

# 1. Parish: Tunstall

**Meaning:** Site of farm or farmstead

2. **Hundred:** Plomesgate

**Deanery:** Orford (–1914), Wilford (1914–1972), Woodbridge (1972–)

**Union:** Plomesgate

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

Other administrative details:

Gained Dunningworth late 16<sup>th</sup> cent., known ecclesiastically as Tunstall with Dunningworth.

Woodbridge Petty Sessional Division and County Court District.

3. **Area:** 2,852 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

**Mixed:**

a. Deep fine loam soils with slowly permeable subsoils, slight seasonal waterlogging, similar fine/coarse loam over clay soils.

b. Deep well drained sandy soils, some very acid, risk wind erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

1500–1640 Thirsk: Sheep-corn region where sheep are main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop. Also has similarities with wood-pasture region with pasture, meadow, dairying and some pig keeping.

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.

1937 Main crops: Wheat, barley, beans

1969 Trist: More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1958/83 Tunstall forest occupies all the eastern sector of parish. Small ribbon type development along the Campsey Ash–Orford road. Church slightly offset to NE. Few scattered farms. Inhabited houses: 1674 – 37, 1801 – 60, 1851 – 162, 1871 – 168, 1901 – 138, 1951 – 154, 1981 – 146.

## 8. Communications:

Road: To Rendlesham, Campsey Ash, Blaxhall, Orford and Chillesford  
1844 Carrier to Woodbridge Monday, Wednesday and Saturday  
1891 Carrier passes through to Woodbridge Monday, Thursday and Saturday.

Carrier to Ipswich Saturday.

1912 Carriers to Woodbridge Monday, Thursday, Saturday  
Carrier to Ipswich Saturday

Rail: 1891 3 miles Wickham Market station: Wickham Market–Framlingham line opened 1859, closed for passengers 1952, closed for goods 1965

Goods station at Snape Bridge: opened 1859, closed 1960

Ipswich–Lowestoft line opened 1859 remains operational.

Water: River Alde: Navigable to Snape Bridge. 'Alde Estuary', by W.G. Arnott (1952)

## 9. Population:

1086 – Domesday vill of Dunningworth – 1 recorded

1327 – 29 taxpayers paid £2 6s. 3d. (includes Blaxhall)

26 taxpayers paid £1 19s. 8d. (includes Wantisden)

1524 20 taxpayers paid £4 19s.

1603 107 adults

1674 49 households

1676 Not recorded

1801 – 586 inhabitants

1831 – 733 inhabitants

Dunningworth 25 (1841)

1851 – 676 inhabitants

1871 – 708 inhabitants

1901 – 632 inhabitants

1931 – 526 inhabitants

1951 – 489 inhabitants

1971 – 437 inhabitants

1981 – 421 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Perpetual Curacy (1831), Rectory (1912)**

1254 Valued £6 13s. 4d.  
1291 Valued £10  
1535 Valued £16 10s. 5d.  
16th cent. Consolidated with Rectory of Dunningworth  
1831 No glebe house. Gross income £56 pa. Incumbent also holds  
Vicarage of Havergate and Moulton, Norfolk  
1844 45 acres glebe. Modus of £526 pa in lieu of tithes  
Large rectory house surrounded by 5 acres garden, house enlarged  
c.1840  
1891 42 acres glebe  
1912 Joint nett value £372. 48 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: The King (1603), Bishop of Norwich (1831), Rev. T.G. Ferrand  
(1844), Rev. F.L. Hayward (1891), Mrs A. Horwood (1912)

Dunningworth: Rectory

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**11. Church: St Michael  
(Chancel, nave, S. porch, W. tower)**

14<sup>th</sup> cent. Tower and porch. Priest's door in chancel  
14/15<sup>th</sup> cent. Main structure  
1634/44 Puritanical reformer, William Dowsing, destroyed 60 superstitious  
pictures, broke the rails and ordered steps pulled down.  
20<sup>th</sup> cent. Restoration

Church in Dunningworth: St Mary

1254 Appears for last time in taxation lists  
Dismantled pre 1600 although remains were said to be visible 1926  
Site indicated by aerial photography.

