

1. Parish: Culpho

Meaning: Cuthwulf's/Cuulf's spur of land (Ekwall)

2. **Hundred:** **Carlford**

Deanery: Carlford (-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:** 726 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed: a) Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion
b) Deep well drained sandy often ferruginous soils, risk wind and water erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		16½ acres meadow, 1 cob, 2 cattle, 15 pigs, 60 sheep
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Sheep corn region, where sheep are main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop. Also has similarities with wood-pasture region with pasture, meadow, dairying and some pig-keeping.
1818	Marshall:	Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn and rotation of turnip, barley, clover, wheat on lighter lands
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, roots
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1980 Small dispersed settlement. Church situated in approximate centre of parish. Few scattered farms.
Inhabited houses: 1674 – 9, 1801 – 9, 1851 – 12, 1871 – 11, 1901 – 16, 1951 – 21, 1981 – 17

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Tuddenham St. Martin, Grundisburgh, Playford and Gt. Bealings
1891 Carriers pass through to Ipswich
Rail: 1891 3 miles Little Bealings station: Ipswich – Lowestoft line: opened (1859), station closed for passengers (1956), closed for goods (1965)

9. Population:

1086 — 39 recorded
1327 — 27 taxpayers paid £2. 1s. 3¾d. (includes Tuddenham St. Martin)
1524 — 13 taxpayers paid £2. 11s. 2d.
1603 — not recorded
1674 — 12 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 73 inhabitants
1831 — 64 inhabitants
1851 — 63 inhabitants
1871 — 51 inhabitants
1901 — 71 inhabitants
1931 — 79 inhabitants
1951 — 86 inhabitants
1971 — 57 inhabitants
1981 — 61 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Perpetual Curacy (1831)
Vicarage (united with Playford) (1915)**

1254 Valued £5. 17s.
1291 Valued £5. 7s. 9d.
1535 Valued £5. 7s. 9d.
Incumbent absent, services read by schoolmaster from Grundisburgh (1597)
Incumbent absent (1603)
1831 1 curate, stipend £26 p.a. No glebe house. Gross income £57 p.a.
Annexed to Playford (1882)
1891 Incumbent resides in Playford
1912 Joint nett value £120 p.a. 63 acres glebe

Patrons: Mr. Gurdon (1831), Marquis of Bristol and R.J. Gurdon (1891), Marquis of Bristol and Lord Cranworth (1912)

- 11. Church** St. Botolph
 (Chancel, nave, S. porch, tower)
- 1086 Church + 10 acres, valued 20d.
 Nave and S. porch, tower (circa 1300), upper portion of
 tower missing
- 1597 “Church is in greate ruine and decaye both in tymber and
 tyleinge in such sort as XXli (£20) will not repayre the
 same”
 “Chancell of Culpho exceding ruinous...church there is
 also exceding ruinous” (1602)
- 1884 Chancel restored
- 1891 Nave closed
- Seats: 100 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

14 children recorded as born of Anabaptists and registered in their
 Congregational Register (1784-1791). See Culpho
 published Parish Register

13. Manorial:

Culpho al Verdons and Wachesham

- 1066 Manor of 80 acres held by Brictric, a free man of St.
 Etheldreda
- 1086 Manor of 80 acres belonging to Roger of Poitou
- 13th cent. John de Wachesham held 4 fees of Honor of Lacaster
- 1315 Thomas de Verdon died seised (linked to Chedburgh and
 Stanstead)
- Circa 1363 Roger de Wolferston owns
- 1529 Sir Richard Brooke died seised (linked to Bentley)
- 1609 Sir Michael Stanhope held (linked to Bromeswell,
 Hollesley and Ufford)

Sub-Manors:

Culpho Abbatis/Culpho Regis

- 1066 Manor of 40 acres held by Godric, a free man of Harolds
- 1086 Manor of 40 acres belonging to Roger of Poitou
- 1225 William de Valoines owns
- Circa 1280 Church and manor given to Leiston Abbey
- 1536 Charles Brandon owns (linked to numerous manors
 throughout Suffolk)
- 1540 Thomas Bacon owns (linked to Burgate and Trosten)

1554	Robert Kinge owns (linked to TuddenhamSt. Martin)
1660	Sir William Blois owns (linked to Burgh, Hasketon and Grundisburgh)
18 th cent.	Brampton Gurdon Dillingham owns (linked to Burgh and Grundisburgh)
1909	Lord Cranworth owns (linked to Grundisburgh)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£559 rental value
1891	£742 rateable value
1912	£641 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1891	Not recorded
1912	Lord Cranworth, sole owner

17. Resident gentry:

1680	1 gent
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18. Occupations:

1550–1599	1 yeoman, 1 husbandman
1600–1649	3 yeomen, 1 husbandmen
1650–1699	3 yeomen
1831	16 in agriculture, 2 in retail trade, 5 in domestic service, 1 other
1844	3 farmers
1912	3 farmers

19. Education:

1891	Children attend school in Tuddenham St. Martin
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20. Poor relief:

1776	£24. 7s. 3d	spent on poor relief
1803	£55. 17s. 6d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£255. 4s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£212. 3s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£221. 17s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£182. 19s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Sir M. Stanhope's Charity:

1618/19 by Deed of Sir M. Stanhope: £5 p.a. for poor of parish

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Parish registers published (1886)

Archaeological Sites

Church of St. Botolph (CRN 300)

Med. moated site (CRN 811)

Stray finds: Rom. Bow brooch (CRN 812)
BA arrowhead (CRN 813)

Scatter finds: Rom. Pottery (CRN 301)
Sax. Pottery (CRN 302)
Med. pottery (CRN 303)
PMed Pottery (CRN 304)