

1. Parish: Barrow

Meaning: Grove or wood, hill or mound

2. **Hundred:** Thingoe

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

RDC/UDC: (W Suffolk) Thingoe RD (1894–1974), St Edmundsbury DC (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Bury St Edmunds County Court District
Thingoe and Thedwastre Petty Sessional Division

3. **Area:** 2,677 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed:

- a. Fine loam over clay, slowly permeable subsoils, slight seasonal waterlogging. Some calcareous/non calcareous slowly permeable clay soils.
- b. Well drained calcareous coarse and fine loam soils over chalk rubble, deep non calcareous loam soils in places, slight risk water erosion.
- c. Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils slight risk water erosion.

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		Wood for 8 pigs, 3 acres meadow, 1 mill, 40 pigs, 100 sheep, 60 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
1660	Blome:	'being clay ground husbanded chiefly for the dairy' and 'fielding abounding with excellent corn of all sorts'
1818	Marshall:	Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, beans roots
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

1853 Early enclosure at southern end (Elizabethan map)
1,655 acres enclosed under General Acts 1845

7. Settlement:

1958 Scattered settlement based on two green areas and main street.
a. Barrow Green: almshouses and cottages
b. Burthorpe Green: cottages
c. Main street: moated site of Barrow Hall and new Barrow Hall
Church and rectory separated from village by main street
Inhabited houses: 1674 – 33, 1801 – 77, 1851 – 214,
1871 – 208, 1901 – 211, 1951 – 235,
1981 – 544

8. Communications:

Roads: To Higham, Gt Saxham, Denham and Hargrave
1830 Carriers from Bury St Edmunds on Wednesday,
Monday and Saturday
1839 Carriers from Bury St Edmunds daily except Monday
1844 Carrier from Bury St Edmunds daily
1937 Bus service to Bury St Edmunds and Newmarket on
Wednesday and Saturday

Rail: Railway runs through parish: Newmarket–Bury St Edmunds
line opened 1854, remains operational.

9. Population:

1086 – 27 recorded
1327 – 44 taxpayers paid £2 19s. 3d.
1524 – 54 taxpayers paid £7 15s. 6d.
1603 – 190 adults
1674 – 62 households
1676 – 196 adults
1801 – 614 inhabitants
1831 – 856 inhabitants
1851 – 1,120 inhabitants
1871 – 940 inhabitants
1901 – 967 inhabitants
1931 – 720 inhabitants
1951 – 713 inhabitants
1971 – 1,414 inhabitants
1981 – 1,520 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254 Valued £21 6s. 8d.
1291 Valued £24
1535 Valued £23 9s. 9½d.
1674 Parsonage occupied by H. Long has 7 hearths.
Rector: Dr Lucas has house with 4 hearths
1831 Curate, stipend £70 p.a. Glebe House. Gross income £720 p.a.
Yearly rent in lieu of tithes awarded £828 1840
Rectory valued £690. 77 acres glebe 1855

Valued £710 1873

1912 Nett value £500. 77 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Sir John Heigham (1603), Master and Fellows of St Johns College, Cambridge (1831–)

11. Church: **All Saints**
(Chancel, nave with 3 bays, aisles, S porch, W Tower)

1086 Church + 17 acres free land
1439/40 Possible date for tower
1848 Chancel renewed
1852 Nave and aisles restored
19th cent. New roof to nave and chancel

Seats: 123 appropriated, 248 free (1873)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1606 1 person not taking communion
1682 2 persons not taking communion
1800–1827 Worship held in meeting houses owned by John Drinkmilk
Congregational chapel built 1837, seats 200
80 persons attending morning service 1851
Chapel became free church run by Baptists 1851–1870
Chapel re-formed as Congregationalist 1879 18 members
Clock tower and building used by Salvation Army 19th cent.
Salvation Army barracks (map 1884). Photograph of clock tower in Pagus, No 10, p.8.

13. Manorial:

Barrow Manor

1066/1086 Manor of 7 carucates belonging to the King
13th cent. Thomas de Barwe owns passing to Hamon Passelewe
1319 Bartholomew de Badlesmere owns
1359 John Tibetot owns
16th cent. Thomas, Lord of Wentworth owns
1540 Sir Clement Heigham owns
1694 Sir Thomas Hervey owns (linked to Ickworth)
1911 Marquis of Bristol owns

Sub-Manors:

Felton

1274 Sir Adam de Creeting owns 240 acres arable land, 1½ acres Meadow, ½ acre pasture, 23 acres wood, 1 windmill
1356 Sir Thomas de Felton owns
c.1396 Sir John Curson owns
1538 Sir Thomas Kytson owns (linked to Hengrave)
1575 Sir Clement Heigham owns (absorbed by main manor)

