

1. Parish : Hawkedon

Meaning: Hawks hill or Hafoca's hill

2. Hundred: Risbridge

Deanery: Clare

Union: Sudbury

RDC/UDC: (W. Suffolk) Melford RD (1894–1935), Clare RD (1935–1974), St. Edmundsbury DC (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Risbridge Petty Sessional Division
Sudbury County Court District

3. Area: 1,480 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

Mixed:

- a. Slowly permeable calcareous/non-calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion
- b. Deep well drained fine loam, coarse loam and sandy soil, locally flinty and in places over gravel. Slight risk water erosion

5. Types of farming:

1086		8 acres meadow, wood for 4 pigs 1 horse, 2 cattle, 16 pigs, 40 sheep, 12 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. Also has similarities with sheep–corn region where sheep are main fertilising 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, roots, beans, peas
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet.

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1958 Small compact development around large green area. Church situated centrally in middle of green. Secondary settlement at Thurston End. Rivers cross parish W-E. Scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 22, 1801 – 35, 1851 – 74, 1871 – 64,
1901 – 45, 1951 – 49, 1981 – 45

8. Communications:

Roads: To Stansfield, Rede, Somerton, Cavendish and Boxted.
1844: Carrier to Bury St Edmunds on Wednesday, Tuesday and Saturday
1912: Carriers to Bury St Edmunds on Wednesday
from Stansfield on Wednesday and Saturday

Rail: 1891 6 miles Clare station: Cambridge–Sudbury line opened 1865, closed for goods 1966 became unmanned halt, closed for passengers 1967
1912 5 miles Glemsford station: Stour Valley line opened 1868, closed for goods 1966, closed for passengers 1967

9. Population:

1086 – Domesday vill of Thurston. 35 recorded
1327 – 9 taxpayers paid £1 15s.
1524 – 34 taxpayers paid £2 10s. 10d.
1603 – 102 adults
1674 – 29 households
1676 – 125 adults
1801 – 237 inhabitants
1831 – 328 inhabitants
1851 – 359 inhabitants
1871 – 306 inhabitants
1901 – 206 inhabitants
1931 – 177 inhabitants
1951 – 151 inhabitants
1971 – 115 inhabitants
1981 – 111 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254	Valued £6 13s. 4d. Portion of Prior of Stoke (by Clare) (separate tithe) £1 <u>£7 13s. 4d.</u>
1291	Valued £8 Portion of Prior of Stoke £1 Portion of Prior of Colchester £1 <u>£10</u>
1535	Valued £7 10s.
1674	Parsonage has 7 hearths
1831	1 curate, stipend £55 p.a. Glebe house. Gross income £290 p.a. Incumbent also holds Rectory of Wanstead, Essex
1835	Valued £275
1841	Modus of £400 p.a. awarded plus 45 acres glebe
1850	Rectory house built
1887	51 acres 3R 7P glebe. Rent charge £371
1912	Nett value £235 p.a. plus 45 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Mrs. Martha Everard (1603), O.R. Oakes (1831), H.J. Oakes (1844), J.H.P. Oakes (1891), Lt. Col. O.H. Oakes (1912)

11. Church St. Mary

(Chancel, nave, S. porch, W. tower)

1086	½ church and 15 acres free land. ½ church and 15 acres free land (Thurston in Hawkedon)
14/15 th cent.	Main structure
16 th cent.	S. porch
1895	Tower struck by lightning
1897 & 1939	Restorations

Seats: 250 free (1873)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1606	1 person negligent in receiving Holy Communion at Easter
1611	1 person not receiving communion or attending church for 1 year
1825	1 house set aside for worship

13. Manorial:

Hawkedon Hall

1066	Manor of 2 carucates held by Ulf
1086	Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Roger of Poitou
1272	Thomas de Moleton owns (held 1 fee of Thomas, Earl of Lancaster)
1364	Sir William Clopton owns (linked to Wickhambrook)

1518 William Cokkeshall died seised (possibly linked to Hundon see Coggeshall family)
 16th cent. Jasper Taverner owns
 1599 Edmund Plume owns
 17/18th cent. Philip Hamond owns
 1853 Joseph Enton Hale owns

Sub-manors:

Thurstanton/Thursturston/Thurston Hall

1066 Manor of 2 carucates held by Edmer, a thane of Earl Algars
 1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Roger of Poitou
 1280 Thomas de Multon owns (annexed to main manor)
 Manor appears to have been subdivided between the de Lucy, Harrington and Fitz Walter families
 1556 Manor reconstituted under Richard Everard passing by inheritance and marriage to Jeffrey Maltward (16th cent.)
 1790 John Gotts owns
 18th cent. O.R. Oakes (linked to Nowton)
 1909 Lt. Col. O.H. Oakes

