

## 1. Parish: Frostenden

**Meaning:** Frog valley (Ekwall)

2. **Hundred:** Blything

**Deanery:** Dunwich ( -1868), Dunwich (North) (1868-1914), N. Dunwich (1914-1972), Halesworth (1972- )

**Union:** Blything

**RDC/UDC:** (E. Suffolk) Blything RD (1894-1934), Lothingland RD (1934-1974), Waveney DC (1974- )

Other administrative details:

Blything Petty Sessional Division  
Halesworth County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,322 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

**Mixed:**

- a) Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay
- b) Deep well drained sandy and coarse loam, some slowly permeable with slight seasonal waterlogging, risk wind erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		Wood for 40 pigs, formerly 1 salt house, 3½ acres meadow, 1 cob, 6 cattle, 13 pigs, 60 sheep, 24 goats, 2 beehives
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Wood-pasture region. Mainly pasture, meadow, engaged in rearing and dairying with some pigs 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, oats, turnips
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

**6. Enclosure:**

1799 103 acres enclosed under Private Act of Lands 1797

**7. Settlement:**

1958 Dispersed settlement. Church situated in NE sector next to Frostenden Hall. Small settlement at Frostenden Corner. Scattered farms.

**Inhabited houses:** 1674 – 22, 1801 – 36, 1851 – 95, 1871 – 97, 1901 – 89, 1951 – 93, 1981 – 81

**8. Communications:**

**Road:** Roads to Uggeshall, Wrentham, South Cove and Wangford.

**Rail:** 1912 5 miles Brampton station: East Suffolk line opened (1854), closed for goods (1964), station demolished (1978).

**9. Population:**

1086 — 35 recorded  
1327 — 41 taxpayers paid £2. 10s. 9½d. (includes Uggeshall)  
1524 — 18 taxpayers paid £2. 12s. 10d.  
1603 — 69 adults  
1674 — 23 households  
1676 — Not recorded  
1801 — 266 inhabitants  
1831 — 373 inhabitants  
1851 — 456 inhabitants  
1871 — 431 inhabitants  
1901 — 405 inhabitants  
1931 — 358 inhabitants  
1951 — 294 inhabitants  
1971 — 264 inhabitants  
1981 — 230 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Rectory (1831) Discharged Rectory (1891)**

1254 Valued £8.  
1291 Valued £12.  
1535 Valued £12.  
1831 Glebe house unfit for occupation, gross income £348 p.a. Incumbent also holds Rectory of North Cove with Willingham.  
1844 26 acres glebe. Modus of £372 p.a.  
1912 Nett value £266 p.a. 17 acres glebe

## Patrons:

Richard de Byskele (1320), Roger Boys (1389), Thomas Crane (1393), Christiana, relict of Drugo Barentyn (1416), J. Manyng (1425), William de la Pole (1446), Duke of Suffolk ( -1528), Henry Gray (1554), Crown (1561-1626), Gulielmus Glover and Glover Family (1626-1743), R. Baker (1756), Sir Thomas Gooch (1791-1806), T. Barne (1831), Rev. Ewen (1891), Exors. Of Rev. J.N.F. Ewen (1912).

- 11. Church**      **All Saints**  
(chancel, nave, south aisle, porch, round tower)
- 1086              2 churches and 28 acres, 1 plough, value 3s.  
Norman          Tower and traces in nave  
Circa 1380      South aisle and porch  
13/15<sup>th</sup> cent.    Chancel  
1643              Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) destroyed 20  
superstitious pictures, 1 crucifix, 4 cherubim from pulpit, 2  
crosses from steeple and 1 from chancel, ordered  
chancel steps levelled.  
1876/1936      Restoration
- Seats:            230 (1915)