Wolf Hall/Mundefords

1239 Osbert de Mundeford owns
15th cent. Sir William Tyndale owns
1563 William Pleasaunce owns
1589 Heigham family owns (absorbed by main manor)

14. Market/Fair:

Charter for weekly Saturday market and yearly fair commencing
3 days prior to feast of St John the Baptist 1267
Grant for two yearly fairs 1608
Pleasure fair held on May 1st 1885

15. Real Property:

1454 – £4 rateable value
1844 – £3, 726 rental value
1891 – £4,061 rateable value
1912 – £3,809 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844–1912 Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

Ralph de Passelewe, Sheriff of Suffolk c.1135
John de Tibetot, Governor of Berwick on Tweed 1346
Sir Clement Heigham, Chief Bailiff of Liberty of St Edmund and Speaker of
House of Commons 1528/1553
Sir John Heigham, High Sheriff of Suffolk 1577, High Sheriff of Ipswich 1585
Clemence Heigham 1660
1 gent recorded 1680

18. Occupations:

1600–1699 Carpenter, miller, tailors
1831 131 in agriculture, 62 in retail trade, 4 professionals,
5 in labouring, 29 in domestic service, 2 others
1844 Surgeon, tailor/draper, plumber/glazier, baker, builder,
milliner, publican, farrier, carpenter, blacksmith, boot/
shoe makers, butcher, collar/harness maker, miller,
farmers, retail shopkeepers, carriers
1912 Retail shopkeepers, blacksmith, saddlers, millers, surgeons,
surveyor, bootmaker, farm bailiff, beerseller, farmer publican,
clothing manufacturers, vet, agricultural engineer, hay merchant,
carrier, schoolmaster, sub-postmaster

'The Hurdle Makers', by R.M. Edwards, Suffolk Fair, Vol. 1
(Feb/March 1971), p.22.

19. Education:

1818 24 poor children educated by Town Estate
1 day school and Misses Chambers Academy (36 attend)
1 established church Sunday school (95 attend)
1 Dissenters Sunday school (25 attend)

1833 4 daily schools: 1 endowed by Town Estate (24 attend free)
2 daily schools (55 attend)
1 girls school (18 attend)

2 Sunday schools: Established church (74 attend)
Dissenters (90 attend)

National school built 1846 (70 attend), average attendance 136
Infant school 1873 (80 attend) average attendance 1912 60
1 day school, 1 Sunday school 1900
'Barrow school', Pagus No. 2, p.3.

20. Poor relief:

1776 £102 16s. 9d.
1803 £437 18s. 1½d.
1818 £802 18s.
1830 £931 14s.
1832 £892 2s.
1834 £759 7s.

21. Charities:

Crosier Charity:

1569 by will of Rev. J. Crosier: £2 3s. 4d. distributed annually at Christmas for repairs of highways and church purposes.

Deynes Charity:

1592: by will of William Deyens: 6s p.a. distributed to each poor person.

Carlo's Charity:

17th cent. by will of Thomas Carlo: £3 p.a. distributed to poor.

Town Estate:

1840 Rent from 1 house pays teacher 1 cottage 2 tenements occupied rent free by poor.

1895 £2 6s. 8d. distributed in money to poor. Miscellaneous gifts in either winter clothing or fuel.

22. Other institutions:

1776 Guild of Our Lady 1524
Workhouse (30 inmates)

1803 Friendly Society (30 members)

Isolation Hospital at Brooms Barn: used during smallpox epidemic 1882, 39 cases treated, 3 died. Converted to research centre for study of sugar beet 1959.

23. Recreation:

1723–1887 The Crown public house
The Lion public house 1841
1844 2 beersellers, 1 public house
1874 3 beerhouses, 1 public house
1981 2 public houses
20th cent. Church Lads Brigade, Village Football Club, Horticultural Society, Hand Bell Ringers, Young Players, Bowls Club, Barrow Singers.

24. Personal:

Rev. G. Ashby: antiquary (no dates)
Rev. P. Francis: Translator of Horace 1840
'The Heighams of Barrow', Pagus No. 1, p.8.

25. Other information:

Lord Badlesmere of Barrow Manor executed 1321.

Portable priest shelter used during burial services 18th cent., donated to Museum of East Anglian Life, Stowmarket 1975.

Suffolk's smallest factory (hurdle manufacture) situated in parish

Old peoples flatlets built c.1958.

'Barrow: A Village Remembered'.

Barrow and District Local History Society publication, 'Pagus'.

Barrow Mill: Pagus, No. 7, p.4.

'Barrow: Prehistory – 1700'. Pagus No. 10, p.3, No. 11, p.10, No. 12, p.4

'Wolf Hall', by G. Langland. Pagus No. 6, p.2.