 others
1844	Tailor, 2 shopkeepers, wheelwright, 2 victuallers, 2 shoemakers, blacksmith, corn miller, 5 farmers
1912	Eastern Counties Trout Fishery Sub-postmaster, school teachers, shoemaker,

shopkeeper, 2 publicans, farm bailiff, coal dealer, beer retailer, 3 farmers, blacksmith, baker, grocer, builder

19. Education:

1723	Free grammar school founded by John Cockerton, rebuilt 1846, average attendance 61 1912
1831	Sunday school established, 90 attend
1976	School house offered for sale
1982	Cherry Trees Nursery School opened

20. Poor relief:

1776	£19 1s. 2d.
1803	£169 6s. 5½d.
1818	£226 7s.
1830	£238
1832	£267 15s.
1834	£254 2s.

21. Charities:

Church Land:

1796	16 acres 3R 29P in lieu of anciently held open field land let at £13. 5s. to churchwardens accounts
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Wottons Dole:

1711	by will of Jane Wotton: £6 p.a. distributed to poor on Christmas Day
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Cockertons School

1723	by will of John Cockerton: free school endowment
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22. Other institutions:

1480	Guild of St Ann
1490	Trinity Guild, Guild of Our Lady and St John Baptist
1912	Foresters Lodge meets at Anchor Inn Public Reading Room/Village Hall Water Works

23. Recreation:

1650–1699	1 victualler
1844	The Anchor and The White Horse public houses (also in existence 1891 and 1912)
1891	1 beerhouse
1906	Football Club

1912	1 beer retailer
1913	Cricket Club

24. Personal:

Sir Edmund de Hemegrave, Governor of Norwich Castle 1321

25. Other information:

Sibton Abbey held grange for sheep husbandry in parish 12/13th cent.

Cross on village green said to have been removed 1934.

Ancient Ely–Bury St. Edmunds road crossed parish.

Village sign unveiled 1977.

R.A.F. Memorial erected on village green 1982.

Tuddenham bomber base for RAF opened 1943. Housed Thor missiles
1959–1963. Since abandoned.

Water Mill restored and converted into restaurant 1973.

The Manor House 17th cent.: frontage to mill stream, Grade II listed

Nether Hall: built c.1640. Grade II listed.

Village water supply from 2 artesian bore pumps 1911.