**12. Nonconformity etc.:**

Baptist chapel built on Tunstall Common 1808, enlarged 1838, seats 550 1912

**13. Manorial:**

**Tunstall Manor**

- c.1272 Sir Thomas de Weyland owns (linked to Wantisden, Lt. Cornard, Onehouse, Gt. Whelnetham, Witnesham, Clopton and Bramford)
- 1349 Bartholomew, Lord Berghersh owns (linked to Wantisden, Carlton Colville, Clopton, Middleton, Swilland and Blaxhall and Campsea Ash)
- c.1479 Roger Wentworth owns
- 1528 Sir Richard Wentworth died seised (linked to Campsey Ash and Lt. Blakenham)

**Sub Manors:**

**Baynard's/Banyards**

- 14<sup>th</sup> cent. Richard de Holbroke owns
- 15<sup>th</sup> cent. Richard Baynard owns
- 1462 Thomas Bacon owns
- c.1537 Sir John Glemham owns (linked to Farnham and Lt. Glemham)
- 1830 Hon. Sophia North owns (linked to Stratford St. Andrew and Lt. Glemham)
- 1909 Earl of Guildford owns (linked to Stratford St Andrew)

**14. Market/Fairs:**

- 1844 Large horse fair held at Snape Bridge on 11th August (also called Dunningworth Fair)

**15. Real property:**

- 1844 – £2,448 rental value
- 1891 – £3,264 rateable value
- 1912 – £2,750 rateable value

**16. Land ownership:**

- 1844–1912 Land sub-divided

**17. Resident gentry:**

- 1912 Rev. T.G. Horwood BA

**18. Occupations:**

- 1500–1549 2 husbandmen, yeomen of the Chamber to our sufferen lady the Queen
- 1550–1599 4 husbandmen, 3 yeomen, 1 glover
- 1600–1649 1 clerk, 1 blacksmith, 1 husbandman, 9 yeomen, 1 wheelwright,

	1 carpenter, 1 shepherd, 1 smith
1650–1649	2 husbandmen, 3 yeomen, 2 tailors, 1 wheelwright, 1 carpenter, 1 spinster, 1 butcher, 1 labourer
1831	90 in agriculture, 53 in retail trade, 9 professionals, 6 in labouring, 23 in domestic service, 26 other
1844	Timber agent/victualler, bricklayer, 2 corn millers, victualler, vet, baker, beerhouse keeper, chief constable, merchant, timber merchant, 2 schoolmasters, hairdresser, tailor, 2 butchers, plumber/glazier, blacksmith, ale/porter merchant, relieving officer, 2 boot/shoemakers, 9 farmers, 3 grocer/drapers, 2 joiners, 2 wheelwrights
1891	Extensive wharf facilities at Snape Bridge, 25,000/30,000 quarters malt shipped to Snape/Tunstall mainly for London markets, 12 extensive malting houses.
1912	Warehousing belonging to Newson Garrett and Sons Sub-postmaster, schoolmaster, station master, baker, hawker, 2 shopkeepers, 2 builders, 2 grocer/drapers, 8 farmers, boot/shoemaker, miller, maltsters, rabbit catcher, poultry breeder, 2 publicans, 2 tailors, estate carpenter, cycle agent, head gamekeeper, farm steward, wheelwright/builder, blacksmith

#### 19. Education:

1818	2 day schools (40 attend) 1 Sunday school (200 attend)
1833	1 daily school (13 attend)
	2 day and Sunday schools (218 attend daily, 248 attend Sundays)
	National school built 1830
	National school built 1872, replacing the above. 100 attend 1891

#### 20. Poor relief:

1776	£114 15s. 9d.
1803	£303 11s. 7½d.
1818	£974 8s.
1830	£736 6s.
1832	£797 7s.
1834	£955 10s.

#### 21. Charities:

#### 22. Other institutions:

#### 23 Recreation:

1844	The Plough and Sail, and The Green Man public houses, 1 beerhouse
1891	The Plough and Sail, and The Green Man public houses

Kings Arms farm could possibly refer to site of beerhouse mentioned above.

1912 The Plough and Sail public house.

People's Refreshment House Association Ltd. owns The Green Man

**24. Personal:**

**25. Other information:**

Former parish of Dunningworth commonly known as Snape Bridge 1891.  
Snape Quay is situated at this point (actually in the parish of Tunstall).

Roman encampment believed to have existed in SE sector of parish.

Tunstall Parish Register 1721–1785. Bound transcript in Record Office.