

1. Parish: Claydon

Meaning: Clayey hill (Ekwall)

2. Hundred: Claydon (-1327), Bosmere and Claydon

Deanery: Claydon (-1972), Bosmere (1972-)

Union: Bosmere and Claydon

RDC/UDC: Bosmere and Claydon RD (1894-1934), Gipping RD (1934-1974), Mid Suffolk DC (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Abolished ecclesiastically (1973) to create Claydon with Barham
Bosmere and Claydon Petty Sessional Division
Ipswich County Court District

3. Area: 975 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

Mixed:

- a) Deep well drained loam and sandy soils, locally flinty, in places over gravel, slight risk water erosion
- b) Deep well drained loam over clay with some calcareous clay subsoils
- c) Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay, some calcareous clay soils

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 turnips, barley, clover, wheat on lighter lands
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, beans, peas
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1958/77 River Gipping forms natural boundary to west.
Moderate sized compact development to east of main
Ipswich-Norwich road. Church situated on eastern edge
of settlement.
Few scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 30, 1801 – 65, 1851 – 118, 1871 – 120,
1901 – 136, 1951 – 239, 1981 – 541

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Ipswich, Henley, Barham, Gt. Blakenham and
Bramford
1844 Situated at junction of turnpikes from Bury St. Edmunds
and Norwich
1891 Carriers from Coddensham, Needham Market and other
places to Ipswich pass through daily
Rail: 1891 Rail station: Ipswich – Bury St. Edmunds line, opened
(1845), station closed (1963)
Water: River Gipping: canalized (1789)
Navigation Act (1790), river became navigable
to Ipswich

9. Population:

1086 — Not recorded
1327 — 12 taxpayers paid £1. 11s.
1524 — 22 taxpayers paid £1. 16s. 4d.
1603 — 102 adults
1674 — 49 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 305 inhabitants
1831 — 402 inhabitants
1851 — 540 inhabitants
1871 — 563 inhabitants
1901 — 549 inhabitants
1931 — 768 inhabitants
1951 — 752 inhabitants
1971 — 1,371 inhabitants
1981 — 1,489 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory (with Akenham)

1254 Valued £6. 13s. 4d.
1291 Valued £6. 13s. 4d.

1535	Valued £10
1831	Glebe house. Joint gross income £570 p.a. Incumbent also holds Vicarages of Croxton Kerrial and Stoneby, Leicestershire
1844	Annexed to Akenham. 50 acres glebe. Joint modus of £506 p.a. in lieu of tithes (£240 being for Claydon)
1891	20 acres joint glebe
1912	Joint nett value £340 p.a. 50 acres glebe (20 acres in Akenham) and residence
1973	United with Barham
Patrons:	Samuel Aylmer (1603), George Drury (1831), Mrs. Tyley (1844), R. Drury (1912)

11. Church

St. Peter

(Chancel, transepts, nave, S. porch, W. tower)

	Traces of Saxon work in W. end of nave and S. doorway
Norman	Outline of doorway
14/15 th cent.	Tower
15 th cent.	Porch
1644	Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) destroyed 3 superstitious pictures, ordered removal of 3 crosses from steeple and one from chancel
1851/52	Church virtually rebuilt in Decorative style including Chancel, vestry and transepts
1945	Sculpture by Henry Moore of Virgin and child placed in church as war memorial (later transferred to Barham)
1977	Declared redundant

Seats: 120 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

	Newly erected building set aside for worship (1840)
	Independent chapel (no dates)
1603	2 recusants
1912	Baptist and Congregational chapels

13. Manorial:

Claydon/Claydon Hall

Circa 1274	Adam Aula de Cleidon held as of half fee of Honor of Lancaster
1395	Thomas, Duke of Gloucester owns
1414	Thomas de Thorp owns
1440	Edmund Clere owns

16 th cent.	Sir Robert Southwell owns (linked to Holbrook and Hoxne)
1588	John Aylmer, Bishop of London owns (linked to Brampton and Akenham)
1764	Nathaniel Acton owns (linked to Gt. Livermere, Lawshall, East Bergholt and Lt. Livermere)
Circa 1836	Sir William F.F. Middleton owns (linked to Coddendam, Creeting All Saints, Crowfield, Darmsden, Gosbeck and Stonham Parva)
1908	Lord de Saumarez owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£1,653 rental value
1891	£1,957 rateable value
1912	£2,312 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844-1912 Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

