

# 1. Parish : Hardwick

**Meaning:** Sheep farm

2. **Hundred:** Thingoe

**Union:** Thingoe (1836–1907), Bury St. Edmunds (1907–1930)

**RDC/UDC:** (W. Suffolk) Thingoe RD (1894–1974), St. Edmundsbury DC (1974–)

## Other administrative details:

Made separate parish (formerly extra-parochial) 1858

Abolished as ecclesiastical parish and annexed to Nowton 1937

Bury St. Edmunds County Court District

Thingoe petty sessional Division

3. **Area:** 114 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

### Mixed:

- a. Fine loam over clay, slowly permeable subsoils, slight seasonable waterlogging, some calcareous/non-calcareous slowly permeable clay soils.
- b. Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils slight risk water erosion
- c. Deep well drained fine loam over clay, coarse loam over clay and fine loamy soils, some with calcareous clay subsoils

5. **Types of farming:**

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.

1660 Blome:

'being clay ground husbanded chiefly for the dairy' and 'fielding abounding with excellent corn of all sorts'

1818 Marshall:

course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products

1937 Main crops: Wheat, oats, sugar beet

1969 Trist:

More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

**7. Settlement:**

1978 Scattered tenant farms. Parkland

**Inhabited houses:** 1851 – 4, 1871 – 95 (includes Hawstead), 1901 – 6, 1951 – 3, 1981 – 14

**8. Communications:**

**9. Population:**

1851 – 36 inhabitants  
1871 – 25 inhabitants  
1901 – 25 inhabitants  
1931 – 19 inhabitants  
1951 – 13 inhabitants  
1971 – 4 inhabitants  
1981 – 50 inhabitants

**10. Benefice:**

**11. Church:**

Inhabitants attend church at Hawstead or Bury St, Edmunds

**12. Nonconformity etc:**

**13. Manorial:**

**Hardwick Manor.**

c.1100 Crown estate granted to Abbey of St. Edmunds and to their cellarer.  
1546 Sir Thomas Darcy owns.  
c.1558 Sir Robert Southwell owns.  
1610 Sir Robert Drury owns.  
17<sup>th</sup> cent. Sir Thomas Cullum owns.

**14. Markets/Fairs:**

Annual fete held in aid of local hospital, pre 1939, re-started 1953  
Suffolk Tattoo held in Hardwick Park 1965

**15. Real property:**

1891 £295 rateable value  
1912 £288 rateable value

**16. Land ownership:**

1656 Sir Thomas Cullum, sole owner.

1844 Sir Thomas Gery Cullum, sole owner.  
1874 A closed parish: land all in one estate.  
1891 Gery Milner Gibson Cullum, sole owner.

**17. Resident gentry:**

1680 1 gent recorded.  
1689 Sir Robert Southwell, Master of the Rolls.

**18. Occupations:**

1912 Land agent, head gardener.

**19. Education:**

Children attend school at Hawstead.

**20. Poor relief:**

1776 £  
1803 £  
1818 £  
1830 £  
1832 £  
1834 £

**21. Charities:**

**22. Other institutions:**

**23. Recreation:**

**24. Personal:**

**25. Other information:**

Customs of Hardwick Manor. PSIA Vol.1, p.177.

Photographs and copy of old map in Farrer Collection (RO).

'Hardwick House, Bury St. Edmunds', by Miss I.J. Redstone. PSIA Vol.XIV, p.267.

'Hardwick House'. PSIA Vol.II, p.25.

Picture at Hardwick House of a window formerly in Abbey of Bury St. Edmunds', PSIA Vol.XIV, p.275.

'Cullum Letters', by V.B. Redstone. PSIA Vol.XIV, p.280.

'On the Etruscan tomb at Hardwick House', PSIA Vol.II, p.34.

Sale catalogues of 'Hardwick Estate' 1916, 1924, 1925, 1926.

'Home Farm, Hardwick' sale catalogue 1916.

'Hardwick Manor House, Bury St. Edmunds: Its Evolution', by E. Farrer 1928.

'Hardwick and Hawstead Inventory', 1615 and 1624.