

1. Parish: Framsdén

Meaning: Fram's valley

2. **Hundred:** Thredling

Deanery: Claydon (–1972), Loes (1972–)

Union: Bosmere and Claydon

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Bosmere and Claydon R.D. (1894–1934), Gipping R.D. (1934–1974), Mid. Suffolk D.C. (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Framlingham Petty Sessional Division
Ipswich County Court District

3. **Area:** 2,859 acres land, 3 acres water (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed:

- a. Slowly permeable calcareous/non-calcareous clay soils, variably affected by groundwater, slight risk water erosion
- b. Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay soils

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		Wood for 40 pigs, 1 mill, 3 cobs, 13 cattle, 31 pigs, 100 sheep, 31 goats
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
1818	Marshall:	Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, beans
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beat

6. **Enclosure:**

7. Settlement:

1953 Small well spaced development along line of Helmingham–Crettingham road. Church centrally situated.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 53, 1801 – 87, 1851 – 163,
1871 – 175, 1901 – 140, 1951 – 127,
1981 – 113

8. Communications:

Road: To Winston, Otley, Helmingham, Crettingham
1891 Carriers to Ipswich daily
1912 Carrier to Ipswich Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday

Rail: 1891 7½ miles Framlingham station: Wickham Market–Framlingham line opened 1859, closed for passengers 1952, closed for goods 1965

9. Population:

1086 – 53 recorded
1327 – 45 taxpayers paid £2 2s. 7d.
(includes Pettaugh)
1524 – 47 taxpayers paid £6 12s. 8d.
1603 – 160 adults
1674 – 65 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 684 inhabitants
1831 – 642 inhabitants
1851 – 828 inhabitants
1871 – 797 inhabitants
1901 – 585 inhabitants
1931 – 484 inhabitants
1951 – 413 inhabitants
1971 – 343 inhabitants
1981 – 333 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Vicarage

1254 Valued £20
1291 Valued £22
1535 Valued £10 0s. 2½d.
1597 Vycaredge house and barne and the fence to the churchyard are decayed (Bishop Redman's Visitations)
1603 Valued £10 0s. 2d.
1831 Glebe house. Gross income £280 p.a.
Tithes commuted. Rectorial £597 p.a., Vicarial £344 p.a.
1844 Good residence. 43 acres glebe

1912 Nett value £205. 40 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Crown (1603), Countess of Dysart (1831), J. Tollemache (1844), Lord Tollemache (1912)

11. Church **St. Mary**
(Chancel, nave, aisles, S. porch, W. tower)

1086 1 church + 30 acres free land
14th cent. Main structure
15th/16th cent. Remaining structure

Seats: 500 (1937)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1556 1 person burned at Bury St. Edmunds for his religious beliefs

1597 2 persons not attending church
1 person not receiving communion
Baptist chapel built 1835, seats 230
1 house set aside for worship 1839

13. Manorial:

Framsden Manor

1066 Manor of 6 carucates 40 acres held by Aethelstan a thane
1086 Manor of 6 carucates 40 acres belonging to Earl Hugh
13th cent. Roger de Montalt owns
16th cent. Said to be worth £40 p.a. Thomas Radcliffe owns
1571 Talmach family of Helmingham Hall owns (linked to Pettagh and Acton)

14. Markets/Fairs

1844 Fair on Holy Thursday, obsolete by 1891

15. Real property:

1844 £3,436 rental value
1891 £3,422 rateable value
1912 £2,566 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1891 Land sub-divided
1912 Lord Tollemache, principal owner

17. Resident gentry:

1680 1 gentleman

18. Occupations:

1550–1599 9 yeomen, 4 husbandmen
1600–1649 14 yeomen, 2 tailors, 1 joiner, 1 vicar
1650–1699 14 yeomen, 3 husbandmen, 1 linen weaver, 1 spinster,
1 glover, 1 carpenter
1831 137 in agriculture, 18 in retail trade, 14 in domestic
service, 2 others
1844 3 tailors, 2 millers, 3 blacksmiths, 3 shoemakers,
publican, 2 shopkeepers, bricklayers, wheelwright, 24
farmers, brick/tile maker
1912 Sub-postmistress, police officer, grocer, 12 farmers,
blacksmith, wood hurdle maker, 2 millers, shopkeeper, 2
shoemakers, publican, carrier

19. Education:

1833 5 daily schools (77 attended)
1891/1912 Children attend new schools at Helmingham

20. Poor relief:

1776 £150 0s. 0d.
1803 £411 14s. 1d.
1818 £1,333 12s.
1830 £1,159 5s.
1832 £1,064 11s.
1834 £966 6s.

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

1776 Workhouse (40 inmates)
Young Men's Christian Association 1908

23. Recreation:

1844–1912 The Greyhound public house
1891 Village library recorded

24. Personal:

Roger Bernard (martyr): burned at Bury St. Edmunds for his religious beliefs 1556

25. Other information:

Framsden Hall: originally Med. hall house 16th cent.
King post roof unique in Suffolk vernacular building.
Moated. Contained 11 hearths 1674.
Photographs in 'Suffolk Review' Vol.4, p.114–125.
Inventory of James Bacon 1726 also given.
Seat of the Radclyffes and Wythes.

Post mill windmill existed 1759.

Fox Meadow, Boundary Farm owned by Suffolk Trust for Nature Conservancy 1977.

Habitually raises the rare Snakes Head Fritillary (open to public one day per year).