

1. Parish: Uggeshall

Meaning: Uggeca's valley

2. Hundred: Blything

Deanery: Dunwich (–1868), Dunwich (North) (1868–1917), N Dunwich (1914–1972), Halesworth (1972–)

Union: Blything

RDC/UDC: (E Suffolk) Blything RD (1894–1934), Lothingland (1934–1974), Waveney DC (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Blything Petty Sessional Division
Halesworth County COurt District

3. Area: 1,491 acres land, 3 acres water (1912)

4. Soils:

- Mixed:**
- a. Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay soils.
 - b. Deep well drained sandy and coarse loam soils, some with slowly permeable subsoils and slight seasonal waterlogging. Risk of wind erosion.
 - c. Some deep peat soils associated with clay over sandy soils, high groundwater levels, risk of flooding by river.

5. Types of farming:

1086		6 acres meadow, 1 mill (pre 1086), 1 salthouse, 24 pigs, wood for 3 pigs, 4 cattle, 1 pig, 80 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.
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 crop:	Wheat, barley, peas, beans, turnips.
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beat.

6. Enclosure:

1799 67 acres enclosed under Private Acts of Lands 1797.

7. Settlement:

1958/75 River Wang forms natural boundary to the south. Small compact development. Church centrally situated. Few scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 22, 1801 – 37, 1851 – 61,
1871 – 49, 1901 – 49, 1951 – 53, 1981 – 50.

8. Communications:

Road: To Stoven, Fristenden, Wangford and Westhall.
1844 Carrier to Southwold and Yarmouth on Tuesdays.

Rail: 1891 4 miles Brampton station: East Suffolk Line, opened
1854, closed for goods 1964, station demolished 1978.

9. Population:

1086 – 38 recorded
1327 – 41 taxpayers paid £2 10s. 9¹/₂d. (includes Frostenden).
1524 – 19 taxpayers paid £1 17s. 4d.
1603 – 80 adults
1674 – 25 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 335 inhabitants
1831 – 303 inhabitants
1851 – 293 inhabitants
1871 – 235 inhabitants
1901 – 228 inhabitants
1931 – 230 inhabitants
1951 – 175 inhabitants
1971 – 129 inhabitants
1981 – 126 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory (with Sotherton)

1254 Valued £8
1291 Valued £13 6s. 8d. Portion of Sees £1. £14 6s. 8d.
1535 Valued £13 6s. 8d.
1650 Valued £55
1831 Glebe house. Joint gross income £617 pa
1844 Neat residence near the church + 42 acres of glebe.
Tithes commuted for £390.
1912 Joint nett value £444. 55 acres of glebe and residence.

Patrons: Thomas Playters (1603), Sir W. Playters (1650), T. Sheriffe (1831), Earl of Stradbroke (1844 and 1912).

11. Church St Mary (thatched)
(chancel, north vestry, nave, south porch, west tower)

1086 1 church
Norman North doorway and general shape of south doorway
although it has been suggested that is 14th cent. Nave
13th cent. Alterations.
c.1300 Chancel rebuilt and extended. Priests doorway.
15th cent. Tower. Upper portion fell in 18th cent., never rebuilt.
Stump weatherboarded.
1873 Chancel restored.

Seats: 150 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1644 Lionel Playters, rector of Uggeshall, ejected for speaking
against Parliament by Suffolk Committee for Scandalous
Ministers. Account of the treatment of Lionel Playters in
'Case Book of Suffolk Committees for Scandalous
Ministers', 1970, p.79.

13. Manorial:

1066 Manor of 2 carucates held by Askill, a free man
Manor of 2 carucates held by Godric
1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Earl Hugh and held by
Robert of Courson.
Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Roger Bigot and held
by Robert of Courson.
1066/1086 Manor of 1 carucate belonging to Abbot of St Edmunds
and held by Godwin.

Uggeshall Manor

1275 Roger fitz Peter Osbert owns
1334 Sir Edmund de Sorteles owns (probably held as of the
Castle of Framlingham).
c.1479 Thomas Playters owns (linked to Tannington).
18th cent. Sir John Rous owns (linked to Wangford and Mutford).
1909 Earl of Stradbroke owns (linked to Reydon, Sotherton,
Stoven, Wangford, Henham, Dennington, Tannington and
Bruisyard).

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844 £1,656 rental value
1891 £1,827 rateable value
1912 £1,492 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844 Land sub-divided
1891/1912 Earl of Stradborke principal owner

17. Resident gentry:

1844 Rev W.C. Edgell MA
1891 Rev A. Ashton MA

18. Occupations:

1500–1549 2 husbandmen
1550–1599 3 yeomen, 7 husbandmen
1600–1649 9 yeomen, 1 husbandman, 1 carpenter, 1 millwright, 1 spinster.
1650–1699 9 yeomen, 1 woollen draper, 1 husbandman, 1 butcher, 1 sailor, 1 wheelwright.
1831 68 in agriculture, 10 in retail trade, 2 professionals, 2 in labouring, 16 in domestic service, 1 other.
1844 Shopkeeper, blacksmith, wheelwright, corn miller, victualler, 9 farmers.
1912 Sub-postmistress, schoolmistress, 7 farmers, grocer, miller, hurdle maker, farm bailiff, publican, blacksmith, shopkeeper.

19. Education:

1818 Sunday school, 45 attend.
1833 Sunday school, 30 attend.
1844 Public Elementary school built, 60 attend in 1891; enlarged 1896; average attendance in 1912 of 60; closed 1925.
1925– Children attend school at Wangford.

20. Poor relief:

1776 £36 2s. 8d.
1803 £68 1s. 9d.
1818 £160 4s.
1830 £230 15s.
1832 £311 11s.
1834 £224 18s.

21. Charities:

Town-house/Poors allotment

1840 Cottage let at £2 pa. 4 acres OR 37P given at enclosure, let at £10 10s. pa, both applied to coals for the poor.

Doles

1840 10s. distributed among poor widows.

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

1844–1912 The Buck public house

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

‘Fifty Years Work in a Suffolk Parish’, by Rev A. Ashton, 1936.

‘Memoranda of Sir Lionel Playters, Rector of Uggeshall, relating to the condition of the church in the 17th century’, East Anglian Notes and Queries New Series, Vol VII, p.207. This is, however, only the preface to what was a much larger work.