

1. Parish: Worlington

Meaning: The homestead of the people of Wridewella or Lark

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:** 2,003 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed:

- a. well drained chalk and fine loam over chalk rubble
Some deep non-chalk loam in places, slight risk water erosion
- b. well drained coarse/fine loam with shallow calcareous
coarse loam over chalk or chalk rubble
- c. deep peat soils near to river

5. **Types of farming:**

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| 1086 | | 12 acres meadow, 2 fisheries, 1 mill, 8 cattle, 100 sheep |
| 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 and turnips. Rabbit warrens on heath |
| 1969 | Trist: | Worlington Stud farm, 1 poultry farmer 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:**

1800 1,807 acres enclosed under Private Acts of Lands 1799

7. Settlement:

1958 River Lark forms northern boundary. Railway crosses parish S–E. Long well spaced development following line of Freckenham–Mildenhall road. Church situated at northern end of settlement. Some scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 34, 1801 – 50, 1851 – 86, 1871 – 67, 1901 – 44, 1951 – 110, 1981 – 188

8. Communications:

Roads: To Freckenham, Mildenhall, Kentford and Barton Mills
1844 Carriers to Bury St Edmunds on Wednesday, Mail cart to Soham six mornings per week

Rail: 1891 1 mile 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), Rail halt at Worlington Golf Club.

Water River Lark: Lark Navigation Scheme 1889–1901.

9. Population:

1086 – 26 recorded
1327 – 20 taxpayers paid £4 6s. 1¾d.
1524 – 23 taxpayers paid £2 6s. 9d.
1603 – 100 adults
1674 – 40 households
1676 – 115 adults
1801 – 326 inhabitants
1831 – 368 inhabitants
1851 – 391 inhabitants
1871 – 274 inhabitants
1901 – 249 inhabitants
1931 – 263 inhabitants
1951 – 301 inhabitants
1971 – 462 inhabitants
1981 – 515 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254 Valued £13 6s. 8d.
1291 Valued £20
1340 Parson earned approx. £20 p.a. 50 acres glebe
1535 Valued £19 6s. 8d.
1790 Tithes commuted for allotment of 291 acres at enclosure

1831 Glebe house. Gross income £200 p.a.
1835 Valued £197
1891 Valued £250

Patrons: Margarye Warren (1603), Hon. Thomas Windsor (1831),
Church Patronage Trustees (1918)

11. Church All Saints
(Chancel, nave, S. aisle, S. porch, W. tower)

1086 1 church without land
12th cent. Chancel
14th cent. Tower (13th cent. coffin slab with raised and floriated cross
used in upper stages of construction)
14/15th cent. Main structure
1899 Restoration

Note: Tower holds one of oldest bells in Suffolk (14th cent.)
Act of Parliament clock 1797 hangs in nave

Seats: 205

12. Nonconformity etc:

1768–1816 4 houses set aside for worship
1801 Meeting house opened

13. Manorial:

Worlington, Abergavenny/Bergavenny

13th cent. Agnes de Wichentan nee de Rivill owns
1258 Enfeoffed to Earls of Pembroke
1392 William Beauchamp, Lord Bergavenny owns (linked to
Winston)
1799 Sir Grey Cooper owns
1909 Marquis of Bristol owns (linked to Tuddenham, Ickworth,
Cockfield and Bures)

Sub-Manors

Worlington Scales/Tindalls

c.1198 de Scales family owns
15th cent. Sir William Tyndal owns
1564 Henry Payne owns
1821 John Sivale owns

14. Markets/Fairs

Grant of market and fair to Earl of Pembroke 1296

Grant of market and fair for manor of Worlington Scales 1270
Fair said to have been held in village until 1899
Revived Spring Bank Holiday 1978

15. Real property:

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| 1844 | £1,983 rental value |
| 1891 | £1,642 rateable value |
| 1912 | £1,669 rateable value |

16. Land ownership:

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| 1844/1891 | Land sub-divided |
| 1912 | Marquis of Bristol, principal owner |

17. Resident gentry:

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| 1679 | John Salkield |
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18. Occupations:

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| 1340 | 1 mill |
| 1500–1549 | 1 parson |
| 1550–1599 | 2 yeomen, 7 husbandmen, 1 labourer, 1 clerk |
| 1600–1649 | 5 yeoman, 1 blacksmith, 1 parson, 6 husbandmen, 2 labourers, 1 carpenter |
| 1650–1699 | 1 alehouse keeper, 7 yeoman, 1 blacksmith, 1 victualler, 2 clerks, 1 waterman, 1 innholder |
| 1831 | 56 in agriculture, 11 in retail trade, 4 professionals, 8 in labouring, 27 in domestic service, 4 others |
| 1844 | 2 victuallers, valuer, general agent, blacksmith, seed merchant, 2 maltsters, 2 shopkeepers, shoemaker, gardener/seedsman, wheelwright, carpenter, schoolmistress, 6 farmers, |
| 1912 | Sub-postmistress, schoolmistress, 7 farmers, 3 shopkeepers, golf professional, 2 publicans, gamekeeper, warrener, builder, wheelwright, farm bailiff, Golf Club steward, shoemaker |

19. Education:

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| 1818 | 3 school mistresses instructing 70 children |
| 1833 | 3 daily schools (40/45 attend, 1 Sunday school (30 attend) |
| 1840 | Infant school built, 45 attend 1891, average attendance 35 1912 |

20. Poor relief:

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| 1776 | £58 6s. 4d. |
| 1803 | £193 8s. 2¾d. |

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| 1818 | £419 1s. |
| 1830 | £330 19s. |
| 1832 | £434 2s. |
| 1834 | £349 1s. |

21. Charities:

Mortlocks Charity:

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| 1520 | by will of John Mortlock: 1 pightle and 5 acres. Rent charge of 30s. p.a. for distribution among poor. |
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Blackerby's Charity:

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| 1688 | by will of Thomas Blackerby: 24s. p.a. for purchase of 6 loaves of bread weekly for distribution to 6 poor persons. |
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Poor's Money:

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| 1840 | £50 benefaction secured on turnpike tolls and interest distributed among poor on Sundays |
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22. Other institutions:

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| 1803 | Friendly Society (40 members) |
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23. Recreation:

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| 1650–1699 | 1 alehouse keeper, 1 victualler and 1 innholder recorded |
| 1844 | The Bell and The Chequers public houses (also in existence 1891 and 1912) |
| 1912 | Royal Worlington and Newmarket Golf Club |

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Worlington Village Policy Guide 1984.

Worlington Hall converted into Hotel 1950's.