

# 1. Parish: Barnardiston

**Meaning:** Beornheard's homestead/enclosure

2. **Hundred:** Risbridge

**Deanery:** Clare

**Union:** Risbridge

**RDC/UDC:** (W Suffolk) Clare RD (–1974), St Edmundsbury DC (1974–)

## Other administrative details:

Ecclesiastical boundary change 1931, gains ex-parochial parish of Monks Risbridge  
Risbridge Petty Sessional Division  
Haverhill County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,123 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:** Slowly permeable calcareous clay soils, some slowly permeable non-calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion

## 5. Types of farming:

1086		16 acres meadow, woodland for 60 pigs, 2 cobs, 7 cattle, 88 pigs, 24 sheep, 25 goats
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.
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

## 6. Enclosure:

1852 Approximately 473 acres enclosed. Award and map in R.O.

## 7. Settlement:

1958 Small compact development around junction of roads to Kedington, Lt. Wrating and Hundon. Church and rectory centrally situated. Secondary settlement at Borley Lane/Barnardiston Hall. Monks Risbridge (unsettled ex parochial parish) situated in northern section of parish. Few scattered farms.  
Stradishall air base/Highpoint Prison intrudes into parish at NE corner.

**Inhabited houses:** 1674 – 18, 1801 – 20, 1851 – 45, 1871 – 57, 1901 – 33, 1951 – 41, 1981 – 46

## 8. Communications:

**Roads:** To Kedington, Lt. Wratting, Hundon, Clare and Stradishall.

**Rail:** 1891 3 miles Haverhill station. Haverhill south: Haverhill–Halstead line, opened 1863, closed 1962.  
Haverhill North: Haverhill–Sudbury line, opened 1865, closed for goods and made unmanned halt 1966, closed passengers 1967.

## 9. Population:

1086 – 8 (Chilbourne) recorded  
1327 – 15 taxpayers paid £1 11s.  
1524 – 3 only listed (almost all membrane missing)  
1603 – 140 adults  
1674 – 36 households  
1676 – 81 adults  
1801 – 142 inhabitants  
1831 – 206 inhabitants  
1851 – 251 inhabitants  
1871 – 288 inhabitants  
1901 – 165 inhabitants  
1931 – 132 inhabitants  
1951 – 135 inhabitants  
1971 – 96 inhabitants  
1981 – 135 inhabitants

### Monks Risbridge:

1801 – 7 inhabitants  
1831 – 0 inhabitants  
1851 – 8 inhabitants  
1871 – 0 inhabitants

## 10. Benefice: Rectory 1831, Discharged Rectory 1912

1254	Valued £5	
	Portion to Prior of Stoke (by Clare) 6s. 8d.	£5 6s. 8d.
1291	Valued £6 13s. 4d.	
	Portion to Prior of Stoke 6s. 8d.	£7
1535	Valued £7 10s. 5d.	
1831	1 curate, stipend £51 p.a. No glebe house. Gross income £204 p.a. Incumbent also holds Rectory of Walton, Bucks Valued £191 1835 Application to Queen Anne's Bounty to build Rectory house (1855) Valued £220 1873	
	16 acres 1R glebe. Rent charge of £250 2s. 5d. 1887	
1912	Net value £150 + 21 acres glebe with residence Rectory sold for £7,500 (money invested in increasing the Parson's stipend) 1967	

**Patrons:** Sir Thomas Barnardiston (1603), V. Ellis (1831),  
Mrs A.F. Wynter (1873), Rev J.M. Smith (1891)

**11. Church:** All Saints  
(Chancel, nave, N porch, W tower)

13<sup>th</sup> cent. Chancel  
14<sup>th</sup> cent. Main structure including tower and N doorway  
15<sup>th</sup> cent. N porch (replaced older porch)  
1906 Restoration

**Seats:** 130 free (1873)

**12. Nonconformity etc:**

Primitive Methodist chapel built 1850, seats 40  
Independent chapel built 1838

**13. Manorial:**

Barnardiston

12<sup>th</sup> cent. Believed to be held by A. de Barnardiston and continued in the  
hands of the Barnardiston family 1347 when it became linked to  
Kedington  
1837 Swabey family (linked to Kedington)  
1909 Lady Malcolm of Poltalloch (linked to Tostock)

Sub-Manors:

Chilborne

Records exist in which this manor is mentioned to 1574, Copinger, however is  
of the opinion that it was part of the main manor.

**14. Market/Fair:**

**15. Real Property:**

1844 – £1.094 rental value  
1891 – £1,020 rateable value  
1912 – £922 rateable value  
£78 rateable value (Monks Risbridge)

**16. Land ownership:**

1844–1912 Land always sub-divided

**17. Resident gentry:**

1912 Rev. W.E. Hallam, MA, Lady Malcolm of Poltalloch

## 18. Occupations:

1500–1549	2 yeomen, 1 parson
1550–1599	4 yeomen, 5 husbandmen, 1 carpenter, 1 wheelwright
1600–1649	1 tailor, 11 yeomen, 4 husbandmen, 1 brick maker, 1 carpenter, 2 labourers
1650–1699	7 yeomen, 1 husbandman, 1 clerk, 1 bricklayer, 1 weaver
1831	50 in agriculture, 3 in retail trade, 3 in domestic service
1844	Victualler, beerhouse/shopkeeper, 8 farmers
1912	2 farm bailiffs, school mistress, 4 farmers

## 19. Education:

1833	1 daily school (12 attend), 1 Sunday school established 1824 (24 attend) School Board formed 1876 Board school built 1879 for 50 children, average attendance in 1891 of 29, 1912 28
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## 20. Poor relief:

1776	£54 4s. 4d.
1803	£142 12s. 3d.
1818	£327 12s.
1830	£341 9s.
1832	£337 2s.
1834	£269 5s.

## 21. Charities:

### Town Lands:

2 small pieces land (at Brook Field and Pestle Field) let at 14s p.a. + 6s. from parish funds 1840 distributed among poor at Christmas.

### Vernon's Workhouse Charity:

By indenture of Hon. James Vernon 1747.  
Annuity from lands to provide messuage for habitation for poor persons of Barnardiston, Gt. Wrating and Gt. Thurlow.

Workhouse	30 inmates 1776 Disused 1840 and as consequence payment had not been made for many years
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## 22. Other institutions:

Workhouse (as above)  
Women's Institute records 1941–43

## 23. Recreation:

1844	Red Lion public house, 1 beerhouse
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Barnardiston Village Club formed to provide social centre in village for recreation and indoor sports 1949.

**24. Personal:**

Barnardiston family anciently resided in parish which gives the family their name.

**25. Other information:**

Survey of Barnardiston Hall, moated site, in Haverhill and District Archaeology Group Newsletter, Vol 3, 1982–84, p.41.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale (1893) gives description of house (Barnardiston Family Archives).

Original building believed to be 'L' shaped.

Parish magazines 1974–1977 (Relevant to Barnardiston, Withersfield, Great and Little Wratting).