

1. Parish: Gedgrave

Meaning: Goats Grove (EKWALL)

2. **Hundred:** Plomesgate

Deanery:

Union: Plomesgate

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

Other administrative details:

Extra parochial parish (-1958) when it gained civil parish status. Woodbridge Petty Sessional Division and County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,802 acres land, 7 acres water, 78 acres tidal water and 80 acres foreshore (1912),

4. **Soils:**
Mixed a. Deep well drained sandy, often ferruginous, soils, risk wind and water erosion.
b. Deep stoneless calcerous/non-calcerous clay soils localized peat, flat land, risk of flooding.

5. Types of farming:

1500–1640	Thirsk:	Problem of acidity and trace element deficiencies. Sheep-corn region, sheep 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, barely, clover, wheat or turnips as preparation for corn and grass.
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barely, beans, peas. Mainly arable/dairying region.
1969	Trist:	Dairying has been replaced by arable farming.

6. Enclosure:

1880 Approximately 46 acres enclosed in Orford and Gedgrave under General Acts 1878.

7. Settlement:

1978 Rivers Ore and Butley form natural boundaries to south and west. Parish consists of mainly of marshland and plantation. Possible small settlement on Gedgrave road.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – not recorded, 1801 – 7, 1851 – 11, 1871 – 14, 1901 – 10, 1951 – 18, 1981 – 12.

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Orford

Water: Rivers Butley and Ore

9. Population:

1086 – 23 recorded
1327 – not recorded
1524 – not recorded
1603 – 468 adults (includes Orford and Sudbourne)
1674 – not recorded
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 71 inhabitants
1831 – 1302 inhabitants (includes Orford)
1851 – 53 inhabitants
1871 – 57 inhabitants
1901 – 58 inhabitants
1931 – 58 inhabitants
1951 – 54 inhabitants
1971 – 41 inhabitants
1981 – 30 inhabitants

10. Benefice:

Circa 1171 Vicarage of Butley Priory
1251-1912 Not Recorded

11. Church St Andrew

Built (circa 1171)
Fell into disrepair (mid 16th cent)
Dismantled (circa 1550)
Site known

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

c.1171	Ralph de Glanville (linked to Benhall and Farnham) gave Manor to Butley priory
1541	Sir Thomas Dercy owns (linked to Stowmarket, Bardwell, Elmswell, Woolpit and Gt. Ashfield)
Circa 1556	Robert Derehaugh owns
Circa 1656	Sir Calthorpe Parker owns
1764	Francis Seymour Conway owns (linked to Chillesford, Iken and Orford)
1909	Keneth M. Clark owns (linked to Chillesford and Iken)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	Not recorded
1891	£1,674 rateable value
1912	£1,324 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844	Marquis of Hertford, principal owner.
1891/1912	Arthur Heywood, principal owner.

17. Resident gentry:

18. Occupations:

1550–1599	1 husbandman, 1 yeoman
1600-1649	1 yeoman
1650-1699	1 yeoman
1831	Not recorded
1844	None recorded
1912	1 farmer

19. Education:

1912	Children attend school at Orford
------	----------------------------------

20. Poor relief:

1776	£100 4s. 2d.
1803	£281 16s. 4½d.
1818	£393 10s.
1830	£486 1s.
1832	£448 16s.
1834	£518 14s.

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Old Hall called 'Holy house': said to be where seamen's wives prayed for their husbands safety. (1679)

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

Linear feature (CRN 2612)

Stray Finds: Med pottery (CRN 2613)

Scatter finds: Med. Inhumation (CRN 2611)