# 1. Parish: Ampton

Meaning: Amma's homestead

2. Hundred: Thedwastre

**Deanery:** Thedwastre (–1884), Thingoe (1884–)

1946 Abolished ecclesiastically to create Ampton with

Lt Livermere

**Union:** Thingoe (1836–1907), Bury St Edmunds (1907–1930)

RDC/UDC: Thingoe RD (–1974), St Edmundsbury DC (1974–)

## Other administrative details:

Thingoe and Thedwastre petty sessional division Bury St Edmunds County Court district

**3. Area**: 36 acres (1912)

**4. Soils: Mixed:** a. Deep well drained sandy soils. Some very

acid. Risk wind erosion.

b. Deep well drained fine loam over chalk, coarse loam over clay and fine loams some

with calcareous subsoils.

c. Deep permeable sand/peat soils affected by

ground water. Risk of winter flooding.

5. Types of farming:

1500–1640 Thirsk: Sheep-corn region where main crop is

barley. Sheep main fertilizing agent, bred for

fattening.

1818 Marshall: Management uniform. Rotation usually

turnip, barley, clover, wheat.

1937 Main crops: barley, turnips, oats.

1969 Trist: Deficiencies in minerals are overcome and

these lands are now more suited to arable farming with wide range of produced grown.

## 6. Enclosure:

## 7. Settlement:

1958 Small compact development on edge of Ampton Park, the

growth of which may have affected settlement pattern. Church situated on edge of settlement. Parish consists almost entirely of

tree plantation.

**Inhabited Houses:** 1674 – 7, 1801 – 9, 1851 – 30, 1871 – 29

1901 - 32, 1951 - 30, 1981 - 15

#### 8. Communications:

Roads: To Ingham, Lt. Livermere, Track to Timworth

Rail: 1891 1 mile Ingham Station. Bury-Thetford line opened 1876,

Closed passengers 1953, closed goods 1960

Ingham Station – converted to contractors vard and

offices

#### 9. Population:

1086 - 23 recorded

1327 - not listed

1524 – 7 taxpayers paid £5. 15s. 1d.

1603 – 30 adults

1674 - 10 households

1676 - 33 adults

1801 – 75 inhabitants

1831 – 110 inhabitants

1851 - 131 inhabitants

1871 - 120 inhabitants

1901 - 121 inhabitants

1931 - 117 inhabitants

1951 - 90 inhabitants

1971 – 66 inhabitants

1981 - 33 inhabitants

#### 10. Benefice: Rectory (1831) Discharged Rectory (1844)

1254 Valued £1. 10s.

1291 Value not listed

1535 Valued £8. 2s. 1d.

1831 Glebe house, Valued £172 (1835), good residence (1844)

1841 Tithes commuted for rent-charge of £155 p.a. (1841)

1887 14 acres 1R 1P glebe at gross rent of £12. 10s. p.a.

1912 Valued £138

## Patrons:

Thomas Coale 1603, Lord Calthorpe 1831, J Paley 1891 Hunter Rodwell 1874, G.A. Paley 1912

#### 11. Church: St Peter

(Chancel with chantry chapel, nave, S porch, W tower)

1086 1 church +8 acres free land as alms

15<sup>th</sup> cent. Main structure. N chapel founded 1479, by John Coket

1889 Priests door re-opened; chancel roof uncovered, nave re-roofed.

Roof revealed painted bosses.

