

1. Parish: Badley

Meaning: Ba(a)da's clearing

2. **Hundred:** Bosmere (-1327), Bosmere and Claydon

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Union: Bosmere and Claydon

RDC/UDC: Bosmere and Claydon RD (1894-1934), Gipping RD (1934-1974), Mid Suffolk DC (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Bosmere and Claydon Petty Sessional Division
Stowmarket County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,078 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

- Mixed:**
- Slowly permeable calcareous/non-calcareous clay soils, slight risk of water erosion
 - Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay, some slight seasonal waterlogging, some calcareous clay soils
 - Stoneless clay soils mostly overlying peat by river. Variably affected by groundwater, risk of localized flooding

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		8 acres meadow, ½ mill, 2 cobs, 26 cattle, 32 pigs, 100 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:	Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, beans
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. Settlement:

1958 Line of railway crosses parish from NW–SE in eastern corner of parish. Very small, compact settlement at Church Green which also contains the church. Secondary settlement at Badley Green
Few scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 11, 1801 – 10, 1851 – 15, 1871 – 16, 1901 – 18, 1951 – 23, 1981 – 17

8. Communications:

Road: To Needham Market, Stowmarket and Combs
1891 Carriers pass through to Ipswich and Stowmarket
1912 2 carriers to Ipswich, 1 person passes through daily the other on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Rail: 1891 1¾ miles Needham Market station: Ipswich–Bury St. Edmunds line opened 1845, station closed 1967, re-opened 1971

9. Population:

1086 – 42 recorded
1327 – 24 taxpayers paid £3 3s. 10d. (includes Battisford)
1524 – 11 taxpayers paid £1 11s. 9d.
1603 – 50 adults
1674 – 13 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 82 inhabitants
1831 – 82 inhabitants
1851 – 74 inhabitants
1871 – 84 inhabitants
1901 – 77 inhabitants
1931 – 101 inhabitants
1951 – 80 inhabitants
1971 – 57 inhabitants
1981 – 49 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Perpetual Curacy (1831) Vicarage (1891)

1254 Valued £5
1291 Not recorded
1535 Not recorded
1831 No glebe house. Gross income £40 p.a. Incumbent also holds Rectories of Barking and Combes
1844 Valued £40
1891 Incumbent resides in Combes
1912 Nett value £32 p.a. Incumbent resides at Creeting St. Peter

Patrons: Sir Stephen Soame (1603), Earl of Ashburnham (1831), Lord Chancellor (1912)

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

1086 Church + 14 acres
12th cent. S. doorway in nave
13th cent. Slit lancet in chapel
14th cent. Main structure
1644 Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) destroyed 34
 superstitious pictures and 4 superstitious inscriptions.
 Ordered removal of more pictures and chancel to be
 leveled
1868 Restoration
1982 Redundancy pending

Seats: 60 (1915)

Other religious institutions

Chantry (no dates) valued £10 p.a. given to Templars by Robert
 Fitz-Jefferey

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

1066 Manor of 2 carucates 20 acres held by Askeil
1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Richard, son of Count
 Gilbert) (Abbot of St. Edmunds claims ½ carucate)
13th cent. Geoffrey de Badele held of the Honor of Clare
1491 Edmund Alcock owns
15th cent. Edmund Poley owns (40 acres of land, 40 acres pasture)
 (linked to Barton Mills, Icklingham and Little Bradley)
c.1681 Sir Richard Gipps owns (linked to Fornham St.
 Genevieve)
c.1727 John Crowley owns (linked to Barking and Darmsden)
c.1756 John, Earl of Ashburnham owns (linked to Barking)

14. Markets/Fairs:

15. Real property:

1844 £1,186 rental value
1891 £1,323 rateable value
1912 £1,503 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844–1912 Earl of Ashburnham, principle owner

17. Resident gentry:

1674 Lady Pooly has house with 30 hearths

1891 Hon. Rev. A. Bailie-Hamilton JP and Rev. F.J. Girling BA

18. Occupations:

1550–1599 1 yeoman, 1 husbandmen

1600–1649 7 yeomen, 1 cooper, 1 spinster, 1 husbandmen

1650–1699 4 yeomen, 1 cordwainer

1831 15 in agriculture, 1 in retail trade, 9 in domestic service, 2 others

1844 5 farmers, corn miller

1912 4 farmers, miller

19. Education:

1818 Only 3 children old enough to attend school and they go to Needham Market

1912 Children attend school at Needham Market

20. Poor relief:

1776 £52 13s. 10d.

1803 £65 17s. 3½d.

1818 £187 1s.

1830 £217 4s.

1832 £265 18s.

1834 £184 10s.

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

24. Personal:

Poley family

25. Other information:

Badley Hall: 16th cent. timber framed. Originally built on 'E' plan. Two thirds of house demolished c.1759. Grounds contain 17th cent. dovecot, used as stable 1925. House contained 30 hearths 1674.

Tree flanked area known as Badley Walk said to have been pack road running to West Creeting and onwards to the Norwich Road.

On borders with Newton: well known as "Our Lady's Well".

Fishponds stand on hill above hall and provided water to tanks in the basement of the Hall.

'Badley': chapter in 'Rambles around....Needham Market', by E.W. Patten 1925, p.52.