

1. Parish: Barnby

Meaning: Biarni's village/homestead

2. Hundred: Mutford (-1764), Mutford and Lothingland (1764-)

Deanery: Lothingland (-1922), Beccles (1922-1972), Beccles and South Elmham (1972-)

Union: Mutford and Lothingland

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Mutford & 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:

1,083 acres land, 10 acres water, 5 acres tidal water, 10 acres foreshore 1912

4. Soils:

- Mixed:**
- Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay
 - Deep well drained sandy and coarse loam, some slowly permeable with slight season waterlogging, risk wind erosion
 - Deep peat soils, part very acid, high ground water levels, risk of flooding
 - Deep stoneless mainly calcareous clay soils, flat land adjacent to river, risk of flooding

5. Types of farming:

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: Also has similarities with sheep-corn region where sheep are the main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop
Wide variations of crop and management techniques including summer fallow in preparation for corn and rotation of turnips, barley, clover, wheat on lighter soils

1937 Main crops: Wheat, barley, peas, beans, roots
1969 Trist: More intensive cereal growing and sugar
beet

6. Enclosure:

1800 2,529 acres enclosed in Barnby and Mutford under
Private Act of Lands 1797

7. Settlement:

1980 River Waveney forms natural county and parish boundary
to North, associated wet lands north of railway restricts
development in this area. Railway crosses parish W-E.
Compact development situated on eastern boundary with
North Cove.
Church centrally situated. Scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 15, 1801 – 30, 1851 – 59, 1871 – 65, 1901
– 70, 1951 – 106, 1981 – 133

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to North Cove, Carlton Colville and Mutford
Carrier passes through to Lowestoft

Rail: 1891 Goods and cattle siding only built (1890)
1912 4 miles Beccles station: Ipswich–Beccles line opened
1854. Tivetshall–Lowestoft line opened to Beccles
1863, closed 1965

Water: River Waveney: Act passed to make Waveney navigable 1670
Decline marked by beginning of rail travel 1852

9. Population:

1086 – 14 recorded
1327 – Not recorded
1524 – 12 taxpayers paid £1 4s.
1603 – 53 adults
1674 – 22 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 188 inhabitants
1831 – 303 inhabitants
1851 – 294 inhabitants
1871 – 285 inhabitants
1901 – 311 inhabitants
1931 – 314 inhabitants
1951 – 332 inhabitants
1971 – 317 inhabitants
1981 – 343 inhabitants

10. Benefice:
Rectory (with Wheatacre, Norfolk and Mutford) 1831 Discharged Rectory 1891

1254	Valued £10 13s. 4d.
1291	Value not recorded
1535	Not recorded
1831	2 curates, stipend £120 p.a. Joint gross income £700 p.a. Joint value £660 1835 Tithes commuted for £170 p.a. 1839 Rectory house built 1864 Consolidated with Mutford by 1891
1912	Joint nett value £240 p.a. 30 acres glebe and residence

Patrons:

Prior of Butley (1304–1535), Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge (1552–1603), The King (1603), Gonville College, Cambridge (1613), Caius College, Cambridge (1912)

11. Church St. John Baptist (thatched)
(continuous chancel and nave, N. porch, W. tower)

1086	Church + 80 acres valued 2s.
13 th cent.	Main structure
c.1300	Main structure
15 th cent.	Wall painting
1882	Restoration

Note: Banner stave closet retains it's original door

Seats: 90 (1912)

12. Nonconformity etc:

Wesleyan chapel built 1881, seats 230

13. Manorial:

Appears in grant of Mutford although evidence for an actual manor has not been established. "The manor, if it ever separately existed, has long since become extinguished" 'Manors of Suffolk' by Copinger.

14. Markets/Fairs:

15. Real property:

1844	£1,177 rental value
1891	£1,469 rateable value
1912	£1,718 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1891 Land sub-divided
1912 R.H. Reeve, principle owner

17. Resident gentry:

1912 Rev. J.J. Dyson MA

18. Occupations:

1500–1549 1 carpenter
1550–1599 1 thatcher, 1 husbandmen, 1 mason
1600–1649 6 yeomen, 2 husbandmen, 1 carpenter
1650–1699 5 yeomen, 1 tailor, 1 linen weaver, 1 seamen
1831 63 in agriculture, 14 in retail trade, 5 in domestic service
1844 Shoemaker, corn miller, 2 victuallers, iron founder,
blacksmith, wheelwright, 5 farmers
1912 Sub-postmaster, schoolmaster and mistress, 7 market
gardeners, shopkeeper, shoemaker, 2 publicans,
farmer/dairyman, farmer/cattle dealer, 2 farmers,
farmer/dairyman/cheese maker, corn dealer, iron
founders

19. Education:

1818 1 Sunday school (50 attend)
1891 National School 50+ attend
1897–8 Public Elementary school built, average attendance 1912
120

20. Poor relief:

1776 £17 11s. 5d.
1803 £32 14s. 11d.
1818 £48 6s.
1830 £48 7s.
1832 £58 12s.
1834 £60 9s.

21. Charities:

Poors Allotment: 1840 13 acres let at £9 p.a. applied to
distribution of coals to poor in winter

22. Other institutions:

1803 Friendly Society (40 members)
1903 Village hall built
1907 Parish hall built, holds 200

23. Recreation:

1844/1912 The Blind Mans Gate and The Swan public houses
1891 The White Swan and The Blindman's Gate public houses

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Parish extends to little more than 1,000 acres 1816 much of which is marshland, some being drained.