Cresseners

1315 John de Cressener (3rd part of fee and ½ fee of Honor of Clare)
 c.1454 Manor was 80 acres land, 4 acres of meadow, 10 acres of pasture, 2 acres of wood and 12d. rent in Hawkedon and Depden
 1548 John Cawson owns passing by marriage and inheritance to Thomas Howard c.1561 (absorbed by main manor)

Swans Hall

1814 Rev. Charles Edward Steward sold to Roger Kedington (linked to Rougham)
 1847 G.W. Poley (linked to Boxted, Somerton, Preston, Hartest, Stowmarket and Stansfield) owns

14. Markets/Fairs

1289/1290 Grant of market and fair to manor of Thurston Hall

15. Real property:

1844 £1,658 rental value
 1891 £1,736 rateable value
 1912 £1,152 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1884/1891 Land sub-divided
1912 Josiah J .Marsh, principal owner

17. Resident gentry:

1844 J. Frost, Rev. A. Hanbury DCL
1912 Rev. B.P. Oakes MA

18. Occupations:

1500–1549 Husbandman, yeoman, rector
1550–1599 3 husbandmen, 6 yeomen, 1 clothier
1600–1649 2 husbandmen, 4 yeomen, 1 mercer, 1 clerk, 3 labourers,
1 shoemaker, 1 tanner, 1 clothier, 2 weavers, 1 spinster,
1 carpenter
1650–1699 4 husbandmen, 4 yeomen, 1 clerk
1831 67 in agriculture, 13 in retail trade, 2 professionals, 2 in
labouring, 11 in domestic service, 7 others
1844 Shopkeeper, shoemaker, victualler, blacksmith, 8 farmers
1894 Advertisement re. iron works
1912 Sub-postmaster, schoolmistress, 6 farmers, dressmaker,
agricultural machine owner, agricultural implement
makers, grocer/draper, builder

19. Education:

1818 1 Sunday school on national plan (82–90 attend)
1833 1 daily school (established 1830) (25 attend)
1 Sunday school (45 attend)
Parochial library
1848 National school built, average attendance 1912 50

20. Poor relief:

1776 £103 11s. 5d.
1803 £229 4s. 7d.
1818 £508 17s.
1830 £557 18s.
1832 £443 3s.
1834 £470 3s.

21. Charities:

Poor's Land:

1840 1½/2 acres land in Stansfield held by churchwardens for
use of poor but let at 30s. p.a.

Doles:

Anthony Sparrow Charity 10s. p.a.

Benefaction of Mr. Ray: 20s.p.a.

These and the rents from Poores Land applied to purchase and distribution of bread at Christmas amongst the deserving poor

22. Other institutions:

No date Guild of St. Trinity in the church

23. Recreation:

1844/1912 The Queens Head public house
1929 Cricket team in existence

24. Personal:

Anthony Sparrow: Royalist rector of Hawkedon b. 1612. Attended Queens College, Cambridge but ejected by the Earl of Manchester 1644 for having loyalist sympathies. Published 'Rationale upon the Book of Common Prayer' 1657. Archdeacon of Sudbury 1660, prebend in Ely Cathedral 1661, Master of Queens College, Cambridge 1662. Translated to See of Norwich 1676. Died 1685.

25. Other information:

'Historical Notices of Hawkedon', by Rotherham 1887.

Water mill recorded worth 20s p.a. 1334.

Thurston Hall: dates from c.1500, enlarged 1607, part demolished c.1887, 'Thurston Hall', by Rev. F. Haslewood with illustration PSIA Vol.VIII,p.259. Green/common consisted of 10 acres 1831.

2 windmills and 1 water mill in existence 1286.

'Swann Hall', by Rev. F. Haslewood PSIA Vol.VIII, p.59. Built 15th cent.

'Roman British Remains found at Hawkedon', by E.M. Dewing PSIA Vol.VI, p.9.

'Remarks upon Amphora and 2 figures found at Hawkedon 1880', by A.W. Franks PSIA Vol.VI, p.10.

'A Roman Bronze Helmet from Hawkedon', by K.S. Painter PSIA Vol.3,1 p.57.

'Langley Newhouse' Grade I listed building 16th cent. (built c.1520)

War memorial in existence 1933.

Hall garden contains stump of village cross.

Thurston End Hall (dates from 1663) restored 1906.