1679	Mrs. Aylmer
1891	Rev. G. Drury BA
1912	R. Corder JP and Capt. H.E. Lacon JP

18. Occupations:

1500-1549	1 husbandman
1550-1599	3 yeomen, 1 husbandman, 1 miller, 1 tailor
1600-1649	4 yeomen, 1 butcher, 1 tailor, 1 collar maker, 1 blacksmith
1650-1699	5 yeomen, 1 draper, 1 cordwainer, 1 butcher, 1 clerk, 1 innholder, 1 blacksmith, 1 watchmaker
1831	55 in agriculture, 30 in retail trade, 6 professionals, 8 in labouring, 33 in domestic service, 3 others
1844	Glover/breeches maker, hairdresser, postmistress, tollbar lessee, carpenter, cooper, whiting manufacturer, carpenter, gardener, 2 tailors, baker, 2 victuallers, blacksmith, 3 school teachers, cattle dealer, surgeon, corn miller, 2 butchers, 2 saddlers, 4 shoemakers, 3 shopkeepers, 7 farmers
1912	Sub-postmaster, teacher, station master, 3 grocers, dairyman, saddler, hay and straw dealer, bricklayer, 2 carpenters, 2 coal merchants, 2 bootmakers, 3 shopkeepers, lime burner/whiting manufacturer, 2 publicans, 2 farmers, 2 butchers, dressmaker, asst.

overseer, blacksmith, cycle dealer, baker/shopkeeper, insurance agent, trainer, builder.
 Blue Circle's Masons Cement works at Calydon (1912-).
 'Cement Making at Ipswich' East Anglian Monthly (Jan 1983) p.85

19. Education:

1597 1 person teaches school
 1818 1 girls' school subscribed to by Akenham, Barham and Great Blakenham (30-40 attend)
 1833 2 daily schools (86 attend), 1 Sunday school (established church), also attended by children from Akenham (83 attend)
 1844 1 Dissenters Sunday school (20 attend)
 Schoolmaster and mistress recorded
 School board formed (1880), 114 attend from 4 parishes (1891), enlarged (1906), average attendance (1912) 145
 Boarding school run by Misses Blair and Golding (1891)

20. Poor relief:

1776	£89. 1s. 2d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£110. 17s. 8d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£320. 9s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£365. 18s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£443. 11s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£299. 8s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

1891/1912 Greyhounds trained at establishment appropriately called 'The Kennels'
 1912 Claydon Institute

23. Recreation:

Tavern called THE FALKON recorded in accounts of Edward Aylmer valued £27 (1646)
 1844-1912 THE CROWN and THE GREYHOUND public houses

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Claydon Hall: built (circa 1621), said to be on site of ancient castle (unsubstantiated). Red brick construction, roof has been lowered. Part of moat in existence (1891)

Mockbeggars Hall: built (circa 1621) for Aylmer family.
'Claydon and Mockbeggars Hall' by W.P. Hills. PSIA Vol. XXIII p.6
Contains reproduction of engraving of Mockbeggars Hall.
There is the possibility that this was formerly called
'Byrches'
'Ancient steelyard weight (130)' by Rev. C.H.E. White. PSIA Vol. VI
p.131
'Extracts from the parish registers of Claydon' East Anglian Notes and
Queries, New Series Vol.11 p.100

Archaeological Sites

Med. moated site (CRN 4450)
Ring ditch (CRN 4451)
I.A. pottery (CRN 4452)
Rom. Toilet implement (CRN 4453)
Church of St. Peter (CRN 4456)
Stray finds: Rom. Pottery (CRN 4449)
Sax. Brooch (CRN 4454)
Mes. Axe (CRN 4455)
B.A. axe (CRN 4624, 4458)
Neo. Chisel (CRN 4457)
Med. Weight (CRN 4459)
Scatter finds: Rom. Pottery (CRN 4447)
Pal. Axe (CRN 4448)