Restoration by S.S. Teulon 1842

> 67 appropriated, 54 free (1874) Seats:

## 12. Nonconformity etc:

## 13. Manorial:

## **Ampton Manor**

13<sup>th</sup> cent. Flempton family owns (Richard de Flempton 1269)

Hethe family owns

1484 Sir Thomas Darcy (links with Shimpling, Cavenham and

Stowmarket), (in dispute for in 1464 mentioned in Inquis p.m. of

John Harlyston)

John Crofts acquires for 500 marks, £20 sterling (links with

Wangford)

1600 Thomas Coell (by marriage to Calthorpe family)

John Paley owns

## 14. Market/Fair:

# 15. Real Property:

1844	£845 rental value
1891	£658 rateable value
1912	£819 rateable value

## 16. Land ownership:

1844	Lord Calthorpe, sole owner
1891	John Paley, sole owner

1912 George Arthur Paley, sole owner

## 17. Resident gentry:

1674 Sir Algernon May 1796/1844 Lord Calthorpe

1891 J. Paley

1912 Rev C.C. Fitz-Henry, BA, A.G. Paley, JP

## 18. Occupations:

1500–1549 1 husbandman, 1 parson

1550–1599 1 husbandman

1600–1649 1 clerk, 2 husbandmen, 1 tailor 1650–1699 1 husbandman, 1 shepherd 1844 Schoolmaster, 1 farmer

1912 Sub-postmaster, police officer, schoolmistress, head gardener.

head gamekeeper, forester, sub-agent at Estate Office

## 19. Education:

School dated 1705 (south of church)

1818 1 endowed school (11 boys, 6 boarded, clothed and apprenticed) 1833 1 daily endowed school (38 attend, 5 free, 8 clothed, boarded,

and educated)

1 Infant school est. 1825, part assisted by Lord Calthorpe (20 attend)

1 daily school est. 1825, part assisted by Lord Calthorpe

(17 girls attend)

1 Sunday school (34 attend)
Parochial lending library

1867 1 endowed school founded 1702 by J. Calthorpe (32 boys

Attend, 10 boarders)

1692 Charity school endowed by J Calthorpe (possibly refers to

Above) – 6 boys from Ampton, Great & Little Livermere, Ingham and Timworth (blue caps and coats with 'J.C' fixed to

breast of coats) boys to be aged 7-14

1715 Intake increased by 5 by bequest of Henry Edwards

1814 School conducted on National system

Public Elementary school built 1865 endowed with farm in Aldby parish (46 attend)

## 20. Poor relief:

1776	£26. 13s. 9d.
1803	£33. 12s.
1818	£145. 13s.
1830	£89. 4s.
1832	£83.
1834	£104.6s.

#### 21. Charities:

<u>Calthorpe's Almhouses:</u> 1693 by will of Dorothy Calthorpe: for 6

poor widows or old maids.

<u>Calthorpe's Charity:</u> 1692: by will of James Calthorpe: by

moneys gained from Aldeby farm applied to education, clothing, feeding and maintaining 6 poor children from Ampton, Great Livermere, Little Livermore, Ingham and Timworth.

New schoolroom built at Ampton (1840)

### 22. Other institutions:

Almshouses built on Ampton Green by Mrs Dorothy Calthorpe for 6 poor women aged 60+ but contains only 4 apartments (1692)

Boys Hospital founded (1702) by James Calthorpe for maintenance, clothing, support of 6 boys + salary for schoolmaster. Decision taken to raise number of boys to 9 (1836)

School of Industry (6 children) (1803)

#### 23. Recreation:

Cricket Club (no dates)

### 24. Personal:

## 25. Other information:

Ampton Hall: *c*.1700 wrought iron gates + rusticated archway is all that remains of house which was destroyed by fire 1885. Rebuilt in neo-Jacobean style with stepped gables 1885–89. Used as hospital 1915–19.

Mr J Turner, owner of Ampton Hall, castigate in press for the large number of empty and decaying historic buildings. Rent Act blamed. County Council exploring possibility of compulsory purchase 1981

Sealed Book: Prayer book revised by Savoy Conference (1661) with original certificate and annotations (1662) to bring I line with 'Book Annexed'. Rebound 1846

in possession of Ampton Rectory (PSIA Vol XVII)

Printed copy of 'Memoranda concerning the Boys Hospital at Ampton in Suffolk founded by James Calthorpe Esq, AD 1701' (1838)

Village declared a conservation area 1987