

1. Parish: Chattisham

Meaning: Ceatt's meadow (Ekwall)

2. Hundred: Samford

Deanery: Samford (-1946), Hadleigh (1946-)

Union: Samford

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Samford RD (-1974), Babergh D.C. (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Samford Petty Sessional Division
Ipswich County Court District

3. Area: 724 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

- Mixed:**
- a) Deep well drained fine loam, coarse loam and sandy soils, locally flinty and in places over gravel. Slight risk water erosion
 - b) Deep often stoneless coarse loam. Some slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged coarse and fine loam over clay
 - c) Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay and similar soils with only slight seasonal waterlogging. Some calcareous soils especially on steeper slopes

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. Also has similarities with sheep-corn region where sheep are main fertilizing agent bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop
1818	Marshall:	Wide variations of crop and management techniques including summer fallow in preparation for corn and rotation of turnip, barley, clover, wheat on lighter lands
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, sugar beet, mangolds
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1972 Small development along line of road to west of church.
Scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 29, 1801 – 29, 1851 – 49, 1871 – 48, 1901
– 42, 1951 – 38, 1981 – 56

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Hintlesham, Copdock, Wenham Magna and
Washbrook

Rail: 1891 Carrier to Ipswich on Tuesday and Saturday
1891 5 miles Ipswich station. Ipswich – Bury St. Edmunds
line opened (1846), Ipswich – Norwich line opened
(1849). East Suffolk Line opened (1859), extension to
Felixstowe opened (1877)
1912 2½ miles Raydon station. Bentley – Hadleigh line,
opened (1847), closed for passengers (1932), closed
for goods (1965)

9. Population:

1086 — not recorded
1327 — not listed
1524 — 9 taxpayers paid 10s. 10d.
1603 — 57 adults
1674 — 29 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 161 inhabitants
1831 — 241 inhabitants
1851 — 234 inhabitants
1871 — 194 inhabitants
1901 — 161 inhabitants
1931 — 125 inhabitants
1951 — 120 inhabitants
1971 — 145 inhabitants
1981 — 165 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Vicarage

1254 Valued £1. 6s. 8d.
1291 Valued £2.
1535 Valued £4. 13s. 7d.
1603 Impropriation endowed with vicarage valued £4. 13s. 4d.
1831 1 curate, stipend £75 p.a. Glebe house. Gross income
£168 p.a.

1844 Tithes commuted for £142. 10s. p.a. (1840)
 22 acres glebe. Endowed with all tithes except 200 acres
 which are tithe free
 1912 Nett value £115 p.a. 21 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Provost and Fellows of Eton College (1603-)

11. Church All Saints and St. Margaret
 (Chancel, nave, S. porch, W. tower)

14th cent. Original structure (Cautley suggests evidence for 13th
 cent. Building)
 Tower (originally flint, repaired with brick, brick
 battlements added)
 1770/72 Restorations. Chancel arch destroyed
 1869 Restoration

Seats: 200 (1831)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1596 Yeoman and wydowe named as Browists
 1603 2 recusants
 1606 3 popish recusants
 1644 Jeremiah Ravens: Rector ejected by Suffolk Committee
 for Scandalous Ministers
 Robert Hung and John Baker (both vicars of the parish)
 indicted for holding tenants of Brownism (16/17th cent.)
 Estate of Messuage, tenement/farm of 100 acres in
 Chattisham, Washbrook and Lt. Wenham. Rents applied
 to use of Quakers by will of Hester Browing of Crowfield
 (1706)
 Wesleyan chapel built (1817), rebuilt (1875)

13. Manorial:

Chattisham/Chattisham Hall

1275 Priory of Wykes, Essex owns
 1525 Linked to Falkenham, Felixstower, Nacton, Bentley,
 Burstall, Hintelsham and Wherstead (Cardinal Wolsey)
 Passing in the same year to Dean of Cardinal College,
 Oxford

1528 Dean of Cardinal College, Ipswich
 16th cent. Provost and Fellows of Eton with whom it remains

Customs and demesne referred to in State Papers (1525)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£917 rental value
1891	£1,010 rateable value
1912	£595 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1891	Eton College and J.K. Hicks principle owners
1912	Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

1680	1 gent
1844	Rev. H.S. Dickenson MA
1912	Rev. A.H, Stevens MA

18. Occupations:

1500-1549	1 husbandman, 1 clerk
1550-1599	1 yeoman, 1 ploughwright, 2 husbandmen
1600-1649	7 yeomen, 1 linen weaver, 1 miller
1650-1699	4 yeomen, 2 husbandmen, 1 spinster, 1 weaver, 1 mariner
1831	46 in agriculture, 5 in retail trade, 4 in domestic service, 2 others
1844	Blacksmith, 2 shoemakers, 2 farmers, 2 yeomen, corn miller
1912	3 farmers, miller, beer retailer, pork butcher/carrier

19. Education:

1818	4 boys attend endowed school in Hintlesham
1833	5/6 children attend Hintlesham 1 daily school (26 attend) 2 Sunday schools – a) established church (40 attend) b) Wesleyan Methodists (20 attend)
1912	Children attend school at Hintlesham

20. Poor relief:

1776	£19. 12s. 6d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£97. 1s. 3d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£79. 18s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£66. 9s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£94. 8s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£51. 18s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Warren's Charity

1767 by will of Rev. Thomas Warren: Dividends on investment applied to education of 4/5 poor children at Hintlesham

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

1891/1912 1 beer retailer

24. Personal:

Rev. John Meadows: 1622-1696. Born at Chattisham, became Fellow of Christs College, Cambridge. Held living of Ousden (1658), ejected for noncompliance (1662)

'The Suffolk Bartholomeans' (ministerial and domestic history of John Meadows) by E. Taylor (1840)

Sir Philip Meadows: baptised Chattisham (1625). Became Latin Secretary to the Lord Protector, Knight Marshal of the Palace and Knight of the Order of the Elephant of Denmark. Ambassador to the King of Portugal (1656)

25. Other information:

Archaeological Sites

Med. moated site (CRN 5211)

Church of All Saints (CRN 512)

Stray finds: Neo. Polished axe (CRN 5210)