

1. Parish: Boyton

Meaning: Boia's homestead or village (Ekwall)

2. Hundred: Wilford

Deanery: Wilford (- 1972), Woodbridge (1972 -)

Union: Woodbridge

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Woodbridge RD (1894 – 1934), Deben RD (1934 – 1974), Suffolk Coastal DC (1974 -)

Other administrative details:

Woodbridge Petty Sessional Division and County Court District

3. Area:

1,531 acres, 2 acres water, 44 acres tidal water, 24 acres foreshore (1912)

4. Soils:

Deep well drained sandy soil, some very acid with bleached sub-surface especially under heath and woodland. Risk of wind erosion and subject to drought (requires irrigation). Subsoil sand, gravel with occasional vein of clay
Problem of acidity and trace element deficiencies

5. Types of farming:

1086		10 acres meadow, 1 cattle, 17 pigs, 70 sheep (300 sheep recorded prior to 1066), 1 mill
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Sheep-corn region, sheep main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop
1804	Young:	“This corner of Suffolk practices better husbandry than elsewhere”... identified as carrot growing region.
1818	Marshall:	Management varies with condition of sandy soils. Rotation usually turnip, barley, clover, wheat or turnips in preparation for corn or grass
1937	Main crops:	Beet, wheat, barley, turnips
1969	Trist:	Dairying has been replaced by arable farming

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1979 Small straggling development following line of road and parallel with parish boundary. Area to the north of settlement is criss-crossed by drainage ditches. The sea forms eastern boundary. Road system leads ultimately to Hollesley and Capel St. Andrew. No obvious centre to settlement. Church appears separate. Few scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 10, 1801 – 20, 1851 – 76, 1871 – 78, 1901 – 59, 1951 – 58, 1981 – 53

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Hollesley and Capel St. Andrew
Carriers to Woodbridge on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday (1912)

Rail: 1891 6 miles Melton station: Ipswich – Lowestoft line, opened (1859) closed for passengers (1955), used for coal traffic (1984)

9. Population:

1086 — 48 recorded
1327 — 27 taxpayers paid £1. 9s. 8d. (includes Capel St. Andrew)
1524 — 21 taxpayers paid £1. 19s.
1603 — 65 adults
1674 — 14 households
1676 — Not recorded
1796 – 170 recorded
1801 — 201 inhabitants
1831 — 247 inhabitants
1851 — 320 inhabitants
1871 — 270 inhabitants
1901 — 198 inhabitants
1931 — 182 inhabitants
1951 — 160 inhabitants
1971 — 143 inhabitants
1981 — 136 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254 Valud £2. 13s. 4d.
1291 Not recorded
1535 Valued £ 5. 12s. 1d.
1831 Glebe house. Gross income £365 p.a.
Incumbent also holds vicarage of Stowmarket
1912 Nett value £208. 23 acres glebe and residence

Advowson held by Butley Priory until Dissolution
Patrons:

William Froud (1603), Trustees of Mrs. Mary Warner (1874)

- 11. Church** St. Andrew
(Chancel, nave, N. aisle, S. porch, W. tower)
- 1086 Church + 8 acres land, valued 12d.
 2 churches + 30 acres, valued 5s.
- Norman N. doorway in N. transept
12th cent. Shafted quoin of original nave and decorated stonework
1868 Rebuilding commenced. When finished the church was
 twice the size of the original. Tower was not rebuilt but
 restored

Seats: 170 (1912)

12. Nonconformity etc:

Baptist chapel recorded (1912)

13. Manorial:

- 1066 Estate of 2 carucates belonging to Stanwin under
 patronage of Edric
- 1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Robert Malet and held
 by Humphrey, son of Robert

Boyton/Boyton Hall Manor

- No date Belonging to Butley manor
- 1538 Queen Anne of Cleves had benefit of rents
- 1601 Forth family owns (annexed to Butley Manor)
- 1721 Given over to charitable use
- 1911 Lord Rendlesham owns (linked to Rendlesham, Ramsholt
 and Capel St. Andrew)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

- 1844 £1,646 rental value
- 1891 £1,688 rateable value
- 1912 £1,235 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

- 1844 Trustees of Mrs. Mary Warner, principle owner

1891 Trustees of Mrs. M. Warner and Lord Rendlesham,
principle owners
1912 Lord Rendlesham, principle owner

17. Resident gentry:

18. Occupations:

1550–1599 3 yeomen, 1 husbandman
1600–1649 1 husbandman, 2 yeomen
1650–1699 5 yeomen, 1 husbandman
1831 45 in agriculture, 7 in retail trade, 1 professional, 14 in
domestic service, 2 others
1844 1 butcher, joiner, blacksmith, shopkeeper, victualler, 3
farmers
1912 Sub-postmistress, teacher, blacksmith, butcher, 4
farmers, publican, grocer, coal dealer, carpenter, 2
carriers

19. Education:

1833 Daily school (7 attend), 1 Sunday school (40 attend).
Curate buys books and sells to children at half price
National school built (1868), enlarged (1891), average
attendance (1912) 51

20. Poor relief:

1776	£10. 2s. 6d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£69. 10s. 6d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£270. 5s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£354. 3s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£278. 14s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£260. 7s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Warner's Charity:

1736 Sale of Boyton Manor for charitable purposes. Annual
rental value £1,129. 11s. 5d. (1894). Full details in Report
on Charities in Records Office

22. Other institutions:

Almshouses: (1736) wings added (1828) and (1860). Situated near
church to accommodate 12 inmates with pension of 4s.
weekly + 50s. each at Christmas. 16 persons + nurse
accommodated (1894)

23. Recreation:

1844/1912 THE BELL public house
24. **Personal:**

25. **Other information:**

Archaeological Sites

Un. Settlement (CRN 2632)

Sax. Pottery (CRN 2635)

Round barrow (CRN 2638)

Cropmark (CRN 2639)

Un. Mound (CRN 482)

Rectangular enclosure (CRN 4002)

Pal. Excavation/worked flint (CRN 9576)

PMed. boundary marker (CRN 692)

Stray finds: Mes. Axe (CRN 2631)

Med. pottery (CRN 2633)

Jug (CRN 2644)

B.A. axe (CRN 2636)

Metal working debris (CRN 2637)

Torc (CRN 2641)

Quern (CRN 642)

Pottery beaker (CRN 2643)

Rom. Coin (CRN 2640)

Scatter finds: Rom. Pottery (CRN 2634)

Sax. Pottery (CRN 307)

Med. pottery (CRN 308)