

1. Parish: Ashby

Meaning: Village or homestead where ash trees grew or Aski's village/homestead (Ekwall)

2. **Hundred:** Lothingland (–1764), Mutford and Lothingland (1764–)

Deanery: Lothingland (–1970), Flag (1970–)

Union: Mutford and Lothingland

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

Other administrative details:

Mutford and Lothingland Petty Sessional Division
Lowestoft County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,040 acres land, 56 acres water (1912)

4. **Soils:**

- Mixed:**
- a. Well drained soils, fine silty soils over chalk/chalk rubble
 - b. Deep well drained coarse loam often stoneless soils, risk water erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		Wood for five pigs, 1 acre meadow, 48 sheep, 3 pigs
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Sheep-corn region, sheep main fertilizing 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 wheat and grass
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley and turnips
1969	Trist:	barley and sugar beet are the main cash crops with some rye grown on poorer lands and a little wheat, herbage seeds and carrots

6. **Enclosure:**

Common enclosed by John Wentworth 1599

7. Settlement:

1980 County boundary also acts as northern parish boundary.
Ashby warren occupies northern sector of parish
Small settlement. Church situated in isolated position to south.
Scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 4, 1801 – 4, 1851 – 11, 1871 – 18, 1901–21, 1951 – 22, 1981 – 17

8. Communications:

Road: To Herringfleet, Lound and Somerley
1891 Carrier to Yarmouth on Wednesday

Rail: 2 miles Somerley station: Lowestoft–Norwich line, opened 1844, still operative

9. Population:

1086 – Not recorded
1327 – 10 taxpayers paid £0 16s. 0½d.
1524 – 5 taxpayers paid 5s
1603 – 14 adults
1674 – 4 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 42 inhabitants
1831 – 42 inhabitants
1851 – 50 inhabitants
1871 – 95 inhabitants
1901 – 89 inhabitants
1931 – 79 inhabitants
1951 – 84 inhabitants
1971 – 48 inhabitants
1981 – 42 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory (1831), Discharged Rectory (1891)

1254 Valued £3 6s. 8d.
1291 Valued £6
Portion of Almoner of Norwich £1 6s. 8d.
1535 Valued £6
1831 No glebe house, gross income £214 p.a. Incumbent also holds Rectories of Lound and Langham St. Mary
11 acres glebe 1844
Good rectory house built 1869
Consolidated with Somerleyton 1873
1891 Joint value £593 p.a.
1912 Joint Nett value £375 p.a. 46 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Inglose family (1312–1361), Hugo Falstaffe (1390), Inglose family (1399–1467), Eleanor Jenney (1487), Henry Blomfield (1506), Jernegen family 911523–1576), Wentworth family (1603–1661), Sir Thomas Allin (1726–1757), Crown (1792–1810), G. Anguish (1817), Sir S.B. Crossley (1891), Rt. Hon. Sir Savile Brinton Crossley (1912)

11. Church St. Mary
(Chancel, nave, S. porch, W. Tower – round at base)

Norman Tower base and upper stages c.16th cent.
13th cent. Main structure
1859/1865 Restoration
Note: Nave and Chancel thatched

Seats: 100 (1912)

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

1269 Sir John de Askby owns
1280 Robert de Inglose owns
1514 Edward Jernegen/Jerningham owns (linked to Corton, Gorleston. Lound and Mutford)
c.1587 John Wentworth owns (linked to Belton, Bradwell, Corton, Lound, Somerleyton and Flixton)
Appears to have held fish-house, 2 ponds to east of fish house and a 'whorde' called the old whorde
1672 Admiral Sir Thomas Allin owns (linked to Belton, Blundeston, Bradwell, Carlton Colville, Corton, Flixton, Somerleyton, Mutford, Lound, Gorleston, and Fritton)
c.1843 Lord S.G. Osborne owns (linked to Belton, Blundeston, Bradwell, Carlton Colville, Corton, Flixton, Somerleyton, Mutford, Lounds, and Gorleston)
1844 Samuel Morton Peto owns (linked to Belton, Blundeston, Bradwell, Carlton Colville, Corton, Flixton, Somerleyton, Rushmere, Mutford, Lound and Gorleston)
1885 Richard Henry Reeve owns (linked to Belton, Blundeston, Bradwell, Carlton Colville, Corton, Flixton, Rushmere, Pakefield, Mutford, Lound, Kirkley, Gorleston, and Gisleham)

14. Markets/Fairs:

15. Real property:

1844 £558 rental value
1891 £915 rateable value
1912 £853 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844	Lord Sydney G. Osborne and J.F. Leathes, principle owners
1891	Sir Savile B. Crossley, principle owner
1912	Sir Savile B. Crossley, principle owner

17. Resident gentry:

18. Occupations:

1550–1599	2 husbandmen
1600–1649	1 husbandmen, 1 yeomen
1831	8 in agriculture, 1 in retail trade, 2 in domestic service
1844	Farmer and grazier
1912	Farmer and market gardener

19. Education:

1912	Children attend school at Somerleyton
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20. Poor relief:

1776	£8 11s.
1803	£10 5s. 1d.
1818	£19 16s.
1830	£23 10s.
1832	£24 4s.
1834	£26

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Fritton Decoy which consists of a large broad waterway situated to north of settlement.

John Wentworth bought out all the tenants when enclosing the common 1599. 'Lost Villages of England' by M. Beresford

Reputedly contains Deserted Medieval Village around church.

Published parish records exist 1553–1837.