## 12. Nonconformity etc:

## 13. Manorial:

- 1066              Manor of 3 carucates held by Thored  
1086              Manor of 3 carucates belonging to Ralph Baynard  
1267              Gilbert Frostenden owns  
1316              Robert de Biskele owns  
1374              Sir John Ulverstone owns (linked to Gisleham)  
1416              Drugo Barington owns  
1444              William de la Pole owns (linked to Carlton Colville,  
Mutford, Trimley St. Martin, Kettlebaston, Thordon,  
Westhorpe, Wyverstone, and Cotton)  
1528              Charles Brandon owns (linked to numerous manors  
throughout Suffolk)  
1540              Anne of Cleves owns  
1557              Leased to Henry Partridge for 21 years at rent of £7. 6s.  
8d.  
Circa 1573      John Glover owns  
Circa 1791      Sir Thomas Gooch owns (linked to Benacre, Covehithe,  
Easton Bavents)  
1809              Edward Holland owns  
Estate consists of 1,040 acres (18300  
1833              Dean and Chapter of Westminster owns

## **Sub-Manors:**

### **Coldham**

12<sup>th</sup> cent. Robert de Colevill owns (linked to Carlton Colville)  
1297 John de Byskele owns (linked to Gisleham)  
1552 Inquis p.m. of Sir Anthony Wingfield (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)

### **Kings Manor**

1609/10 Henry Grey owns

## **14. Markets/Fairs**

## **15. Real property:**

1844 £1,617 rental value  
1891 £1,809 rateable value  
1912 £1,500 rateable value

## **16. Land ownership:**

1844-1912 Land sub-divided

## **17. Resident gentry:**

1891 H.J. Allen  
1912 Rev. J.W. Fawcett MA

## **18. Occupations:**

1500-1549 1 husbandman, 1 yeoman  
1550-1599 1 husbandman, 4 yeomen, 1 carpenter, 1 cooper, 1 thatcher, 1 labourer, 2 tanners, 1 knacker  
1600-1649 3 husbandmen, 7 yeomen, 1 miller, 1 labourer, 1 shoemaker  
1650-1699 2 husbandmen, 2 yeomen, 1 linen weaver, 1 cooper, 1 tailor  
1831 71 in agriculture, 13 in retail trade, 1 professional, 9 in domestic service, 4 others  
1844 Brick, tile and earthenware manufacturer, blacksmith, bricklayer, wheelwright, shipowner/surveyor/land agent, beerhouse keeper, 5 farmers  
1912 5 farmers, 2 shopkeepers, 7 market gardeners, brick and tile manufacturer, higglers

## **19. Education:**

1818 1 day school (40 attend, 18 places assisted by Rector)

1833 1 daily school (30 attend, 18 places assisted)  
National school built (1874) to accommodate 80 pupils,  
average attendance (1912) 70

**20. Poor relief:**

1776	£30. 1s. 2d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£108. 12s. 4¼d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£139	spent on poor relief
1830	£190. 1s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£215. 2s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£289. 13s.	spent on poor relief

**21. Charities:**

**Church Land:**

1840 11 acres 1R 23P let at £20 p.a. applied to church repairs  
and ornamentation

**Poors Allotment:**

1840 Allotment of 4 acres 2R let at £7. 10s. applied to  
purchase of coals for poor.

**22. Other institutions:**

**23. Recreation:**

1844 Beerhouse recorded

**24. Personal:**

**25. Other information:**

Frostenden Hall; large building believed built (mid 17<sup>th</sup> cent.)

'Seaport of bygone days' by Andrew Berham. Suffolk Fair (Sept. 1979)  
p.13

Saltpan existed for extraction of salt (11<sup>th</sup> cent.)

Domesday Survey describes parish as a sea port. Presumably the  
rivers were navigable but have become silted up and diminished in size  
over the centuries.

'The Sea Port of Frostenden' by C. Morley. PSIA Vol.18 p.167.

Suggested site of quay near to earthwork called 'The Mound' at Frostenden Bottom (suggested to be Danish Fortress surrounded by deep ditch) although this is unsubstantiated.

### **Archaeological Sites**

Med. moated sites (CRN 1390, 1392, 1393, 1259)

Field system (CRN 1394)

Ring ditch (CRN 1398, 1399, 1400)

Church of All Saints (CRN 1401)

Burnt flint patch (CRN 1403)

Stray finds: Neo. flint axe (CRN 1127)

Scatter finds: Rom. pottery (1388, 1395, 1396, 1397)

Artefacts (CRN 1402)

Med. pottery (CRN 1389)