

1. Parish: Gunton

Meaning: Gunni's homestead/village

2. **Hundred:** Lothingland (-1764), Mutford & Lothingland (1764-)

Deanery: Lothingland

Union: Mutford and Lothingland

RDC/UDC: (E.Suffolk) Muford & Lothingland RD (-1894), Lowestoft UD (1894-1974), Waveney DC (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Civil boundary change (1894), loses part to Lowestoft
Ecclesiastical boundary change (1964)
Mutford & Lothingland Petty Sessional Division
Lowestoft County Court District

3. **Area:** 653 acres land, 5 acres water, 25 acres foreshore (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Urbanized area

5. **Types of farming:**

1500–1640	Thirsk:	Sheep-corn region where sheep are main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop.
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:	Wheat, barley, beans, pea, hay
1969	Trist:	Barley and sugar beet are the main crops with some rye grown on poorer lands and a little wheat, herbage, seeds and carrots

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1974 Suburb of Lowestoft

Inhabited houses: 1674 – not recorded, 1801 – 5, 1851 – 10, 1871 – 12, 1901 – 12, 1951 – 1,935, 1981 – included in Lowestoft

8. Communications:

Rail: 1891 1 mile Lowestoft station: Norwich-Yarmouth-Lowestoft Line, opened (1844), still operative
Yarmouth-Lowestoft line opened (1903), close for good (1967)
Close for passenger (1970)
Ipswich-Lowestoft line, opened (1859), still operative

9. Population:

1086 — not recorded
1327 — 12 taxpayers paid £1. 1s. 8d.
1524 — 7 taxpayers paid £2. 13s. 4d.
1603 — 6 adults
1674 — not recorded
1676 — 36 inhabitants
1801 — 63 inhabitants
1831 — 77 inhabitants
1851 — 76 inhabitants
1871 — 76 inhabitants
1901 — 80 inhabitants
1931 — 110 inhabitants
1951 — included in Lowestoft

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

1254 Valued £2
1291 Valued £4. 6s. 8d.
1535 Valued £5. 6s. 8d.
1831 Curate, stipend £45 p.a. No glebe house, gross income £149 p.a.
Incumbent also holds Vicarage of Corton and Rectory of Fishley, Norfolk
Modus of £145. 14s. 4d. in lieu of tithes (1839)
1844 9 acres glebe
1912 Nett value £105 p.a. 9 acres glebe

Patrons: de Gunton family (1305-23), de Loudham family (1338-1345), de Herling family (1370-76), John Paul/John Boose (1408), Robert Palgrave (1430), Ingloss family (1440-73), Blomevyle family (1504-42), Francis Wroote (1603-23), Holle family (1639-1702), Luson family (1729-60), Sir Charles Saunders (1774), Robert Dundee (1801), Fowler family (1831), Trustees of Mrs. Fowler (1912)

11. Church St. Peter

(Continuous chancel and nave, S. porch, round W. tower)

Norman Doorways, tower, nave and chancel (renewed 14th cent.)
1700 Restoration
1899-1903 Restoration

Seats: 90 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

12 th cent.	Church of St. Michael, Norwich owns
1287	Richard de Goneton owns
1316	Roger de Loudham owns
1451	Sir Henry Inglose owns
1571	Robert Wroote/Wrott owns
1724	Wilaim Luson owns
1762	Comprised of 4 ½ acres garden, 5 acres lawn, 80 acres wood, 856 acres let at £250 as warren for rabbits
circa 1756	Sir Charles Saunders owns
1802	Thomas Folwer owns Comprises mansion house, 28 acres land, 28 acres wood, farm of 627 acres and 22 acres warren.

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£1,306 rental value
1891	£956 rateable value
1912	£992 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1912 Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

1844	Robert Cook Fowler
1891	G.G. Fowler JP, E.W. Fowler JP, Misses Fowler
1912	B.A. Charlesworth MA, JP, E.W. Fowler JP, C.F. Orde JP

18. Occupations:

1550-1599	1 husbandman
1600-1649	2 yeomen
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1756	Fine clay found by Luson family who established china manufacture within the parish
1831	13 in agriculture, 1 in retail trade, 2 professionals, 1 in labouring, 7 in domestic service
1844	2 farmers
1912	Clay pits near Gunton Hall and Pleasure Wood Hills supplied former local brick manufacture.

1 farmer

19. Education:

1818- Children attend school in Corton

20. Poor relief:

1776	£16. 7s. 2d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£19. 12s. 6d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£32. 14s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£45.	spent on poor relief
1832	£47. 1s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£87. 17s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions

23. Recreation:

24. Personal:

J.D. Downes: (18th/19th cent.), celebrated falconer, kept hawks for neighbouring gentry. Lived at Old Gunton Hall

25. Other information:

Gunton Hall – enlarged and improved (1746) by Hewling Lusson. Situated besides Church

New Hall built by Thomas Fowler (circa 1802), turned into Holiday Park (circa 1935)