

1. Parish: Foxhall

Meaning: Foxes burrow (Ekwall)

2. Hundred: Carlford

Deanery: Carlford (1530-1926), Colneys (1926-)

Union: Woodbridge

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

Other administrative details:

Abolished ecclesiastically to create Brightwell with Foxhall (1530)
Woodbridge Petty Sessional Division and County Court District

3. Area: 1,849 (1912)

4. Soils:

Deep well drained sandy soils, some very acid soils with bleached subsurface especially under heath or woodland. Risk wind erosion.

5. Types of farming:

1086		7 meadows, 1 ox
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Sheep corn region, where sheep are 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 as preparation for corn and grass.
1937	Main crops:	Barley, oats, turnips, large quantity heath land remains uncultivated giving pasture for sheep and cattle.
1969	Trist:	Barley and sugar beet are main cash crops, some rye grown on poor lands, little wheat, herbage seeds and carrots

6. Enclosure:

1804 233 acres enclosed under Private Act of Lands (1803)

7. Settlement:

1958 Small dispersed settlement. Church site situated to north of river. Mill River flows W-E across parish. Heath land and wood occupy large proportion of northern sector of parish. Small secondary settlement on extreme southern boundary with Nacton. In danger of becoming a suburb of Ipswich

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 11, 1801 – 21, 1851 – 38, 1871 – 48, 1901 – 40, 1951 – 68, 1981 – 62

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Purdis Farm, Bucklesham and Brightwell
1891 Carriers pass through to Ipswich

Rail: 1891 1½ miles Orwell station: Ipswich-Felixstowe line, opened (1877), station closed (1959)

9. Population:

1086 — 20 recorded
1327 — 16 taxpayers paid £1. 0s. 6d. (includes Kesgrave)
1524 — 6 taxpayers paid 11s. 10d.
1603 — not recorded
1674 — 11 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 150 inhabitants
1831 — 190 inhabitants
1851 — 176 inhabitants
1871 — 213 inhabitants
1901 — 194 inhabitants
1931 — 342 inhabitants
1951 — 356 inhabitants
1971 — 255 inhabitants
1981 — 275 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Perpetual Curacy (annexed to Brightwell) (1831)
Vicarage (with Brightwell and Kesgrave) (1915)**

1254 Valued £2
1291 Valued £1. 10s.
1535 Not recorded
1831 No glebe house. Joint gross income £54 p.a. Incumbent also holds Perpetual Curacy of Kesgrave

1912 Vicarage house built on border with Brightwell (1855)
Joint nett value £69 p.a. 18½ acres glebe

Patrons:

Sir R. Harland (1831), Sir J.C.K. Shaw (1891), Rev. Sir C.J.M Shaw (1912)

11. Church All Saints

One wall remains forming part of outbuilding of Foxhall Farm.
Described as being “much decayed” (1530). Drawing by Henry Davy (1849) in existence.
Remains used as farm outhouse (1844).

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

Foxhall al Caswell's

13th cent. William de Holbroke owns
1628 Sir Anthony Wingfield died seised (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)
Circa 1653 Thomas Essington owns (linked to Brightwell, Kesgrave and Waldringfield)
1909 Capt. E.G. Pretyman owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)

Sub-Manors:

Foxhall

12th cent. Hugh de Dernford gave to Prior and Convent of Holy Trinity, Ipswich
1544 Sir Thomas Pope owns
Circa 1545 Sir John Jermy owns

Feltons

1803 Rev. John Cartwright owns

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844 £1,385 rental value
1891 £1,856 rateable value
1912 £1,350 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844 Sir R. Harland and J.C. Cobbold, principle owners
1891 Capt. E.G. Pretyman, principle owner + few small owners
1912 E.G. Pretyman, principle owner

17. Resident gentry:

1844 W.T. Cobbold

18. Occupations:

1550–1599 2 husbandmen
1600–1649 6 yeomen, 2 husbandmen
1650–1699 3 yeomen, 1 carpenter
1831 36 in agriculture, 4 in retail trade, 1 professional, 4 in
labouring, 5 in domestic service
1844 Beerhouse keeper, blacksmith, 2 shoemakers,
shopkeeper, 5 farmers
1912 5 farmers farm bailiff, tea rooms, publican

19. Education:

1818 1 day school (12-14 attend)
1833 1 daily school (12-20 attend), 1 Sunday school
(Dissenters) (30 attend)
1912 Children attend school at Bucklesham

20. Poor relief:

1776	£34. 12s. 9d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£73. 4s. 6d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£120. 1s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£189. 2s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£178. 10s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£214. 2s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

Ipswich Borough Sanatorium built at Brookhill (1912)

23. Recreation:

1844 Beerhouse
1891 The Shepherd and Dog public house and beer retailer
1912 The Shepherd and Dog public house, 1 tea rooms

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Memorial Obelisk erected in plantation of fir trees in memory of Rev. George Routh (1831)

Levington and Foxhall heath: Large expanse of heath land, stretching along parish boundaries of Bucklesham and Foxhall (1783), transformed into neat fields by enclosure (1804).

Foxhall Stadium built (late 1950's) to house motor racing/speedway venue.

Archaeological Sites

Round barrow (CRN 3363, 3423, 3424, 3426, 3430, 3431, 3455, 3456)

Site of Church of All Saints (CRN 3421)

Ring ditch (CRN 3452)

Square enclosure (CRN 3453, 3669)

Pal. Excavation/worked flint (CRN 3422)

Un. Burnt flint patch (CRN 3512)

Stray finds: B.A. stone implement (CRN 708)

Pal. Human bone (CRN 3360)

Worked flint (CRN 3509, 3510)

Neo. stone axe (CRN 3361)

Flint axe (CRN 3362)

Flint knife (CRN 3454)

Worked flint (CRN 3511)

Sax. Brooch disc (CRN 3506)

Scatter finds: Rom. Pottery (CRN 3507)

Med. pottery, quern stone, metalwork (CRN 3508)